

- What:** Lecture on “Diversity-The Competitive Advantage for the 21st Century”
- When:** 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2005
- Where:** McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St. S.E., Minneapolis
- Who:** Reatha Clark King, former president and board chair, General Mills Foundation
- Contacts:** Catherine Peloquin, Carlson School of Management, (612) 626-0556  
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## REATHA CLARK KING TO SPEAK ON DIVERSITY AT THE U

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (1/6/2005)--Reatha Clark King, former president and board chair of the General Mills Foundation, will be the featured speaker at the University of Minnesota’s Carlson School of Management First Tuesday luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, at the McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St. S.E., Minneapolis, with a simulcast at the University of Minnesota-Rochester, at Coffman Hall. Her talk, “Diversity–The Competitive Advantage for the 21st Century,” will outline steps for positioning diversity as a key competitive issue among traditional standards of corporate excellence.

Reatha Clark King’s experience includes 11 years as president of Metropolitan State University and 14 years as a General Mills executive. She continues to serve on corporate boards such as Exxon Mobil, Minnesota Mutual, Wells Fargo and Department 56. Her leadership was most recently recognized when she received the 2004 Director of the Year Award from the National Association of Corporate Directors.

Each month the First Tuesday luncheon, co-sponsored by U.S. Bancorp, draws as many as 500 local business leaders, Carlson School alumni, students and educators to hear from the leading business voices in today’s economy.

Registration for the luncheon is \$23 before Jan. 27 and \$28 afterwards, which includes lunch and parking in the Washington Avenue Ramp. Registration for the Rochester simulcast is \$14 before Jan. 27 and \$20 afterwards, which includes lunch.

Register by calling (612) 624-0554, visiting [www.carlsonschool.umn.edu](http://www.carlsonschool.umn.edu) or by sending an e-mail to [firsttuesday@csom.umn.edu](mailto:firsttuesday@csom.umn.edu). □

- What:** Free screening of the German film 'Peas at 5:30' and a Q&A with director Lars Büchel
- When:** 4:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21
- Where:** Oak Street Cinema, 309 Oak St. S.E., Minneapolis
- Contacts:** Sabine Engel, Center for European and German Studies, (612) 626-7705  
Jamie Proulx, University News Service, (612) 624-8038

## RISING GERMAN FILMMAKER TO HOST FREE SCREENING AT U OF M

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (1/13/2005)--The University of Minnesota's Center for German and European Studies (CGES) will host a free screening of a new film by German film director and rising star Lars Büchel. His latest film, "Peas at 5:30," (Erbsen auf Halb Sechs), gives the romantic comedy genre a new look as it focuses on a relationship between two blind people, which is Büchel's way of exploring the true meaning of the phrase 'love is blind.' The film will show at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, at the Oak Street Cinema, 309 Oak St. S.E., Minneapolis. Following the show, the director will take part in a Q&A session with the audience.

"Peas at 5:30" has received international acclaim at film festivals around the world. The film received positive reviews when it showed last November at AFI Fest in Los Angeles and received similar reviews at film festivals in Iceland and Germany. Büchel's film was honored specifically with an award for its unusual soundtrack.

The story follows the tragic accident of a young theater director, Jacob, and his caretaker, Lilly, who is sent to assist him with his rehabilitation. Jacob loses his sight in the accident and Lilly, who is blind, helps him navigate his new world.

CGES offers this screening in collaboration with the German Embassy in Washington, D.C. in hopes of bringing German film to a larger audience. This is the only location outside of the Washington, D.C. area the German Embassy has chosen to host Büchel and his film.

Büchel studied theater and philosophy at Berlin's Free University and later attended Cologne's Academy of Media Arts. His other films include "Four Stories, Five Deaths" (1996/97), which won the Max Ophüls Award, and "Now or Never" (2000).

The Center for German & European Studies (CGES) is a consortium of the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities and the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Established in 1998 with major funding from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and matching funds from the two

universities, CGES is one of only five such centers supported by the DAAD in the United States and the only one located in the Midwest. CGES is concerned with enhancing knowledge about all aspects of Europe and works to promote research, teaching, training and community education on Germany and Europe in a trans-Atlantic context. For more information, visit its Web site at [www.cges.umn.edu](http://www.cges.umn.edu). □

- What:** New exhibition on the history of the Cedar-Riverside neighborhood
- When:** 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4 (grand opening)
- Where:** Hennepin History Museum, 2303 3rd Ave. S., Minneapolis
- Who:** U of M students, local officials
- Contacts:** Kevin Murphy, history professor, College of Liberal Arts, (612) 624-9021  
Sue Banovetz, College of Liberal Arts, (612) 624-1359  
Jamie Proulx, University News Service, (612) 624-8038

## **CEDAR-RIVERSIDE HISTORY UNCOVERED BY U OF M STUDENTS IN NEW EXHIBITION**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (1/26/2005)--“Cedar-Riverside: Histories and Visions,” an exhibition produced by University of Minnesota students that celebrates the history of the Cedar-Riverside community, will open at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, at the Hennepin History Museum, 2303 3rd Ave. S., Minneapolis. The event is free and open to the public.

The exhibition is the product of original and primary research conducted by 15 undergraduate students in public history, a College of Liberal Arts course held last semester. The students worked with Cedar-Riverside community organizations to uncover and document historical information about the Cedar-Riverside neighborhood, a community that has been home to immigrant communities over the past century.

Featured in the exhibition are archival photographs, objects, documents and an interactive “memory map” of the neighborhood on which visitors will be invited to add their own Cedar-Riverside stories.

One project, “Our Feature Preservation: A History of the Cedar Theater and Marquee,” showcases a large-scale, illuminated replica, built by student Neil Perbix, of the theater’s original marquee. The project recounts the theater’s history, drawing on original archival research conducted by the students. The students are now working with the Cedar Cultural Center on raising community awareness and support for restoring the original marquee.

In addition to the theater project, other student efforts include “Dania Hall: Cornerstone of a Community”; North Country Co-op: A History”; “The Community: Celebrating 10 Years of the Coyle Center”; and “Cedar-Riverside Stories: A Lesson Plan.”

The class emphasized the ways in which historical knowledge enhances community viability and civic

engagement, according to Kevin Murphy, the College of Liberal Arts history professor who taught the course. Community-based learning and collaboration with community organizations were a central focus of the course.

“This stands as the most rewarding teaching experience of my career,” said Murphy. “The students became so invested in these fascinating projects that they ceased to see themselves as students working on a class assignment. Instead, through their collaborations with community partners, they discovered the real value that historical interpretation and preservation can have within an urban community.

Organizations involved with the class were the West Bank Community Development Corporation; North Country Co-op; Brian Coyle Community Center; Cedar Cultural Center; West Bank Neighborhood Coalition; and the Cedar-Riverside Community School.

“This exhibit offers evidence of the exciting new opportunities available to U undergraduates,” said MJ Maynes, history department chair. “These history students put their academic skills to work to bring community history alive, to make connections between the university and the West Bank neighborhood, and to gain experience that will be valuable for a whole range of future careers. I’m really impressed with their projects.”

The Department of History has cultivated a central role within the liberal arts for well over a century. An undergraduate major in history prepares some of the college’s best students for a variety of careers. The department’s distinguished faculty has pursued historical evidence in such areas as Northern China and Southern Africa; in archives in Paris, Mexico City, Nantucket; and right here in Minnesota. Historical scholarship, teaching, service and outreach to the citizens of Minnesota are mutually reinforcing. Faculty members have won awards for the high quality of their teaching and advising.

The Department of History is part of U of M’s College of Liberal Arts. Home to the arts, social sciences, and humanities, the college serves 14,000 undergraduates and 2,000 graduate students, and has 540 faculty who teach and work in 30 academic departments and 20 interdisciplinary research centers and support units. □

- What:** Regent Candidate Forum
- When:** Tuesday, Feb. 1  
3:30 to 4:30 p.m. reception; 4:30 to 6 p.m. forum
- Where:** State Capitol  
Reception in Great Hall, forum in Room 123
- Who:** Nine regent finalists who will be recommended to the Minnesota Legislature; Lori Sturdevant, Star Tribune editorial writer and forum moderator
- Contacts:** Jamie Proulx, University News Service, (612) 624-8038  
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## UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SPONSORS FORUM WITH REGENT FINALISTS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (1/31/2005)--The University of Minnesota Alumni Association (UMAA) will host the Regent Candidate Forum Tuesday, Feb. 1, at the State Capitol to give legislators, university students, faculty, staff and alumni an opportunity to meet the regent candidates and hear their opinions. The event includes a reception from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Great Hall and a public forum from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in Room 123.

Lori Sturdevant, Star Tribune editorial writer and the event moderator, will pose questions to the candidates that were submitted by alumni, faculty, students, staff and members of the Regent Candidate Advisory Council (RCAC).

The RCAC received 58 applications for the four positions and it interviewed 17 applicants. Finalists recommended to the Minnesota Legislature are (in alphabetical order):

- Second Congressional District: Dallas Bohnsack and Bruce Endler
- Third Congressional District: David Larson and Kate Rubin
- Eight Congressional District: Anthony Baraga and Edward Borowiec
- At-Large: Steve Hunter, Scott Johnson, and Margaret Leppik

Although the UMAA does not endorse specific regent candidates, it has a long history of supporting the regent selection process. In 1988, it sponsored the blue ribbon task force whose work resulted in the formation of the Regent Candidate Advisory Council. In 1995, it held the first Regent Candidate Forum and has done so every other year since.

“The position of university regent is the most important volunteer post in Minnesota,” said Andrea Hjelm, UMAA national board president. “The alumni association is proud to host this forum because we believe that excellent governance is crucial to the university’s success, and that excellent governance begins with outstanding regents.”

The UMAA is a 60,000-member organization with the mission of creating lifelong connections to alumni, students, parents and friends of the university; advocating for educational excellence; and building pride, spirit and community. □

**What:** University News Service director named  
**Who:** Daniel Wolter  
**Contacts:** David Ruth, University News Service, (612) 626-1720

## WOLTER NAMED DIRECTOR OF UNIVERSITY NEWS SERVICE

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (2/1/2005)--Daniel Wolter has been named director of the University News Service, the office that coordinates media relations for the University of Minnesota, Vice President for University Relations Linda Thrane announced today.

"Dan brings a strong background in communications and public policy," Thrane said. Telling the university's good story is a big task. Dan's skills and experience are a good fit, and we're pleased to have him on board."

Wolter, 32, served as director of communications for Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty from December 2002 until October 2004. Since that time, he has led the administration's health care reform efforts, serving as special assistant to the governor's health cabinet.

A native of Iowa, he began his career working as speechwriter and deputy communications director for Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad. Wolter has also held positions as director of speechwriting for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, director of public affairs for Minnesota Speaker of the House Steve Sviggum, press secretary for former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander, and senior account executive for Bloomington-based public relations firm Weber Shandwick. He also serves on the board of directors of the Minnesota Commission on National and Community Services (ServeMinnesota), which oversees the state's AmeriCorps program.

"The University of Minnesota is one of the cornerstones of our state's quality of life," Wolter said. "From high quality education to life-enhancing research to public service, it touches people's lives in multiple, positive ways. I'm honored to have the chance to tell people about it."

Wolter received his bachelor's degree in political science from Drake University in Des Moines in 1993. He starts at the university on Feb. 21. □



**What:** Board of Regents meetings  
**When:** Wednesday, Feb. 9 – Friday, Feb. 11  
**Where:** Suite 600, McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St. S.E., Minneapolis  
**Contacts:** Jamie Proulx, University News Service, (612) 624-8038

## U BOARD OF REGENTS TO REVIEW UNIVERSITY'S STRATEGIC PLAN FOR GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (2/7/2005)--The University of Minnesota board of regents will hold its monthly meetings Wednesday, Feb. 9 through Friday, Feb. 11, in Suite 600, McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St. S.E., Minneapolis.

President Robert Bruininks and Provost Tom Sullivan will present the university's strategic positioning plan to the regents on Thursday for their discussion. The plan is the culmination of several steps taken over the last few months to shape a bold, coherent vision for the future of the University of Minnesota.

"We are creating a 21st century vision for the University of Minnesota that allows the institution to compete and be a leader among public research universities," Bruininks said. "With the help of our faculty, staff and students, we have identified key strengths and opportunities for the university to take advantage of as we move forward."

The board will also review the 2004-05 University Plan, Performance and Accountability Report. This annual document measures the University's success in meeting a number of benchmarks used to assess the university's progress on academic issues, including academic performance, rankings and undergraduate retention and graduation rates. The report will be submitted to the Legislature in March.

Select committee meetings and agenda items follow.

Thursday, Feb. 10

- 8:30-9:30 a.m. Board of Regents, East Committee Room. Review the University Plan, Performance and Accountability Report with Bruininks and Al Sullivan, executive associate vice president of the Office of Planning and Academic Affairs.

- 9:45-11:45 a.m. Faculty, Staff and Student Affairs Committee, West Committee Room. Discussion on current trends of risky behavior among college students and intervention methods used by the University of Minnesota. The committee will also consider the appointment of Steven Crouch as dean of the Institute of Technology.

- 1:30-2:30 p.m. Board of Regents, East Committee Room. Bruininks and Tom Sullivan will present the university's strategic positioning report, focusing on the five action strategies outlined in the document.

- 2:45-4:45 p.m. Educational Planning and Policy Committee, East Committee Room. Tom Sullivan and John Ziegenhagen, director of University Accountability, will present for discussion the academic benchmarks in the 2004-05 University Plan, Performance and Accountability Report. The committee will also review analysis of student enrollment and graduation statistics and trends.

- 2:45-4:45 p.m. Facilities Committee, West Committee Room. The committee will act on several capital budget amendments to fund the acquisition and/or reconstruction of existing buildings and discuss energy policy for the university.

Friday, Feb. 11

- 9-11:30 a.m. Board of Regents, Boardroom. Bruininks will introduce R. Timothy Mulcahy as the new vice president for research and Linda Thrane as the new vice president for University Relations to the board. Members also will review a number of board of regents policies.

Complete board agendas can be found at [www.umn.edu/regents](http://www.umn.edu/regents). □

**Media Advisory/Photo Op**

**What:** U of M to include hybrid SUVs in fleet  
**When:** 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8  
**Where:** Northrop Auditorium (east side drive)  
**Who:** Robert Bruininks, president  
**Contacts:** David Ruth, University News Service, (612) 626-1720

**BRUININKS TO INTRODUCE MINNESOTA'S FIRST HYBRID SUV**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (2/7/2005)--University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks will be available for a photo op tomorrow (Tuesday, Feb. 8) at 4:30 p.m. to introduce the Ford Escape hybrid into the university's vehicle fleet.

The university is the first in the state to receive the new energy-efficient hybrid SUV.

Hybrids are the earth's cleanest, most fuel efficient vehicles that run on a combination of gasoline and rechargeable electric batteries. Batteries are recharged as the car runs in gasoline mode and also when using the regenerative brakes, a standard feature on the Escape. Hybrids get considerably better fuel economy than a gasoline powered vehicle. Plus, they don't need plug-in recharging, as do other models.

The Ford Escape gets 33 miles per gallon (mpg) on the highway and 29 mpg in the city. Typically, nonhybrid SUVs get around 12 mpg.

The university began using hybrid vehicles in fall 2001. □

- What:** New facilities opening for one of world's largest population research facilities
- When:** 3-5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18
- Where:** U of M's Minnesota Population Center, 50 Willey Hall, 225 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis
- Contacts:** Sue Banovetz, director of media and public relations, College of Liberal Arts, (612) 624-1359  
Jamie Proulx, University News Service, (612) 624-8038

## WORLD'S LEADING POPULATION RESEARCH CENTER OPENS NEW FACILITY ON U CAMPUS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (2/8/2005)--The U of M's Minnesota Population Center will open the doors of its new facilities on Friday, Feb. 18, at a grand opening event from 3 to 5 p.m. in 50 Willey Hall, 225 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis. The event is free and open to the public.

"The event will celebrate the center's accomplishments and its amazing story of growth," said Steve Ruggles, the center's director and a professor of history. "We started out a few years ago with one research project in a corner of the College of Liberal Arts' social science building. Now we have 18,000 square feet of new space—and research projects to fill it up."

With more than 90 researchers and staff, the center has evolved to become one of the world's largest population research facilities. "It's not just the size of the place," Ruggles explained. "The space itself generates a synergy—we have population researchers from different disciplines working together in the same location. That makes our collaborative enterprises much more exciting and productive."

"The amount of research conducted is impressive," said Ruggles. "For example, at least 1,500 books and articles have been written using the center's data."

Some of these items will be on display at the Feb. 18 event when the center showcases the research work of its members. There will also be demonstrations showing how the databases are built and accessed.

Founded in 2000 with start-up funds from the College of Liberal Arts (CLA) and the Graduate School, the center now receives \$6.5 million annually in federal and private grants and is the world's leading developer of historical and international census data. More than 14,000 researchers have registered to use the center's various databases. The quantity of data downloaded from the center's web-based systems is staggering—it now distributes about 450 gigabytes of data per month, or an

average of 638 megabytes per hour, 24 hours a day, according to Ruggles.

Housed in CLA, the center's researchers represent 13 departments within the university. CLA faculty—from economics, geography, sociology and political science—form the largest group of population researchers. Center members also are drawn from the university's Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs; School of Public Health; College of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences; Medical School; and the Carlson School of Management.

At the heart of the University of Minnesota, CLA has for 135 years served Minnesota and its people with distinction—improving people's lives and contributing to the public good through path-breaking research, service to communities and teaching. CLA has 540 dedicated and award-winning faculty who are making discoveries and creating knowledge in the arts, social sciences and humanities. CLA is home to nearly 17,000 students and the alma mater to about 110,000 living alumni. Just about anywhere you go, there is someone with a CLA degree.□

**What:** Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund for Contemporary Forms of Slavery

**Who:** David Weissbrodt

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### U OF M PROFESSOR APPOINTED TO UNITED NATIONS BOARD

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (2/10/2005)--United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan has appointed University of Minnesota professor David Weissbrodt to the five-member Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund for Contemporary Forms of Slavery, effective immediately until December 2007.

Weissbrodt will travel to Geneva, Switzerland, March 7-11 to participate in the 10th session of the board. Established by the General Assembly in 1991, the board provides small grants for grassroots projects that offer humanitarian, legal and financial aid to individuals whose human rights have been violated as a result of these contemporary forms of slavery. The fund also awards travel grants to victims and nongovernmental organization representatives to enable them to participate in the U.N. Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery. The fund is administered by Annan with advice from a board of trustees, which is comprised of five experts with relevant experience in the field of human rights, particularly in contemporary forms of slavery.

During the March session, the trustees will examine about 50 new applications for project grants and some 25 applications for travel grants. The board also examines narrative and financial reports on the use of grants recommended to organizations in previous years. During the meeting, members will discuss other issues, including raising awareness about contemporary forms of slavery. Trustees are expected to assist in fund raising for the fund. Trustees are also expected to disseminate information on the fund in their regions and to encourage and guide nongovernmental organizations working on the issue to apply for grants.

Trustees are not remunerated. They receive travel to Geneva and a daily subsistence allowance for the week of the meeting.

Weissbrodt attributed his selection to the board of trustees to his previous service as a member of the U.N. Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery and the U.N. Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights (1996-03). He also was the U.N. Special Rapporteur on the

rights of non-citizens (2000-03) and in 2001 was the first U.S. citizen elected to be the chairperson of the subcommission. In 2002 Weissbrodt co-authored the U.N. study "Abolishing Slavery and its Contemporary Forms."

Weissbrodt has taught international human rights law at the University of Minnesota since 1975, is the Fredrikson & Byron Professor at the university's law school School, and is also Co-Director of the University's Human Rights Center. □

**What:** Co-interim deans announced for the Carlson School of Management  
**Who:** Michael Houston and James R. Campbell  
**Contacts:** Jamie Proulx, University News Service, (612) 624-8038

## UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA ANNOUNCES INTERIM CO-DEANS FOR THE CARLSON SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (2/10/2005)--Michael Houston and James R. Campbell have been named interim co-deans of the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management, Provost Tom Sullivan announced today.

Carlson School Dean Larry Benveniste announced his resignation in December 2004. Houston and Campbell will assume responsibilities almost immediately, with Benveniste assisting in a consultative role throughout the spring, Sullivan said.

"I am delighted that Jim Campbell and Mike Houston have agreed to assume these important roles at the Carlson School," he said. "With their vision and leadership, we are confident that the Carlson School will continue to occupy the front ranks of leading business schools."

Houston and Campbell have long histories with the Carlson School. Houston currently serves as associate dean for international programs and has served in several capacities as a faculty member, including time as chair of the Department of Marketing and Logistics Management. Campbell is the past chairman and chief executive officer of Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota and is the former chair of the Carlson Board of Overseers, a group that provides strategic and operational oversight, contributes to outreach and provides professional counsel to the dean.

As co-deans, each will focus on specific areas during the transition, Sullivan said. Campbell will oversee all external relations, including the Board of Overseers, the Alumni Board, the corporate and business community, and fundraising and development. Houston will oversee the Carlson School's internal agenda, which includes all academic matters.

Sullivan said that Chuck Muscoplat, vice president and dean of the College of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences, will chair the search committee for a permanent replacement. Baker Parker and Associates, an Atlanta-based national consulting firm that specializes in higher education executive searches, has been hired to assist with the search process. The university expects to name a new dean by summer, he said.

The Carlson School is an internationally ranked and AACSB (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) accredited business school with more than 3,500 students, 12 degree programs, 108



tenure-track faculty and 46,000 alumni from around the world. In addition to its academic offerings, the school provides students with hands-on experience and opportunities to associate with a wide variety of business leaders. For more information, visit [www.carlsonschool.umn.edu](http://www.carlsonschool.umn.edu). □

**What:** Strategic positioning process moving forward; graduation rates are up  
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## BOARD OF REGENTS APPLAUD UNIVERSITY'S STRATEGIC PLAN

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (2/11/2005)--The University of Minnesota wants to become one of the top three public research universities in the world, said President Robert Bruininks and Provost Tom Sullivan, at the Board of Regents meeting Thursday, on the Twin Cities campus.

As part of the strategic positioning plan presented to the board, they outlined five action strategies and correlating benchmarks the university will use to achieve this goal.

"We are creating a 21st century vision for the University of Minnesota that allows the institution to compete and be a leader among public research universities," Bruininks said. "This plan will help us achieve that goal."

University leaders also presented the university's 2004-2005 Plan, Performance and Accountability Report, an annual measurement of the university's overall progress on academic issues. Included in the report was analysis on enrollment and graduation rates and trends across the university system. Overall, the university is retaining and graduating students at higher rates and in 2003-04 the university conferred 12,356 degrees, the highest ever.

The report also noted the university ranks fifth among all universities and third among publics in additional revenue received from the commercialization of university technology and research.

In other business, the faculty, staff and student affairs committee reviewed a report on the current trends of risky behavior among college students. University of Minnesota students report lower alcohol, drug and tobacco use. Smoking in particular has decreased over the past year nearly 14 percent.

The facilities committee acted on several capital budget amendments to incorporate funding for the purchase or reconstruction of buildings system wide.

The board also paid tribute to Regents William Hogan and Maureen Reed, who are both stepping down from the board after 20 years of combined service. Hogan has represented Congressional District three for 12 years, and Reed served as an at-large representative for eight years.

The next board of regents meetings are March 10 and March 11, on the Twin Cities campus. Complete board of regents agendas can be found at [www.umn.edu/regents](http://www.umn.edu/regents). □

**Media advisory**

**What:** State of the University; cake for 5,000  
**When:** Thursday, Feb. 24  
**Who:** President Robert Bruininks  
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**U OF M TO CELEBRATE 154 YEARS OF EDUCATING MINNESOTA**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (2/16/2005)--University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks will celebrate Founders Day, the university's 154th birthday, by delivering his third State of the University speech at 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, at Coffman Union theater, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis.

Bruininks is expected to announce a major new initiative related to student opportunity and access. He will also highlight the university's call for a renewed state partnership and the university's strategic positioning process.

Earlier in the day the university will be serving cake for 5,000. Thanks to a Cub Foods in-kind donation, students, faculty, staff and the public will enjoy cake on the Minneapolis campus from noon to 1 p.m. on Northrop Plaza, and from 1 to 2 p.m. at the St. Paul campus' student center.

For more information on Founders Day, go to [www.umn.edu/twincities/founders](http://www.umn.edu/twincities/founders). □

**Media Advisory**

**What:** University of Minnesota students lobby at the legislature  
**When:** Wednesday, Feb. 23  
**Where:** Minnesota State Capitol  
**Who:** U students from around the state  
**Contacts:** David Ruth, University News Service, (612) 626-1720

**GOPHERS VISIT THE CAPITOL FOR MAROON AND GOLD DAY**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (2/21/2005)--More than 500 University of Minnesota students from throughout the state will visit the State Capitol Wednesday, Feb. 23, for Maroon and Gold Day.

Students will rally in the Rotunda, meet with legislators and attend committee hearings.

Media wishing to shadow a student for the day or gain access to meetings for a photo op should contact David Ruth in the News Service at (612) 626-1720.

The events are as follows:

- 1 p.m., rally in the Capitol Rotunda with featured speakers
- 1:30-4 p.m., meetings with legislators
- TBD, House and Senate committee hearings
- 5-6 p.m., reception at Coffman Union, U of M

For more information about Maroon and Gold Day at the Capitol, go to [www.umn.edu/groots/mandgday.php#agenda](http://www.umn.edu/groots/mandgday.php#agenda). □

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For more information on Founders Day, go to [www.umn.edu/twincities/founders](http://www.umn.edu/twincities/founders). □

- What:** Public reading and panel discussion of the book 'Spirit & Flesh'
- When:** 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28
- Where:** Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Institute, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis
- Who:** James Ault, author; panelists include Rabbi Jeffrey Wildstein, Pastor Don Portwood and Imam Asad Zaman
- Contacts:** Julie Lund, Humphrey Institute, (612) 624-1190  
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### **'SPIRIT & FLESH' AUTHOR TO GIVE INSIDE LOOK AT WORLD OF RELIGIOUS FUNDAMENTALISM**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (2/21/2005)--Author James Ault will give a public reading and take part in a panel discussion of his recent book "Spirit & Flesh: Life in a Fundamentalist Baptist Church" at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28, in Cowles Auditorium, University of Minnesota Humphrey Institute, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis. Ault will also screen portions of his award-winning documentary "Born Again," featuring the same congregation. The event is free and open to the public.

For three years Ault observed the activities and the members of a Massachusetts fundamentalist church. He attended worship services, home Bible studies, youth events, men's prayer breakfasts and bitter conflicts that eventually led to a church split. Ault introduces the reader to fundamentalism while attempting to show both sides of the issue.

Following Ault's reading, a group of local religious leaders will take part in a panel discussion reacting to the issues of fundamentalism and Ault's experiences. Panelists include Rabbi Jeffrey Wildstein of Temple Israel, Don Portwood, co-pastor at Lyndale United Church of Christ, and Asad Zaman, an imam with the Muslim American Society of Minnesota.

Educated at Harvard College and Brandeis University, Ault has taught sociology and documentary filmmaking at various colleges across the country. For more information on Ault and his work visit [www.jamesault.com](http://www.jamesault.com). □

**What:** Twin Cities human resources panel on diversity

**When:** 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28

**Where:** Carlson School of Management, 321 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis, Room 2-260R

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## CARLSON SCHOOL HOSTS PANEL DISCUSSION ON DIVERSITY ISSUES IN THE WORKPLACE

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (2/24/2005)--Top Twin Cities business and community leaders on diversity will gather for a panel discussion on diversity issues at 6 p.m. Monday, February 28, at the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management, 321 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis, room 2-260R. The discussion is titled "Diversity: What new and current HR professionals need to know about. Who is winning, who is losing, and how the diversity umbrella impacts hiring and promotions."

Panelists include:

- Tamika Curry, director of diversity, Target Corporation
- Velma Korbel, commissioner, State of Minnesota Department of Human Rights
- Tyrone Terrill, director of civil rights, City of St. Paul
- Jayne Baccus Khalifa, director of civil rights, City of Minneapolis
- Victor M. Lee, global human resources manager, Eaton Hydraulics
- Charles McIntosh, senior director of human resources, Fairview-University Medical Center

The discussion is sponsored by Bridge Builders, Compass, the Carlson School of Management, the Carlson School Industrial Relations Center and the National Association of African American Human Resources Professionals (NAAAHR). A reception hosted by NAAAHR will start at 5 p.m. in the Carlson School's Executive Development Center foyer. The event is open to the public and free to previous NAAAHR event attendees and Carlson School students and staff. The general public cost is \$25. □

**What:** Tenth annual International Women's Day celebration  
**When:** 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 12  
**Where:** Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis  
**Contacts:** Mary Hunt, Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights, (612) 341-3302 ext. 107  
Patty Mattern, University News Service, (612) 624-2801

### UNIVERSITY HOSTS INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (2/25/2005)--Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights and the Human Rights Program at the University of Minnesota will hold the 10th annual International Women's Day celebration from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 12, at Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis.

The event will bring together scholars, community activists, advocates for women's causes and community members for a day of reflection and celebration of women's issues. The event is free and open to the public. It will feature workshops on a variety of human rights issues facing women; the work of local artists; film, dance and musical performances; and two keynote addresses. Zainab Salbi from Women for Women International will speak at 9 a.m. and Winona LaDuke from Honor the Earth and the White Earth Land Recovery Project will speak at 1 p.m. More than 50 cosponsoring organizations will provide display and information tables.

Inspired by the 1995 U.N. Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, the local event, "A Celebration of Beijing + 10," is designed to celebrate the strength and diversity of Minnesota women, encourage activism, and increase understanding and tolerance in our community. The workshops were selected to raise awareness of international women's human rights on the local and global levels, and to draw attention to the 12 areas of concern articulated in the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.

For more information, visit [www.mnadvocates.org](http://www.mnadvocates.org) or call Mary Hunt at (612) 341-3302 ext. 107. □



**What:** U of M to host 24th annual MLK Concert  
**When:** 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27  
**Where:** Ted Mann Concert Hall, , 2128 Fourth St. S. Minneapolis  
**Who:** Sounds of Blackness, T. Mychael Rambo  
**Contact:** Liz Turchin or Heather Skatter, College of Continuing Education, (612) 625-1274 or (612) 624-7770  
 Bob San, University News Service, (612) 624-4082

### **Sounds of Blackness, T. Mychael Rambo Headline U of M MLK Concert**

(Minneapolis/St. Paul)--On Feb. 27, the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. will return to the University of Minnesota in spirit. The Ted Mann Concert Hall will come alive to the Sounds of Blackness performing songs that fueled the civil rights movement and actor T. Mychael Rambo re-enacting the activist's speeches during the 24th annual MLK Concert from 4 to 6 p.m. Seating for the free concert, "Music for Martin," is on a first-come, first-served basis.

In 1963 and 1967, Dr. King gave rousing speeches at the University's Minneapolis and St. Paul campuses. It's four decades later and the university still celebrates his life and work.

The founder of this annual concert, the late university professor Reginald T. Buckner, began a tradition of celebrating through the performing arts the life and accomplishments of Dr. King. Buckner was an outstanding performer, composer, and educator, and was instrumental in establishing a jazz studies department at the university.

"Music for Martin" is co-produced by the university's Office for Multicultural and Academic Affairs and the College of Continuing Education. Additional support is provided by the Law School, College of Liberal Arts and General College.

#### **About the Sounds of Blackness**

The group's "Music for Martin" performance includes stylized arrangements of 1960s music interwoven with excerpts from the great speeches of Dr. King, Jr. The group is winner of three Grammy awards. Since 1971, the Sounds of Blackness has taken audiences around the world on a musical journey through the history of African-American music via live concerts and tours, productions and plays, "Soul Symphony: Africa to America," "The Night Before Christmas - A Musical Fantasy," "Soul of the Sixties," and workshops, seminars and rap sessions.

### **About T. Mychael Rambo**

Dr. King's poignant speeches will reverberate through the Ted Mann Concert Hall as actor T. Mychael Rambo brings the civil rights activist to life. In addition to portraying King, the actor has donned the role of Thurgood Marshall for a Philadelphia performance honoring the 50th anniversary of Brown vs. the Board of Education. His local credits include a role with Penumbra Theater's Black Nativity and other Twin Cities theater companies from the Guthrie to the Minnesota Opera. He has been seen regionally and nationally in plays, commercials, TV shows and movies. The performer also uses his talents to teach school children about African words and music through the Young Audiences of Minnesota organization.

For more information, visit [www.cce.umn.edu/musicformartin](http://www.cce.umn.edu/musicformartin) or call 612-624-0594.

Editor's note: For a photo of the Sounds of Blackness or to arrange an interview with Avelino Mills-Novoa, Associate Vice President for the Office for Multicultural and Academic Affairs, please contact Liz Turchin or Heather Skatter at (612) 625-1274 or (612) 624-7770.

**What:** U of M hosts Latin political theater festival and symposium  
**When:** March 3 to March 6  
**Where:** Intermedia Arts Auditorium, 2822 Lyndale Ave. S., Minneapolis  
**Who:** U of M students, general public  
**Contacts:** U of M professor Louis Ramos-Garcia, (612) 625-3039  
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## U OF M HOSTS LATIN POLITICAL THEATER FESTIVAL AND SYMPOSIUM

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (3/1/2005)--The University of Minnesota Department of Spanish and Portuguese Studies, in collaboration with Teatro del Pueblo, Intermedia Arts and the Resource Center of the Americas, are sponsoring a Latin American political theater festival and symposium, scheduled from March 3 to March 6 at Teatro del Pueblo, 2822 Lyndale Ave. S., Minneapolis.

The festival has attracted scholars and performers from the Twin Cities, the United States and Peru. They not only will perform, but will also joined University of Minnesota undergraduate and graduate students in discussions following their performances.

"All the performances serve as catalysts for discussion of issues regarding political dissidents, exiled, and displaced peoples, and the role of women in society," said Louis Ramos-Garcia, professor in the department of Spanish and Portuguese studies.

Some of the upcoming performances are:

"Cuban Operator Please...", directed by Alfredo Panelli. As his father lies on his deathbed at a local hospital, a second generation Cuban American man struggles to come to terms with the ill effects the Cuban Diaspora has had on his father. [English / Spanish]

"March," directed by Alberto Justiniano. Three desperate characters embark on the trip of their lives to some unknown destination. Suddenly out of nowhere bullets start flying and people start dying. [English]

"Speak America!" Two actors, an executive and a producer, try to formulate a politically based cable show. This interactive play will engage you in more than one way. [English]

"La paz llamada guerra," directed by Pedro Bayón. A Guatemalan family, torn apart for 36 years by the atrocities of civil war, tries to extricate themselves from the ghosts that besiege them by participating

in the United Nations sponsored reconciliation program Guatemala Nunca Más. [Spanish with English translation]

“Los vendidos,” directed by Silvia Pontaza. To produce a (1967) revolutionary theater for and by farm workers, Valdez chose to focus on the Chicano’s relationship to Anglo culture. [English]

“Mission Impossible.” This game based on a TV series will keep the audience wanting to know more about what makes an artist “tick” or wake the artist inside. (English]

“Nesian,” directed by Kiseung Rhee. In 1941, two days after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, the American Embassy, in partnership with several Latin American countries deported over 2,000 Latin Americans of Japanese decent to the United States.

For ticket information contact Intermedia Arts at (612) 871-4444 or visit [www.teatrodelpueblo.org/](http://www.teatrodelpueblo.org/)



**What:** Silha Center's spring forum  
**When:** 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 9  
**Where:** Room 402, Walter Library, 117 Pleasant St. S.E., Minneapolis  
**Who:** Stephen J. Cribari, Mary Horvath and Dick Reeve  
**Contacts:** Elaine Hargrove-Simon, Silha Center, (612) 625-3421  
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### EXPERTS TO EXAMINE CYBERSPACE PRIVACY ISSUES DURING FORUM

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (3/1/2005)--Is there any expectation of privacy in cyberspace? The University of Minnesota Silha Center's spring forum will address this question during presentations on "The Constitution, Digital Media and Expectations of Privacy" from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 9, in Room 402, Walter Library, 117 Pleasant St. S.E., Minneapolis. Discussion and questions from the audience will follow. The forum is free and open to the public.

The panel will feature three recognized experts on digital crime, surveillance and privacy. They are:

- Stephen J. Cribari, visiting professor, University of Connecticut School of Law, adjunct professor, University of Minnesota Law School, and consultant, University of Denver Sturm College of Law;
- Mary Horvath, program manager and senior computer forensic examiner with the FBI;
- Dick Reeve, expert on computer forensics, deputy district attorney for the city of Denver and internationally renowned instructor in cyber crime investigation.

The forum is supported by grants from the late Otto Silha and his wife, Helen. The event is cosponsored by the Institute for New Media Studies in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication and the College of Liberal Arts. For additional information, contact Elaine Hargrove at (612) 625-3421 or e-mail [silha@umn.edu](mailto:silha@umn.edu). □

**What:** Council for Aid to Education rankings released  
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## U OF M RISES IN NATIONAL RANKINGS OF VOLUNTARY SUPPORT OF EDUCATION

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (3/4/2005)--The University of Minnesota has risen among public universities in the annual rankings on Voluntary Support of Education, according to figures released this week by the Council for Aid to Education (CAE). The survey tracks gifts and non-contractual grants.

The University of Minnesota ranked fifth among public universities for fiscal year 2004, compared with seventh the previous year. Among all universities, public or private, the U of M ranked 15th in 2004, the same as the previous year, with \$245.6 million in private support.

The University of California, Los Angeles, ranked first among public institutions, while Harvard University ranked first among all universities. Among Big Ten schools, the U of M was third, behind Wisconsin and Indiana.

Gerald Fischer, president and chief executive officer of the University of Minnesota Foundation, said he is heartened by the survey results.

"We are blessed to have a large number of individual and institutional donors who value higher education and who want to help build one of the world's great public research universities in Minnesota," Fischer said. "It also reflects the gratitude felt by so many alumni and Minnesota citizens for how well the university has served their quality of life and careers."

The findings are from the annual Voluntary Support of Education (VSE) survey, which has tracked giving to higher education and private K-12 schools for more than 50 years.

Contributions to colleges and universities in the United States increased by 3.4 percent in 2004, buoyed by increased giving from individuals, according to CAE. Private support for the U of M overall increased 2.6 percent in 2004, while the value of gifts from U alumni increased by 37.7 percent.

Nearly half of the \$24.4 billion raised nationwide in 2004 came directly from individuals, a 9.7 percent increase over the year before, according to the VSE survey. Though alumni giving is the traditional base of higher education giving, representing between a quarter to almost a third of all voluntary support, alumni giving nationally grew by only 2 percent in 2004.

The 971 institutions that participated in the 2004 survey represent more than half the nation's four-year institutions, including 79.3 percent of research and doctoral institutions. Respondents generally

account for about 85 percent of the voluntary support raised by all colleges and universities.

The University of Minnesota Foundation, founded in 1962, is an independent nonprofit organization that builds greatness at the University of Minnesota by raising and managing gifts from alumni and friends.

For more information, go to [www.giving.umn.edu](http://www.giving.umn.edu). □

**When:** 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, April 5  
**Where:** McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St. S.E., Minneapolis  
**Who:** Catherine Peloquin, Carlson School of Management, (612) 626-0556  
David Ruth, (612) 626-1720

## U OF M PRESIDENT TO SPEAK AT 'FIRST TUESDAY' LUNCHEON

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (3/7/2005)--University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks will be the featured speaker at the university's Carlson School of Management First Tuesday luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 5, at the McNamara Alumni Center in Minneapolis. His talk, "Action Steps to Strengthen a World-Class University," will share his vision and next steps for the university as outlined through the strategic positioning process.

Bruininks is the 15th president of the University of Minnesota. He has served the university for 36 years, previously as professor, dean, and executive vice president and provost. Bruininks is leading the university during a time when challenges compel the university to change and adapt to ensure its future greatness.

Founded in 1851, the University of Minnesota employs more than 30,000 people and enrolls 65,000 students annually. It has four campuses—Twin Cities, Duluth, Morris, and Crookston—a collaborative center in Rochester, Extension offices, and research and outreach centers throughout the state. The university is one of the most comprehensive public universities in the United States. It is both the state land-grant university, with a strong tradition of education and public service, and the state's primary research university, with faculty of national and international reputation.

Co-sponsored by U.S. Bancorp, each monthly First Tuesday luncheon draws as many as 500 local business leaders, Carlson School alumni, students and educators to hear from the leading business voices in today's economy.

Registration for the event is \$23 before March 24 and \$28 afterward. The fee includes lunch and parking in the Washington Avenue Ramp. Register by calling (612) 624-0554, visiting [www.carlsonschool.umn.edu](http://www.carlsonschool.umn.edu) or e-mailing [firsttuesday@csom.umn.edu](mailto:firsttuesday@csom.umn.edu). □



**What:** Basic Sciences and Biomedical Engineering facility to be named after former U of M president

**Who:** Nils Hasselmo

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## **BASIC SCIENCES AND BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING FACILITY TO BE NAMED AFTER NILS HASSELMO**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (3/7/2005)--The University of Minnesota's Basic Sciences and Biomedical Engineering (BSBE) facility will soon be named after former university president Nils Hasselmo. The Board of Regents has approved naming the existing building on the east bank of the Twin Cities campus. A formal dedication of Nils Hasselmo Hall is scheduled for Thursday, May 6.

Hasselmo, who served as president from 1987 to 1996, launched a presidential initiative to enhance the health sciences. The goals of the basic sciences and biomedical engineering building, initiated during Hasselmo's service, were to strengthen the university's position in emerging interdisciplinary fields, attract more research dollars and create a world-class training environment for students.

"Nils Hasselmo spent almost 27 years of his life working to strengthen the University of Minnesota," said David Metzen, chair of the Board of Regents. "During difficult budget times, his focus on undergraduate education and vision for health sciences left a lasting imprint on the U."

Hasselmo joined the faculty of the university in 1965 as a professor of Scandinavian languages and literature. He served as associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts from 1973 to 1975 and vice president for administration and planning from 1980 to 1983. He left to become provost and senior vice president at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

A native of Sweden who immigrated to the United States in 1958, Hasselmo received bachelor's and master's degrees at the University of Uppsala. He received a doctorate at Harvard University and has also studied at Augustana College in Rock Island, Ill. After leaving the university in 1997, Hasselmo became president of the American Association of Universities in Washington, D.C.

The university's BSBE, located at 312 Church St. S.E., Minneapolis, brings together scientists from many disciplines to focus on neuroscience, immunology, structural biology, cellular and molecular biology, biomedical engineering and other related fields. □

**What:** Survey results regarding toll lanes on I-394  
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## OPTIONAL TOLLS ON I-394 FAVORED BY 64% ACCORDING TO NEW SURVEY

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (3/8/2005)--An independent survey released today has found more than six out of every 10 Minnesotans living near I-394 like the idea of giving solo drivers the option of paying a toll to use the I-394 high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane.

Sponsored by the State and Local Policy Program at the University of Minnesota Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, the survey found strong support for converting the existing I-394 HOV lane into what the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) is calling the I-394 MnPASS Express Lane. Under MnPASS, which will be launched in May, solo drivers and owners of small commercial vehicles will be given a new option of paying a toll to use a currently underused HOV lane.

For the survey, 750 people living near I-394 were asked a range of questions about transportation in general and MnPASS in particular. For the sake of comparison, 250 people living near I-35W were also interviewed. Among those living near I-394:

- Sixty-four percent said allowing solo drivers the option of paying to use the HOV lane was a "good idea," 28 percent said it was a "bad idea," and 8 percent were undecided.
- Support for the project didn't vary significantly across income levels (65 percent support for under \$50,000 household income and 65 percent support for over \$150,000 household income).
- The most common reasons respondents gave for their position was that it "made better use of the carpool lane" and "added capacity to the roadway."
- Sixty-nine percent had heard of the project, while 29 percent had not.
- Seventy percent said the I-394 HOV lane is currently "not at all congested," while only 15 percent described non-HOV lanes on I-394 that way.
- Seventy-three percent of the respondents said they usually drive I-394 solo, 24 percent usually drive with someone, and 3 percent usually use transit.

"In years past, Minnesotans had a lot of questions about tolling, but a strong majority now supports this type of tolling," said Lee Munnich, director of the Humphrey Institute's State and Local Policy Program. "The fact that this proposal makes toll payment optional and preserves express service for

carpools and buses seems to be popular with the public.”

The tolls will be collected electronically. Drivers will place a small device called a transponder on their vehicle windshields. When drivers pass at full highway speed under equipment installed over the freeway, a toll will be electronically deducted from users' prepaid MnPASS accounts. Under this system, there will be no stopping or slowing at gates or booths, and carpools, buses and motorcycles will continue to use the HOV lane for free.

The MnPASS System will continually monitor express lane traffic, increasing the toll rate as traffic in the Express Lane starts to increase, and decreasing the toll rate when traffic in the lane starts to decrease. These changes will be communicated to drivers via electronic signs all along the freeway. Continually adjusting the toll rates every few minutes is expected to help maintain the flow of traffic in the MnPASS Express Lane at about 50 to 55 mph, even when other I-394 lanes are experiencing gridlock.

The goal of this “dynamic pricing” system is to make efficient use of the existing HOV lane while maintaining express service for carpools, buses, motorcycles and toll-payers. In southern California and elsewhere, this approach has been used successfully for a number of years.

“We've seen around the country that projects like this are very popular with the public,” said Munnich. “They certainly don't eliminate congestion or solve every problem in the corridor, but they do increase the capacity of the road and give drivers another choice for saving time.”

Minnesotans soon will be able to open MnPASS accounts online, by telephone or by visiting a new MnPASS service center in Golden Valley. Additional information about how MnPASS will work is available at [www.mnpass.org](http://www.mnpass.org).

The survey was conducted between Nov. 19 and Dec. 17, 2004. After the I-394 MnPASS Express Lane project has begun operating, two additional surveys will be conducted to gauge changes in respondents' awareness, attitudes and behavior.

NuStats, an independent Texas-based research firm with extensive experience evaluating transportation projects around the nation, conducted the survey on behalf of the Humphrey Institute. In addition to the NuStats surveys, Mn/DOT has also retained an independent company to conduct a comprehensive review of technical issues related to the project, such as changes in the number and speed of vehicles using I-394.

“This is a proven approach, but these evaluation tools will help state officials learn and adjust as the project progresses,” said Munnich. “As the old carpenters say, measure twice and cut once.”

Editor's Note: MnPASS is pronounced Minn-Pass. □

**What:** Board of Regents meeting  
**When:** Thursday, March 10, and Friday, March 11  
**Where:** Suite 600, McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St. S.E., Minneapolis  
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## **NEWLY ELECTED REGENTS JOIN BOARD AS IT PREPARES TO TAKE NEXT STEP IN U'S STRATEGIC POSITIONING**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (3/8/2005)--Two new members of the University of Minnesota Board of Regents will be sworn in at the monthly meeting Thursday, March 10, and Friday, March 11. In February, the Minnesota Legislature elected David Larson and Steven Hunter and re-elected Anthony Baraga and Dallas Bohnsack to the board. Minnesota Supreme Court Chief Justice Kathleen Blatz will swear in all four members at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, March 10.

The board will also consider making its first formal endorsement of the university's strategic positioning plan, which was presented during the February meeting. The plan contains five action strategies and correlating benchmarks to reach the university's goal of becoming one of the world's top three public research universities.

"In today's competitive environment, a research university like the University of Minnesota needs to be savvy and strategic if it is to best serve the people of its state," University President Robert Bruininks said. "Approval of this plan is one step in our journey toward some very ambitious but essential goals."

The board will also formally accept the 2004-05 University Plan, Performance and Accountability Report, which also was presented last month. This annual document measures the university's success in meeting a number of benchmarks used to assess progress on academic issues, including academic performance, rankings and undergraduate retention and graduation rates. The report will be submitted to the Legislature in March.

Select committee meetings and agenda items follow.

Thursday, March 10

- 8:30-9:30 a.m. Board of Regents, sixth floor, Boardroom. Swearing-in of Regents Baraga, Bohnsack, Larson and Hunter.
- 9:30-11:30 a.m. Faculty, Staff and Student Affairs Committee, West Committee Room. A panel of deans will discuss challenges in recruitment and retention of faculty.
- 1:15-2:15 p.m. Board of Regents work session, sixth floor, East Committee Room. Chief Financial

Officer Richard Pfutzenreuter will take part in a discussion on long-term budget strategy.

- 2:30-4 p.m. Educational Planning and Policy Committee, sixth floor, East Committee Room. The agenda includes a presentation on international programs as well as academic support programs such as mentoring and advising.

- 2:45-4:45 p.m. Facilities Committee, West Committee Room. The committee will act on several capital budget amendments to fund the acquisition or reconstruction of existing buildings and discuss energy policy for the university.

Friday, March 11

- 9-11:30 a.m. Board of Regents, Boardroom. The board will take action on both the strategic positioning plan and the University Plan, Performance and Accountability Report, both presented at the February meeting.

Complete board agendas can be found at [www.umn.edu/regents](http://www.umn.edu/regents). □

**What:** 2005 Women's Leadership Conference  
**When:** 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, March 25  
**Where:** Carlson School of Management, 321 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis  
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### CARLSON SCHOOL HOSTS WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (3/9/2005)--The Carlson School of Management chapter of Graduate Women in Business will host the 2005 Women's Leadership Conference, "Dynamic Leadership: Navigating the Journey," from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, March 25, at the Carlson School of Management, 321 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis.

The conference will include discussions on such topics as corporate social responsibility, entrepreneurship, managing a career path and "Is the executive level right for you?". Diane Thormodsgard, president of Corporate Trust, Institutional Trust, and Custody Services at U.S. Bancorp, will speak at 12:15 p.m. on "Leadership: It takes more than a high GPA." As president, she manages one of the nation's leading providers of corporate trust and escrow services.

The event is open to the public. The cost is \$40 for Carlson School alumni and corporate partners. Cost for the general public is \$50. Carlson School faculty, staff and students can register for free. To register online, visit [www.csom.umn.edu/conferences](http://www.csom.umn.edu/conferences) or contact Cindy Solo at (612) 625-4857 or [csolo@csom.umn.edu](mailto:csolo@csom.umn.edu).

Graduate Women in Business at the Carlson School of Management strives to be a professional business resource. With 75 Carlson School student members, the chapter provides visibility and opportunities in professional endeavors, and it facilitates networking opportunities with professionals committed to women's roles in business. □

- What:** Arab-Israeli Conflict Lecture Series
- When:** 4 to 6 p.m., Tuesday, March 22  
3 to 6 p.m., Wednesday, March 30  
4 to 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 19
- Where:** March 22 and April 19 events at the Weisman Art Museum, 333 E. River Road, Minneapolis  
March 30 event at 140 Nolte Center, 315 Pillsbury Dr. S.E., Minneapolis
- Who:** Daniel Sibony, Fethi Benslama, Gil Anidjar and Alain Finkielkraut
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## LECTURES TO EXPLORE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (3/10/2005)--The Arab-Israeli conflict and how it is perceived in France will be examined at events that are part of the University of Minnesota's yearlong lecture series "Fallout from the Arab-Israeli Conflict in France."

Author and psychoanalyst Daniel Sibony will present "Psychoanalysis of the Middle East conflict and New Readings of Anti-Semitism" at 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 22, in the Weisman Art Museum, 333 E. River Road, Minneapolis.

Lectures by author and professor Gil Anidjar and French author and radio talk show host Fethi Benslama will begin at 3 p.m., Wednesday, March 30, in 140 Nolte Center, 315 Pillsbury Drive S.E., Minneapolis.

The lecture series concludes at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 19, when Alain Finkielkraut, author, radio talk show host, and one of the most important French intellectuals of his generation, will speak on "Democratic Anti-Semitism" in the Shepherd Room at the Weisman Art Museum.

The events are free and open to the public and will be presented in English.

A mathematician, psychoanalyst and scholar of Judaism, Sibony will provide a personal perspective on how the Middle East conflict is represented in France. He has long been interested in psychoanalysis, the media and the cultural and religious wars among the three monotheistic religions.

Anidjar and Benslama will approach the subject from different perspectives. Anidjar, a professor of

Middle East and Asian Languages and Cultures at Columbia University and author of "The Jew, the Arab: A History of the Enemy," is critical of Zionism and Israel. His remarks are titled "What Does a Christian Want?". Benslama, a psychoanalyst and a University of Paris faculty member, will approach the conflict from a psychoanalytic angle.

Looking at the French perspective is important because France can be used as a laboratory to better understand the conflict in the Middle East, according to Bruno Chaouat, an assistant professor with the University of Minnesota department of French and Italian. The country has, outside of the Middle East, the largest Muslim and Jewish populations, and what is happening there is a re-enactment of the Middle East conflict, Chaouat said. There has been a resurgence in France of anti-Semitism, resulting in ongoing and underreported acts of physical assault, arson, vandalism, and social intimidation.

By investigating the conflict from a variety of angles and disciplines and over time, the series aims to investigate the "new" anti-Semitism in France in order to understand its origins and to assess its future. A second goal of the series is to establish a critical dialogue between French and American thinkers.

The lecture series is co-sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts (CLA) department of French and Italian; the CLA Scholarly Events Fund; the German, Scandinavian, and Dutch department; the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies; the Center for Jewish Studies; School of Journalism and Mass Communication; Consortium for European Studies; and Institute for Global Studies. Other sponsors include the foreign languages and literatures department, University of Minnesota, Duluth; Gustavus Adolphus College; and the Alliance Francaise of Minneapolis-St. Paul.

At the heart of the University of Minnesota, CLA has for 135 years served Minnesota and its people and contributed to the public good through path-breaking research, service to communities and teaching. CLA has 540 dedicated and award-winning faculty who are making the discoveries and creating knowledge in the arts, social sciences and humanities. CLA is home to nearly 17,000 students and the alma mater to about 110,000 living alumni. □



**What:** New Graduate School dean and vice provost  
**When:** Begins summer 2005  
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## GAIL DUBROW NAMED NEW GRADUATE SCHOOL DEAN, VICE PROVOST

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (3/10/2005)--Gail Dubrow, associate dean for academic programs in the University of Washington Graduate School, has been named the University of Minnesota's new Graduate School dean and vice provost, subject to approval by the university's board of regents Friday. She will assume her new duties this summer.

Dubrow will report to the senior vice president for academic affairs and provost, E. Thomas Sullivan. Her duties are to provide central leadership for the university's graduate programs and foster interest in graduate education and interdisciplinary research on its campuses and among external constituencies.

Besides her administrative appointments, Dubrow is currently professor of architecture, landscape architecture, urban design and planning, with adjunct appointments in history and women's studies. During the 2003-04 year she served as a fellow of the American Council on Education. She has produced two award-winning books, "Sento at Sixth and Main," with Donna Graves (Smithsonian Books, 2004), and "Restoring Women's History Through Historic Preservation," edited with Jennifer Goodman (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2003). She received a doctorate in urban planning from the University of California, Los Angeles, in 1991.

"We expect Dean Dubrow to play a significant leadership role in furthering the academic quality and national reputation of the university's graduate programs and in advancing interdisciplinary teaching and research across the university," said Sullivan. "In addition, I would like to thank Victor Bloomfield for his dedicated service as interim dean of the Graduate School for the last two and a half years. The university has benefited, and will continue to benefit, from his commitment to graduate education and research."

The University of Minnesota Graduate School offers master's and doctoral degree programs in virtually every area of academic inquiry. It has more than 10,000 graduate students from 50 states and 118 countries. The breadth of faculty expertise, spanning more than 180 graduate programs, provides opportunity for a wide range of studies. □

- What:** U of M American Indian elders to host educational powwow
- When:** Lecture and discussion from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 22  
Powwow from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 22
- Where:** Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E. Minneapolis
- Who:** U of M staff, students
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## U OF M AMERICAN INDIAN ELDERS TO HOST EDUCATIONAL POWWOW

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (3/11/2005)--Interested in powwows but know very little about their historical and cultural significance? The University of Minnesota American Indian Elders' Council is hosting an Educational Powwow that will provide answers to any questions one might have about powwows.

The daylong event will run from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 22, at the Great Hall of Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E. Minneapolis. The elders, who call the free event "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Powwows But Were Afraid to Ask," have invited all U of M students, faculty and staff to attend.

The event begins at 9:30 a.m. when University of Minnesota American Indian studies professor Dennis Jones will talk about what a powwow is. From 10 to 11 a.m. the elders will conduct a question-and-answer session for people interested in learning about all aspects of powwow. A powwow featuring 30 dancers ranging in age from young children to U of M students to elders, will take place from 1 to 3 p.m.

"Attendees can expect to learn about the socio-cultural significance of traditional powwows historically and today," said Barbara Graham, director of the university's Woodlands Wisdom, a program that coordinates education exchanges between the university and seven tribal colleges in Minnesota and Wisconsin. "They can hear elders representing the three main tribes across Minnesota -- Ojibwa, Ho Chunk, and Lakota/Dakota-- discuss tribal difference in regalia (dress), songs, drums, language, and the many ceremonies embedded in powwows. Participants will be encouraged to ask

questions. Additionally, they will learn how the historic American Indian Elders' Council came to be and how university faculty, staff and students can contact this valuable resource. This is an excellent learning opportunity for students, and we hope faculty will consider assigning attendance for credit.”

The Council of Elders was established in 1995 to provide cultural, spiritual, and personal counseling and advice to American Indian students, academic units and administrative units at the University of Minnesota. In addition to the Council of Elders, other sponsors of the powwow are the W. K. Kellogg Foundation and the University of Minnesota Alliance of Native Scholars.

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- What:** **Nationally Renowned Pueblo Artist to Screen Film at U of M**
- When:** **4-7 p.m. Wednesday, April 6**
- Where:** **McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St. S.E. Minneapolis**
- Who:** **Nora Naranjo Morse, Tewa Pueblo Indian artist**
- Contacts:** **Sue Banovetz, College of Liberal Arts director of media and public relations, (612) 624-1359**
- Bob San, University News Service, (612) 624-1359**

## **NATIONALLY RENOWNED PUEBLO ARTIST TO SCREEN FILM AT U OF M**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (3/12/2005)--Nora Naranjo-Morse, an acclaimed artist and poet who works with clay, metal and video and creates multi-media installations, will screen and discuss her documentary film, "Clay Beings," from 4-7 p.m., Wednesday, April 6, at the McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St. S.E., Minneapolis on the University of Minnesota campus. The event includes a reception involving the artist. It is free and open to the public.

In "Clay Beings" and her other work, Naranjo-Morse, a Tewa Pueblo Indian from Santa Clara Pueblo, reflects the continuing social changes within Pueblo culture and strives to find a balance between the Pueblo Santa Clara world and American society.

"Clay Beings" chronicles how seven Pueblo, Navajo and Hopi clay artists pull together individual inspiration to create "Moon Coming at Evening," a giant storyteller figure symbolizing stories wrought from the artists' hearts, hands and traditions. Each artist brings personal style and technique, as well as clay from his or her home, lending a fresh spirit of vitality and sharing to an ancient art form. The successful firing of the clay cements not only the sculpture but also their collective vision and newly formed friendships.

Naranjo-Morse's art has been exhibited widely, including at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History. Naranjo-Morse's film "I've Been Bingo-ed by My Baby" has been screened at the American Indian Community House and her film "What Was Taken . ." has been screened at the National Museum of the American Indian.

Naranjo-Morse's visit coincides with the Native American Literature Symposium (NALS) being held Thursday, April 7, through Sunday, April 10, at Mystic Lake Casino. The NALS conference is the only academic conference in the United States organized by American Indian scholars. For the past five years,

the conference in Minnesota has drawn American Indians and Alaska Natives from across North America.

Naranjo-Morse, who lives in Espanola, New Mexico, received a bachelor's degree from the College of Santa Fe in 1980 and completed the silversmith program at the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe in 1991. She was chosen as the 2000 Dubin Fellow at the Indian Arts Research Center, School of American Research, in Santa Fe. "Clay Beings" was screened as part of the museum's 2003 Native American Film and Video Festival in New York City.

The event is sponsored by the department of American Indian studies, the oldest American Indian studies program in the United States. The department is part of the College of Liberal Arts, the heart of the University of Minnesota. The College of Liberal Arts has for 135 years served Minnesota and its people with distinction through path-breaking research, service to communities and teaching. The College of Liberal Arts has 540 dedicated and award-winning faculty who are making the discoveries and creating knowledge in the arts, social sciences and humanities. The College of Liberal Arts is home to nearly 17,000 students and the alma mater to about 110,000 living alumni.



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## **ADVISORY COMMITTEE NAMED TO ENHANCE SERVICE, VALUE AND EFFICIENCY AT U OF M**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (3/14/2005)--The University of Minnesota's Office of Service and Continuous Improvement (OSCI) has named an advisory committee, which will give guidance and feedback on the progress of the university's initiative to enhance service, value and efficiency.

The committee is made up of top Minnesota business officials, U of M faculty and community leaders. John Anderson, professor in the university's Carlson School of Management, will chair the committee.

In June 2004 university President Robert Bruininks created OSCI and appointed Scott Martens as its director. OSCI supports the university by serving as a catalyst and mentor for sustainable improvement, energizing and enabling a culture of continuous improvement, and collaborating with university units to identify and realize sustainable improvements in value, service and productivity.

"Members of this committee have extensive experience redesigning processes and finding efficiencies in organizations," said Martens. "We're seeking their ideas, suggestions and guidance to improve service and free up resources for our central mission of education, research and outreach."

### Committee members:

- John Anderson is a professor of operations and management sciences at the Carlson School of Management, University of Minnesota.
- John Bryson is a professor of planning and public affairs and associate dean for research and centers at the university's Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs. He is an expert in strategic planning for public and nonprofit organizations.
- James Buckman is the co-director of the Juran Center for Leadership in Quality at the university. Previously, he was president of the Minnesota Council for Quality.
- Carol Carrier has served as the university's vice president for human resources since 1998.
- Ivy Chang is the founder of PR International, a public relations organization. Previously, she served as a communications specialist in the St. Paul Public School system for 11 years.
- Charles Denny is a retired former CEO and chair of the board of ADC Corp. He has served on a number of corporate and nonprofit boards.

- Robert Erickson has held a number of high-level positions in the public and private sectors, including a term on the MnSCU board of trustees. He retired in 2002 from Starkey Labs, where he was the senior vice president for finance.

- Wayne Fortun is chief executive officer of Hutchinson Technology.

- Sandra Harris is senior director of global diversity at Thomson Legal & Regulatory. She is responsible for planning and executing global diversity and cultural change initiatives.

- Charles Muscoplat is vice president for agricultural policy, dean of the College of Agricultural Food and Environmental Sciences (COAFES), and director of the Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station at the University of Minnesota. He also holds the positions of professor of medicine and microbiology in the university's Medical School and professor of animal science in COAFES.

- Kathleen O'Brien is vice president for University Services at the University of Minnesota. She is responsible for more than 3,000 employees and an annual operating budget of \$250 million. She previously served on the Minneapolis City Council and as Minneapolis city coordinator.

- Jean O'Connell is director of Six Sigma operations at 3M. She previously served as director of 3M's corporate quality group, which establishes global quality improvement strategies and consults with business units.

For more information on the Office of Service and Continuous Improvement, go to [www.umn.edu/osci](http://www.umn.edu/osci). □

**Who:** Former Governor Arne Carlson and Former Governor Wendell Anderson

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## FORMER GOVERNORS GIVE BIPARTISAN SUPPORT TO THE U OF M

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (3/15/2005)--Former Minnesota governors Arne Carlson (R) and Wendell Anderson (DFL) gave bipartisan support for full funding of the University of Minnesota's biennial budget request today before the Senate Higher Education Budget Division at the Capitol.

Speaking first, Carlson described the long history and importance of the university as an innovator in technology and job creation, calling the university the economic engine for the state.

"I have a tremendous affection for the University of Minnesota," Carlson said. "The university is the engine for the state, and like all engines it needs fuel ... we need to commit the time, effort and resources to the university."

More pointedly, Carlson named several top-caliber faculty leaving the university. "If we don't invest in our people, we're going to continue to lose them," he said.

"I don't know if people realize that the University of Minnesota has produced 15 Nobel Prize winners ... we have wonderful stories to tell about research that creates jobs and fuels the state's economy," he said.

Carlson added that the university's request should be fully funded because the university is at a critical juncture on account of past budget cuts. "The world is not going to wait for Minnesota to catch up. This is a modest request and one this committee should recognize," he said.

Anderson echoed Carlson's remarks about jobs and technology and added that Minnesota CEOs depend on the university to supply a high-quality workforce and that the state's future depends on the university.

"If we don't support the university, our children and grandchildren will suffer," he said. "I don't want high tuition to be my legacy, and I don't think you (the committee) want it to be yours, either."

The University of Minnesota's 2006-2007 biennial budget request proposes a 50-50 financial partnership with the state to increase resources for research and education. The partnership would include:

- On the state's part, an increase in state funding of \$126 million for the biennium 2006-07.
- On the university's part, a 5.5 percent annual increase in tuition in each of the next two years, generating \$81 million; and



- An internal reallocation of current university base funding of \$45 million for the biennium 2006-07. For more information on the University of Minnesota's budget request, visit [www.umn.edu/govrel](http://www.umn.edu/govrel). □

**What:** Workshop on government accountability in education, health care  
**When:** 8 a.m.- 3 p.m. Friday, March 18  
**Where:** Association of Minnesota Counties, 125 Charles St., St. Paul  
**Who:** National health care and education experts, out-of-state legislators  
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## NATIONAL EXPERTS AND LOCAL LEGISLATORS TO DISCUSS GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY IN EDUCATION AND HEALTH CARE

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (3/16/2005)--National experts, out-of-state legislators, researchers and practitioners will meet with Minnesota legislators and policymakers to discuss strategies for bringing greater accountability to Minnesota's education and health care systems from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, March 18, at the Association of Minnesota Counties, 125 Charles St., St. Paul. Sponsored by the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs Policy Forum and the Mercatus Center at George Mason University, this forum aims to find creative and proven strategies to help legislators and state agencies get results.

Special guests include Gov. Tim Pawlenty's chief of staff, Dan McElroy, who will give the morning keynote address, and Maurice McTigue, former New Zealand member of Parliament, cabinet minister and ambassador to Canada.

McTigue will deliver the luncheon keynote from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. McTigue was part of New Zealand's education reform movement at a time of decreasing enrollment and funding. He will talk about the need to focus on identifying the problem and producing results, which includes addressing programs that aren't delivering the desired outcome.

The forum also will feature the following panels:

- 9-10:30 a.m. Discussion on current education research. Panelists are Rebecca Menes, National Bureau of Economic Research and George Mason University Professor of Economics; and Cheryl Lange, Lange Consultants, University of Minnesota researcher. They will join moderator Peter Hutchinson, former superintendent of Minneapolis Public Schools and founder of Public Strategies Group, to discuss current research on accountability systems and shared responsibility for educational achievement.

- 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Discussion on proven education practices. Former educators and

practitioners will give personal examples and stories of proven methods and techniques. Panelists are Craig Spilman, CEO College Bound Foundation and former Baltimore middle school principal; Rep. Scott Jensen, Wisconsin state legislator; and Joe Graba, former vice president of the Minnesota Federation of Teachers. Hutchinson will moderate.

- 1:30-3 p.m. Discussion on health care systems. Former Minnesota Health Commissioners Jan Malcolm and Mary Jo O'Brien will join Joan Henneberry, senior vice president for Government Health Services at Policy Studies, Inc. in Colorado, to talk about the government's role in keeping people healthy. Tim Penny, co-director of the Humphrey Institute Policy Forum, will moderate.

This forum is open to Minnesota state legislators, legislative staff and representatives from state agencies. Media representatives are invited to sit in on each session. Other citizens and community leaders are invited to participate on a space-available basis.

For more information, visit the Humphrey Institute Policy Forum at [www.hhh.umn.edu/centers/policy-forum](http://www.hhh.umn.edu/centers/policy-forum) or the Mercatus Center at [www.mercatus.org](http://www.mercatus.org). □

- What:** U of M students to host College Day for Twin Cities high schoolers
- When:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, March 21
- Where:** Coffman Union, various campus locations
- Who:** U of M students, 250 students from six Minneapolis, St. Paul high schools
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## U OF M STUDENTS TO HOST COLLEGE DAY FOR TWIN CITIES HIGH SCHOOLERS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (3/16/2005)--About 250 students from six Minneapolis and St. Paul high schools will get a taste of college life when they attend College Day at the University of Minnesota from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, March 21.

Students from Minneapolis North, Henry and Washburn high schools and St. Paul Central, Highland Park and Arlington high schools will spend the day shadowing University of Minnesota students, touring the campus (including Coffman Union, classes and residence halls) and attending question-and-answer panels with university students and faculty and workshops on college preparation and the college application process.

“The purpose of College Day is to introduce high school students to college life, its benefits and accessibility in a way that encourages them to strive for higher education upon graduation,” said Danelle Johnson of the Black Student Union, the main organizer of College Day. “We are targeting 10th and 11th graders, first generation college-bound students and students of color. We are also providing high school students with mentorship/relationship opportunities with college students with similar interests and backgrounds.”

The day will end with a pizza lunch and entertainment by Voices Merging, a U of M poetry and musical group run by students, and other performers.

College Day is sponsored by the university’s Black Student Union, National Society of Black Engineers, Asian Student Union, La Raza Student Union, Office of Student Activities, Office of Admissions and Office of Multicultural and Academic Excellence.



- What:** Feminist activism authors to speak, sign books at U of M
- When:** 7 p.m. Thursday, March 31
- Where:** Room 3-180, Electrical Engineering/Computer Science Building, 200 Union St. S.E., Minneapolis
- Who:** Authors Amy Richards and Jennifer Baumgardner
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## FEMINIST ACTIVISM AUTHORS TO SPEAK, SIGN BOOKS AT U OF M

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (3/17/2005)--Feminist activism authors Amy Richards and Jennifer Baumgardner will be the featured guests at a presentation and book signing at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 31, in Room 3-180 of the University of Minnesota's Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Building, 200 Union St. S.E., Minneapolis.

Richards and Baumgardner will talk about creating a world that reflects the values of justice, tolerance and inclusiveness. After the talk, they will sign copies of their most recent books – “Manifesta: Young Women, Feminism, and the Future” and “Grassroots: A Field Guide to Feminist Activism.”

In addition to their long and successful careers as editors and authors, Baumgardner and Richards are also popular pundits and guests on national talk shows such as Fox's “The O'Reilly Factor,” “Oprah,” “Talk of the Nation,” “New York One,” PBS's “Tucker Carlson: Unfiltered,” and “She Span.”

The appearance by Richards and Baumgardner is the culminating event in the university's Women's History Month celebration. It is co-sponsored by the University of Minnesota department of women's studies, TCF and the university's Aurora Center for Advocacy and Education.

Biographical information about Richards and Baumgardner can be found at <http://www.soapboxinc.com>.



- What:** University of Minnesota Impact Award for Distinguished Teaching
- When:** Reception, 4-6 p.m., Thursday, March 24, 2005
- Where:** Campus Club, Rooms B-C, Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. SE., Minneapolis
- Who:** Teachers in Minneapolis, Rosemount and St. Peter
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### COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT TO GIVE DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (3/17/2005)--The University of Minnesota College of Education and Human Development (CEHD) will honor three Minnesota teachers during a reception from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, March 24, in the Campus Club, Rooms B-C, Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis.

Based on nomination letters from students, parents and colleagues, CEHD selected three people for the Impact Award for Distinguished Teaching. The recipients are Lori DuPont, a life skills teacher at the Work Opportunity Center, Minneapolis Public Schools; Steve Olsen, an instrumental music teacher at Rosemount High School; and Marcia Applen, a middle school and high school social studies teacher in St. Peter.

CEHD's Council on Teacher Education created the Impact Award to annually recognize educators who, through their teaching, have exerted a profound influence on the lives of students. The award includes \$1,000 for each recipient.

Recipients need not be University of Minnesota graduates, although Olsen holds a master's degree from the college in music education and DuPont is in the midst of obtaining a license in reading education from CEHD. Applen is a Mankato State University graduate, DuPont holds a bachelor's degree from the College of St. Benedict, and Olsen received an undergraduate degree at Concordia College.

"The unique aspect of the award is that students and their parents must be involved in the nomination process," said Steven Yussen, dean of the college. "The purpose was to create awards that essentially come from families--those whose lives and learning have been impacted by teaching excellence and a supportive learning environment." □

**Media advisory**

**What:** State and Local Government Operations committee hearing  
**When:** Noon Wednesday, March 23  
**Where:** Room 318, State Capitol, St. Paul  
**Who:** Richard Pfutzenreuter, university vice president and CFO for budget and finance  
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**GOPHER STADIUM BILL COMMITTEE HEARING WEDNESDAY**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (3/22/2005)--The Senate State and Local Government Operations committee will hold a hearing tomorrow (Wednesday, March 23) on Sen. Jeff Michel's Gopher stadium bill (SF 237).

The university's vice president and CFO for budget and finance, Richard Pfutzenreuter, will testify before the committee.

For more information on the proposed Gopher football stadium, visit [www.umn.edu/stadium](http://www.umn.edu/stadium). □

**What:** Promise of Tomorrow scholarship drive

**Who:** President Robert Bruininks and Gerald Fisher, president and CEO, University of Minnesota Foundation

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## U OF M SCHOLARSHIP DRIVE AT \$62 MILLION TO DATE

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (3/22/2005)--The University of Minnesota's Promise of Tomorrow scholarship drive has raised \$62 million for scholarships and fellowships through February, bringing the total to 41 percent of its goal of \$150 million. Reaching this goal will make it possible to help 50 percent more students with privately funded scholarships.

"Scholarships remain my top fund-raising priority," said university President Robert Bruininks. "In line with our strategic planning efforts, the scholarship drive will help us maintain our commitment to access and affordability for students who want to succeed at the U; we will continue to keep the doors of opportunity open to students from all walks of life."

The University of Minnesota Foundation is hosting a luncheon at noon tomorrow (Wednesday, March 23) in the Great Hall at Coffman Union for scholarship donors and the current recipients of the scholarships they have funded. The event celebrates the privately funded scholarships that help students in multiple university programs, compared with scholarships designated for one particular department or college. These universitywide scholarships support more than 1,000 students a year.

The university has created special match opportunities that have encouraged giving to scholarships and fellowships. The President's Scholarship Match doubles the payout on new endowed scholarships. Many donors have been motivated by this matching opportunity to make new scholarship gifts, and so far, 171 new scholarship gifts have been approved for the match. These gifts brought in \$21 million, which will generate a payout of more than \$1 million every year.

The scholarship drive now under way includes \$9 million in gifts for fellowship support. New endowed fellowships are eligible for matching through the 21st Century Graduate Fellowship Endowment, which was created in April 2000.

"The scholarship drive and the President's Scholarship Match have helped make the past two years some of our strongest for scholarship giving," said Gerald Fischer, president and CEO of the University of Minnesota Foundation, which raises and manages gifts for the university. "We are grateful to the



alumni and friends who understand the need for scholarships and the difference their gifts can make in the lives of students. Even smaller gifts make a difference, especially when people come together to make a combined endowment gift that qualifies for the matching program, and there have been many of those.”

Another element of the university’s commitment to maintaining affordability for all students is the Founders Opportunity Scholarship, which Bruininks announced in February. This scholarship will complement other financial aid programs to help close the gap in expenses for the neediest students whose costs are not met through other grants and scholarships.

Fundraising for Promise of Tomorrow began July 1, 2003. For more information on the scholarship drive, visit [www.giving.umn.edu](http://www.giving.umn.edu). □

- What:** Two-day symposium celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Humphrey International Fellowship Program
- When:** Symposium: 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, April 8 and 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, April 9  
Reception: 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, April 8
- Where:** Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis
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## TWO-DAY SYMPOSIUM CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HUMPHREY INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (3/28/2005)--The Hubert H. Humphrey International Fellowship Program will celebrate its 25th anniversary during a two-day symposium and celebration Friday, April 8-Saturday, April 9, at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis.

Congress created the fellowship program in 1978 to honor Humphrey and his lifelong commitment to international cooperation and public service. Administered by the State Department and the Institute of International Education, the program brings accomplished mid-career professionals from designated developing nations and emerging democracies to the United States for a year of academic study, related professional experience and cultural exchange. Fellows are assigned to one of 15 designated host universities, including the University of Minnesota.

The two-day symposium, "Exploring the Role of Technology in Innovative Development Strategies," will address how new and emerging technologies play a role in enabling societies to become active, vital participants in the development strategies for their countries. Participants will hear from various speakers, including Humphrey Institute Dean J. Brian Atwood, regarding international economic development and growth. The remaining time will include plenary sessions on international development aid, cutting-edge and emerging technologies, and StoryTech scenario planning.

A 25th anniversary reception will be held as part of the symposium from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 8, in the Humphrey Center auditorium and atrium. The program will feature past Humphrey fellows and their host families. This event is free and open to the public.

Registration for the symposium is \$65 for the general public and \$40 for students. Visit [www.hhh.umn.edu/innovationstrategies](http://www.hhh.umn.edu/innovationstrategies) for more details on registration, advance readings for the

symposium and the agenda.

Each year 12-17 Humphrey fellows come to the Humphrey Institute, which serves as their base for their fellowship year. In total, nearly 180 fellows from more than 70 countries take part in the program annually in educational institutions across the United States. For more information on the Humphrey International Fellowship Program, visit the Humphrey Institute at [www.hhh.umn.edu/professional\\_development/international\\_fellows](http://www.hhh.umn.edu/professional_development/international_fellows) or the Institute of International Education at [www.iie.org](http://www.iie.org).



**What:** University of Minnesota Greek community hosts second annual philanthropy-based Greek Weekend

**When:** Saturday, April 2 to Monday, April 4

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## UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA GREEK COMMUNITY HOSTS SECOND ANNUAL PHILANTHROPY-BASED GREEK WEEKEND

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (3/29/2005)--The fraternity and sorority community at the University of Minnesota will host a Greek Weekend Saturday, April 2 to Monday, April 4, in an effort to unite students, faculty and alumni across the Twin Cities area. This year's events focus on philanthropy and service while forging new relationships between the Greeks, the university and the greater Twin Cities community.

"We are especially excited about the opportunity to interact with the inner-city children throughout the Twin Cities on Youth Day and about the goods that are going to be collected during our drive for Iraq care packages," said Callie Cox, a member of the Panhellenic Council. "Many of the chapters on our campus have brothers and sisters who are in Iraq or recently have been, so this is a cause that really hits close to home for us."

With the formation of the Minnesota Greek Alumni Partnership (MGAP), a group formed to represent Greek alumni at the university, the community also is hosting a barbeque to increase interaction between collegians and alumni. All goods for the Iraq care packages will be collected at the barbeque.

"MGAP has a great deal of potential to help us develop our community, and hosting a barbeque is a chance to give back to the alumni who have put in so much hard work," Interfraternity Council President Brian Brothman said. "We hope that by increasing interaction we will attract more alumni who want to become involved again, and we also hope that they will help contribute to our package drive."

The following events are planned:

Youth Day

**Who:** University of Minnesota Greek community, Twin Cities elementary-aged youth

**What:** Carnival games, prizes, treats, and more.

**When:** 1-4 p.m. Saturday, April 2

**Where:** Van Cleve Park Community Center, 901 15th Ave. S.E., Minneapolis

Alumni Barbeque/Comfort for Courage drive

Who: Students, alumni and faculty

What: The barbeque is hosted by students to increase interaction between collegians, alumni and faculty. Greeks will collect goods to be donated to a fellow student group and Comfort for Courage. This group collects goods for care packages to be sent to Iraq. The group that collects the most goods will receive a \$300 gift certificate to Best Buy.

When: 1-3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 3.

Where: Riverbend Plaza, Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E.,  
Minneapolis

Greek Awards Ceremony

Who: Students, alumni and faculty

What: Annual awards ceremony highlighting achievements of individual chapters and the Greek community as a whole.

When: 7 p.m. Monday, April 4

Where: West Bank, Willey Hall, 225 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis.



**What:** U of M Asian American students to host spring conference  
**When:** Noon to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 2  
**Where:** Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis  
**Who:** U of M students, general public  
**Contacts:** Asian American Student Union, (612) 624-9824  
 Bob San, University News Service, (612) 624-4082

## U OF M ASIAN AMERICAN STUDENTS TO HOST SPRING CONFERENCE

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (3/29/2005)--Workshops on topics such as diversity in journalism, tsunami relief efforts and sushi making will be on the agenda when the University of Minnesota Asian American Student Union hosts its annual spring conference.

The conference will be held from noon to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 2, on the third floor of Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis.

Agenda for the day is:

Asian Americans, Diversity and Journalism 1:10-2 p.m.

This workshop will touch on issues of diversity in the media and how it creates the roles and identities of Asian Americans. Journalists from major newspapers of the Twin Cities will speak and offer insight about the journalism profession. Journalism students are encouraged to attend and ask questions about the journalism profession and to network with the professionals.

Asian American Professionals Panel 1:10-2 p.m.

This workshop includes speakers in various professions and fields who will assist students develop a better understanding of different career and professional paths. The goal is to help college students prepare for life after college by speaking more about graduate school, careers and professional life. Speakers will offer advice in areas such as public administration, management and consulting. More areas will be added as additional speakers are confirmed.

Sushi Demonstration 2:10 – 3 p.m.

The Sushi Demonstration workshop will present the history of sushi, which can be traced back to 4 B.C. in Southeast Asia. At that time, sushi was no more than salted fish, fermented with rice. The presentation will also cover the impact of this widespread food on society today.

Following the spoken presentation will be a demonstration of sushi-making by the head chef from

Kikugawa Restaurant, rated as one of the top 10 Japanese restaurants in the Twin Cities area. The chef from Kikugawa, who has been making sushi professionally for over 10 years, will demonstrate the making of five to seven types of the most popular sushi today.

GLBT and Asian Pacific Americans 3:10 – 4 p.m.

This workshop, facilitated by D'Lo, will discuss issues about the Asian Pacific American gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community. In addition, D'Lo will engage the audience in discussions of what it means to be GLBT on our college campus and discuss goals that people want to meet as a community, given their limited time as U of M students.

Tsunami Relief: Issues of Recovery and Activism in Relief 4:10 – 5

This workshop will touch on topics about the current status of tsunami relief efforts, the current state of the countries affected, and the needs of tsunami victims. Speakers will include Sishir Chang of Pan-Asian Tsunami Healing, a non-denominational, non-political and non-segregated collaborative united to advocate, coordinate and promote continuing tsunami victim needs. Additional topics will include local efforts to lead relief efforts and ways to organize help.

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**What:** Pakistani Consulate General to speak at U of M  
**When:** 6:30 p.m., Saturday, April 2  
**Where:** St. Paul Student Center, 2017 Buford Ave. St. Paul  
**Who:** Atizaz Ahmad  
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## PAKISTANI CONSULATE GENERAL TO SPEAK AT U OF M

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (3/30/2005)--Atizaz Ahmad, the Consulate General of Pakistani Consulate in Chicago, will be the guest of honor at the University of Minnesota Pakistani Student Association annual dinner at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 2, at the St. Paul Student Center. 2017 Buford Ave., St. Paul.

Members of the Pakistani community in the Twin Cities, students and University of Minnesota officials and faculty members have been invited to the event. The consulate general will talk about global perspective of Pakistan-U.S. relations, and also discuss issues related to Pakistani students and local community.

Other speeches will be given by University of Minnesota Associate Vice Provost for Student Affairs Jerry Rinehart and a representative from Senator Norm Coleman's office.

The Pakistan Student Association (PSA) at the University of Minnesota is an organization that coordinates educational and social activities of national and international areas of interest to promote cross cultural understanding and international awareness.





- What:** **Leading architect of World Trade Center site's rebuilding to speak at U of M**
- When:** **7 p.m., Wednesday, April 13**
- Where:** **Northrop Auditorium, on the University of Minnesota Campus**
- Who:** **Daniel Libeskind, lead architect of the World Trade Center site rebuilding**
- Contacts:** **Sue Banovetz, College of Liberal Arts, 612-624-1359**  
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## **LEADING ARCHITECT OF WORLD TRADE CENTER SITE'S REBUILDING TO SPEAK AT U OF M**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (3/30/2005)--Internationally renowned architect Daniel Libeskind will speak at 7:00 p.m., Wed., April 13, at the University of Minnesota's Northrop Auditorium. The lead architect for the rebuilding of the World Trade Center site, Libeskind will address the importance of the built environment in creating inviting and inspiring spaces for life, work, and play.

Libeskind's lecture is free and open to the public.

In addition to the World Trade Center site, which features a tower of 1,776 feet in honor of the year of American independence, Libeskind's other major projects include the Jewish Museums in Berlin and San Francisco and the Spiral Extension to the Victoria and Albert Museum in London.

"The Humanities Institute is pleased to bring to campus one of the world's most original and visionary architects as part of our Great Speaker Series, a program designed to offer opportunities for the community to engage with the most creative and stimulating minds in all fields of the humanities," said Robert Gambone, coordinator of the Institute. "Libeskind's talks have been described as 'a stunning display of intellectual pyrotechnics,' and I fully anticipate his presentation in April will prove to be original and provocative in the best tradition of the humanities."

Born in post-war Poland in 1946, Libeskind became an American citizen in 1965. He received his professional architectural degree at the Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, New York City, in 1970 and a post graduate degree in History and Theory of Architecture at the School of Comparative Studies at Essex University in 1972.

"Daniel Libeskind has done more than almost any architect in our era to express in his work the

tensions, conflicts, and sublime character of our contemporary global culture,” said Thomas Fisher, Dean of the U of M’s College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture. “His plan for the World Trade Center site, for example, has captured the imagination of a diverse public, representing in the fractured forms of the architecture and the exposed bedrock of the open space the violent loss and slow rebuilding of people’s lives there.

The event is co-sponsored by the U of M’s Humanities Institute, College of Liberal Arts, College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture, and the University’s Design Institute.

The University of Minnesota Humanities Institute, part of the College of Liberal Arts, was founded in 1998 to promote collaborative, interdisciplinary research in the arts and humanities. The aim of the Institute is to demonstrate the importance of creative work in the arts and humanities in producing a rich and critical understanding of culture, both past and present. In addition to the Great Speaker Series, the Institute supports focused research groups, fellowship opportunities, colloquia and symposia, and collaborative research agendas.



**What:** University sets course to become one of the top three public research universities in the world

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## U OF M STRATEGIC POSITIONING RECOMMENDATIONS ARE UNVEILED

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (3/30/2005)--Officials at the University of Minnesota today unveiled a plan that is a first step toward becoming one of the top three public research universities in the world.

A significant redesign of academic programs and administrative functions is included in the recommendations presented to university President Robert Bruininks by two task forces charged with assembling the plan.

"Today the University is a strong and vibrant institution, but we can't assume that the future will take care of itself," Bruininks said. "We have set an ambitious goal of making Minnesota's only research university a world leader. The recommendations that Provost Tom Sullivan and other leaders have put forward represent the leading edge of our efforts to realize this bold vision."

The task force charged with academic improvements made 31 recommendations, including:

- Consolidation of education and human development programs into the College of Education and Human Development (CEHD) and changes to make CEHD a university-wide resource for academic readiness and developmental education research, including elements from General College and the College of Human Ecology;
- Creation of a College of Design, which would include program elements from the College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture and the College of Human Ecology;
- Increased academic support and advising services across the university;
- A significant new writing initiative;
- Creation of a Regents Honors College;
- Special task forces to: develop plans to reconfigure the study of sciences, engineering, agriculture, natural resources and the environment; examine the College of Liberal Arts and the Academic Health Center, and identify opportunities for shared administrative functions between smaller academic units such as the Law School and Humphrey Institute for Public Affairs.

"President Bruininks asked that we bring imagination and courage to charting this new course," said Sullivan, who led the strategic positioning initiative and the academic task force. "For any institution with the size, scope and rich history of this university, change does not come easily. But the changes we've outlined are key to creating a vigorous future for the university, and, ultimately, for the state of

Minnesota.”

In addition, Bruininks was presented with seven recommendations for administrative reforms, including:

- Refocusing administrative services to improve support for faculty and students, including areas that enhance student advancement and diversity;
- Using the university’s buying power more effectively to reduce costs;
- Standardizing key administrative products and processes to achieve efficiencies;
- Expanding the use of shared services for common administrative functions, such as human resources, communications, facilities management, financial services and occupational health and safety;
- Minimizing internal overregulation;
- Becoming an “employer of choice” with performance-based compensation and enhanced recruitment from diverse populations; and
- Better managing the university’s physical, financial and technological assets.

The administrative task force was led by Vice President for University Services Kathleen O’Brien and Executive Associate Vice President Al Sullivan.

Before he decides on what recommendations to make to the Board of Regents in May, Bruininks said he would engage students, faculty, staff and the public in an open dialogue.

Bruininks noted several challenges that necessitate reform:

- Changing demographics: Minnesota’s traditional college-age population will decline within the next five years and the numbers from diverse populations will significantly increase.
- Global competition: Competition for the best students, faculty and research dollars are at an all time high and countries around the world are making large investments in research universities.
- Financial pressures: Minnesota ranks 29th in the country in support for higher education, down from sixth place 25 years ago. Increasingly, students at all levels of higher education are bearing a greater financial burden.

“During my 37 years at the U, I have seen this institution develop into the cornerstone of Minnesota’s economy and quality of life,” he said. “I have never been more optimistic about the U’s future, but I also believe we are at a crossroads. Economic, social and global challenges will ultimately overwhelm us if we are not creative in getting ahead of them.”

After consulting with deans, faculty, students and others in the university community, Bruininks will prepare recommendations to be submitted to the Board of Regents at their May meeting. The board has indicated it will hold a public hearing in May and is scheduled to vote on a resolution at its June meeting. Under the plan, task forces would then be created to implement the recommendations, a process that could take several months. Actual implementation may take several months to years.

“There is no one better equipped to lead this university to higher levels of service to the state of

Minnesota than Bob Bruininks,” Sullivan said. “He has been a professor, a dean, a provost and now is capping his service to the university as president. He knows this institution, he knows Minnesota and he wants to do right by both.”

To view the recommendations, visit [www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic\\_positioning](http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic_positioning). □

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## **HOUSE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVES TCF BANK STADIUM**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (4/4/2005)--University of Minnesota officials today applauded the unanimous vote by the Minnesota House Higher Education Committee to approve the plan to build a new Gopher football stadium on the Twin Cities campus. The measure passed on a 12-0 vote.

"The stadium is an important amenity to the state," said Rep. Ron Abrams, R-Minnetonka, who sponsored the bill.

"An outdoor stadium is a significant part of student life, and I support this effort (of the university's)," said Rep. Ron Latz, D-St. Louis Park.

"I congratulate the university for bringing this reasonable plan forward," said Rep. Dean Urdahl, R-Grove City.

University President Robert Bruininks lauded the committee's approval of the plan. "We have felt all along that this is the right idea at the right time," he said. "I applaud the committee for moving this bill forward."

Under the plan, the university would fund 60 percent and the state would fund 40 percent of the \$235 million cost to build a new 50,000-seat, Gopher-only football stadium on the Twin Cities campus. The state resources would pay the debt service on bonds issued by the university. The university would raise the remaining 60 percent of the cost, which would largely come from private donations and corporate sponsorships. The university and TCF Bank have announced a \$35 million agreement for naming rights for the stadium, which will be called TCF Bank Stadium.

The stadium bill now moves to House Tax Committee. No hearing date has been set yet. □

**What:** 'A Race for Justice' 5K Fun Run/Walk  
**When:** 11 a.m. Sunday, April 17  
**Where:** Nicollet Island Pavillion, 40 Power St., Minneapolis  
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### U OF M LAW SCHOOL'S RACE TO BENEFIT THOSE PURSUING CAREERS IN PUBLIC INTEREST LAW

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (4/4/2005)--The University of Minnesota Law School will hold "A Race for Justice" 5K Fun Run/Walk at 11 a.m. Sunday, April 17, at the Nicollet Island Pavillion, Minneapolis.

The race raises money for the Loan Repayment Assistance Program of Minnesota (LRAP). LRAP is designed to encourage new attorneys to accept and retain public interest jobs. LRAP provides school loan repayment assistance to qualified law school graduates who use their degrees in the service of low-income people and others in disadvantaged groups.

"A lot of our students graduate with significant debt. LRAP can help them so they can make the choice of what they want to go into, rather than what they can afford to go into," said Erin Keyes, assistant dean of students.

On race day, registration will begin at 10 a.m. at the pavillion. Registration will cost \$30 and all participants will receive a T-shirt, water and post-race snacks.

For registration information, go to: [http://www.law.umn.edu/events/race\\_2005b.html](http://www.law.umn.edu/events/race_2005b.html) □

**What:** U of M students to host African Nite  
**When:** 6-10 p.m. Saturday, April 9  
**Where:** St. Paul Student Center, 2017 Buford Ave., St. Paul  
**Who:** U of M students, general public  
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## U OF M STUDENTS TO HOST AFRICAN NITE

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (4/4/2005)--To heighten awareness and understanding about Africa and its people, the University of Minnesota African Student Association (ASA) will host African Nite from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, April 9, in the North Star Ballroom of the St. Paul Student Center, 2017 Buford Ave., St. Paul.

The annual event, which drew 600 participants last year, will showcase African culture, life and history through an evening of educational and entertainment programs. Osonye Tess Onwueme, a Nigerian with a reputation as one of Africa's finest writers, will deliver the keynote address. Following Onwueume's lecture, a cultural show will feature a variety of dances, drumming, step shows and storytelling representing many African nations. The entertainment will be performed by students from the U of M, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Carleton College and the College of St. Catherine.

"We hope African Nite will enable students, faculty and the broader community to gain a better understanding about Africa and its people," said Will Zehourou of the U of M African Student Association.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Tickets for the event are \$10.





**What:** U of M student receives Gates Cambridge Scholarship  
**Who:** U of M student Jonathan DeRocher  
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## U OF M STUDENT RECEIVES GATES CAMBRIDGE SCHOLARSHIP

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (4/5/2005)--Jonathan DeRocher, son of Paul and Linda DeRocher of Chaska and a senior majoring in chemical engineering at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, has won a Gates Cambridge Scholarship for 2005-06. This prestigious scholarship, founded by Bill and Melinda Gates in 2000, is awarded to 78 people worldwide (35 in the United States) each year for study at the University of Cambridge. DeRocher is the first University of Minnesota student to win this scholarship.

The scholarship pays for all tuition and fees for DeRocher's study at Cambridge, and an additional stipend covers living expenses. DeRocher, who is in the Institute of Technology Honors Program, intends to complete a one-year certificate program at Cambridge and return to the United States for further graduate study.

"The scholarship is pretty exclusive, and I feel very honored to have received this scholarship," said DeRocher, a graduate of Lutheran High School in Mayer. "I owe the U of M, and especially the chemical engineering department, for most of my success. They have prepared me to compete with the best students in the nation."

DeRocher will leave for England in September and will work with Dr. Geoff Moggridge on using materials called block copolymers to fabricate nanoporous thin films.

"These are thin polymer membranes with monodisperse pores with diameters of around 15 nanometers," he explains. "The target application for now is water purification. These pores are small enough to filter out viruses. Hopefully, this technology could replace chemical treatment of water."

DeRocher said the scholarship and the experience he will gain from it will enhance his academic and professional careers.

"The main thing this scholarship gives me is the chance to study in England for a year without it costing me much of anything," he said. "This will help my professional and academic careers because it will broaden my horizons by allowing me to experience another culture. It is also a very impressive

feather in my cap that future employers will appreciate. It will also allow me to make new contacts in my field.”



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## **JOHN AND NANCY LINDAHL TO CO-CHAIR U OF M STADIUM FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (4/5/2005)--University of Minnesota alumni John and Nancy Lindahl have given the university another boost in its efforts to build a new Gopher football stadium by agreeing to chair the stadium fund-raising campaign. The university said that it will fund 60 percent, or \$141 million, of the estimated \$235 million cost of the stadium. A major portion of this is expected to come from private gifts. The university has asked the state to fund the other 40 percent.

"I am thrilled that such dedicated and experienced university supporters have agreed to take on this challenge," said Joel Maturi, U of M athletics director. "They are well known in the community, excited about this project, and thoroughly committed to the academic and research missions of the university. This makes them the perfect representatives to reach out to the wide variety of university alumni and friends who want to help bring Gopher football back to campus."

John and Nancy Lindahl are long-time university supporters. They met as students at the U, and both graduated in 1968. Their gifts have supported many university programs, including scholarships, endowed professorships in the College of Education and Human Development and the Carlson School of Management, athletics and other areas. They are also making a significant gift commitment for the stadium.

John Lindahl is managing general partner of Norwest Equity Partners. He worked at Norwest Bank after graduation and joined Norwest Equity in 1984. Nancy Lindahl was the UMAA national president in 1999 and is on the board of trustees of the University of Minnesota Foundation. She received the university's Outstanding Achievement Award in 2001. She is also active in many other Twin Cities community organizations and was inducted into the Twin Citian Volunteer Hall of Fame in 2001.

"The university and Gopher sports have been an important part of our lives ever since I can remember, and I am eager to meet with other alumni and friends who feel strongly about having a stadium on campus again," said Nancy Lindahl.

"We will be reaching out to individuals and businesses to find support for the stadium," said John Lindahl. "There will be many opportunities for people to participate in this great project at many levels." □

**Media advisory**

- What:** Conference to address inequality, insecurity and violence due to globalization
- When:** Various times and locations below
- Who:** Naomi Klein, keynote
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**GLOBALIZATION, MODERNITIES AND VIOLENCE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT U OF M APRIL 15-16**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (4/6/2005)--The Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change (ICSGC) will hold a "Globalization, Modernities and Violence" conference, April 15-16, on the Twin Cities campus. The conference is part of the President's 21st Century Interdisciplinary Conferences series. Times and locations are listed below.

ICSGC says globalization has led to deep economic, social, political and cultural transformations in many parts of the world. While globalization has promised prosperity and cooperation, it has often been accompanied instead by inequality, insecurity and violence. Income inequalities are growing, and many households find it increasingly difficult to pursue secure livelihoods. Ecosystems are transformed and sometimes destroyed in the name of human progress. Processes of global change and resistance have too often resulted in violence and repression as military, police and guerrilla forces are deployed in struggles to control territories, resources and people.

What is the relationship between contemporary globalization and violence? Is it possible to create more peaceful alternatives for social change? Leading scholars and activists at the conference will examine the complex, multilayered relationships between violence, contemporary globalization and social change, and challenge us to explore what it means to live in a more secure, less violent world. These and other topics will be discussed.

**Conference agenda:**

- Friday, April 15; Room 25 Mondale Hall, Law School, 229 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis.

1:30-2 p.m. Welcome and introductions.

2-4:30 p.m. Panel discussions with Rashid Khalidi, Edward Said Professor of Arab Studies and director of the Middle East Institute, Columbia University; and Mahmood Mamdani, Herbert Lehman Professor of Anthropology and director of the Institute of African Studies, Columbia University.

7 p.m. Reception, Memorial Hall, McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak Street S.E., Minneapolis.

7:30-9 p.m. Keynote address by Naomi Klein: "War and Fleece: How Economic Shock Therapy Backfired in Iraq."

- Saturday, April 16; Room 25 Mondale Hall, Law School, 229 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis.

9:30 a.m. Welcome and introductions

10 a.m-1 p.m. Panel discussions with Naomi Klein; Cynthia Enloe, research professor, department of international development, community and environment, Clark University; and Vandana Shiva, director for the Research Foundation for Science, Technology and Ecology.

About keynote speaker Naomi Klein:

Naomi Klein is an award-winning journalist and author of "Fences and Windows: Dispatches from the Front Lines of the Globalization Debate" and the international bestseller "No Logo: Taking Aim at the Brand Bullies." Translated into 27 languages and with more than one million copies in print, The New York Times called "No Logo" a "movement bible." In 2000 The Guardian newspaper short-listed it for its First Book Award, and in 2001, "No Logo" won the Canadian National Business Book Award and the French Prix Médiations.

Klein writes an internationally syndicated column for The Nation, The Guardian and the Toronto Globe and Mail. A collection of her work, "Fences and Windows: Dispatches from the Front Lines of the Globalization Debate," was published in October 2002. Her 2004 release, "The Take," a film about Argentina's occupied factories, co-produced with director Avi Lewis, was awarded the Grand Jury Prize for best international documentary at the 2004 American Film Institute Festival. A former Miliband fellow at the London School of Economics, she is presently the Freda Kirchway fellow of the Nation Institute. Klein lives in Toronto.

The conference is free and open to the public. For more information, e-mail [icgc@umn.edu](mailto:icgc@umn.edu) or call (612) 624-0832. □

**What:** Student volunteers needed for 'Beautiful U' Day  
**When:** Sign up through April 21  
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### **'BEAUTIFUL U DAY' SEEKS STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN VOLUNTEER EFFORTS; ALSO OFFERS FREE LUNCH, WELLNESS WALK**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (4/6/2005)--The eighth annual "Beautiful U Day" will boast 21 projects and events designed to celebrate the University of Minnesota's Twin Cities campus. Each year students, staff, faculty and university friends turn out to spruce up areas of campus – a "spring cleaning" – and make a lasting impact. Over 400 volunteers are needed to make Beautiful U Day a success.

Beautiful U Day will take place on Thursday, April 21, and will celebrate the University of Minnesota's relationship to the Mississippi River. The only major research university with a home on both sides of the Mississippi River, the university is uniquely positioned for a variety of research, academic and recreational programs. Through panel discussions, clean-up efforts and other programming, students, staff and faculty will reconnect with the river that helps define our campus.

Beautiful U Day organizers are seeking volunteers for two major events:

- Storm Drain Marking (1:15 – 4 p.m.): About 300 volunteers are needed to place stickers on storm drains across the East and West Bank campuses. The stickers will help to prevent pollution that drains to the Mississippi River.

- Curb Appeal (2 – 4 p.m.): At least 100 volunteers are needed to clean off kiosks, refill ash urns, wash doors and perform other duties on both the East and West Bank campuses.

Volunteers can sign up for either event for one hour (or more).

In addition, this year marks the first Beautiful U Day Wellness Walk. The official walk begins at the east end of the Washington Avenue Bridge at 9 a.m., with free gifts for those who walk at that time from the bridge to Scholars Walk. The Wellness Walk continues all day, with Beautiful U Day maps and information available across campus and online for students, staff and faculty to design their own walk.

From 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., a Beautiful U Day lunch will be served on Northrop Plaza and near the St. Paul Student Center.

Since its inception in 1997, Beautiful U Day has evolved into an annual campus community tradition

that has helped promote the revitalization of the physical campus and renew the sense of pride in our world-class university. Held on or near Earth Day each year, Beautiful U Day celebrates beautification efforts in a variety of ways. Projects may include: clean-up efforts, planting new trees, repainting a public area of campus, recycling education, academic panels and research poster sessions. Beautiful U Day is a three-time Minneapolis Committee on Urban Environment Award (CUE) winner for innovative approaches to campus improvements. Beautiful U Day is organized through University Services, under the leadership of Vice President Kathleen O'Brien.

For a full schedule of events and to volunteer, go to [www.budav.umn.edu](http://www.budav.umn.edu). □

**What:** Four U of M students receive Barry Goldwater scholarships  
**Who:** Bradley Froehle, Loren Greenman, Katie Lee, David Molitor  
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## FOUR U OF M STUDENTS RECEIVE BARRY GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIPS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (4/7/2005)--Four undergraduates from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities have been named 2005 Barry M. Goldwater Scholars. The Goldwater Scholarship is awarded annually to approximately 300 outstanding sophomores and juniors who intend to pursue graduate study and research-oriented careers in the sciences, mathematics and engineering. Institutions are permitted to nominate up to four candidates each year for the scholarship. Sixteen University of

Minnesota-Twin Cities students have won Goldwater scholarships in the last five years, and 33 have won since the program began in 1989.

The University of Minnesota 2005 Goldwater Scholars are:

Bradley Froehle, an Institute of Technology honors sophomore majoring in physics and mathematics. He intends to earn a doctorate in physics with an emphasis on condensed matter, and to pursue a career as a professor at a research institution. Froehle has been engaged in research under the direction of professor E. Dan Dahlberg. He is a graduate of Eden Prairie High School in Eden Prairie, Minn.

Loren Greenman, an Institute of Technology honors junior majoring in chemistry and chemical engineering. He plans to become a research chemist and is particularly interested in computational chemistry. Greenman will pursue a career in either industry or the academy after earning a doctorate in chemistry. He has performed research under the direction of professors Marc Hillmyer, William Tolman, and Christopher Cramer, and has participated in a summer internship program at the Minnesota Supercomputing Institute. Greenman is from Riverwoods, Ill., and is a graduate of Palatine High School.

Katie Lee, a College of Biological Sciences honors sophomore majoring in biochemistry and chemistry. She intends to earn a M.D. and Ph.D. degrees and pursue a career as a medical scientist and physician. Her research interests include cancer treatment, biochemistry and pharmacology. She has been



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**When:** 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 11  
**Where:** U of M Bookstore, Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E.,  
Minneapolis  
**Who:** Sarah Vowell  
**Contacts:** Kari Erpenbach, U of M Bookstore, (612) 625-6564  
David Ruth, University News Service, (612) 626-1720

**SARAH VOWELL, BEST-SELLING AUTHOR AND PUBLIC RADIO PERSONALITY  
TO DISCUSS NEW BOOK, 'ASSASSINATION VACATION,' AT U OF M APRIL 12**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (4/7/2005)--Best-selling author and popular public radio personality Sarah Vowell will discuss her new book, "Assassination Vacation," at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, at the University of Minnesota Bookstore in Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis.

Drawing from historical research and personal examination, Vowell's informative travelogue is a fascinating story of how the history of presidential assassination has been manipulated by popular culture and historical tourism. Vowell's quirky wit and irreverent sense of humor make her a well-qualified observer and commentator.

Vowell will sign copies of her book following the discussion. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, or to order a signed copy, visit [www.bookstore.umn.edu/genref/authors.html](http://www.bookstore.umn.edu/genref/authors.html). □

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**When:** 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 19  
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**AUTHOR AND HISTORIAN DAVID OSHINSKY TO DISCUSS NEW BOOK, 'POLIO:  
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MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (4/7/2005)--Noted author and historian David Oshinsky will discuss his new book, "Polio: An American Story," at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, at the U of M Bookstore, Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis.

Oshinsky examines the 1950's polio scare and how the intense effort to find a cure exposed the national obsessions and fears of postwar America. Using the newly available papers of Jonas Salk, Albert Sabin, Isabel Morgan and other key players in polio research, Oshinsky shows how rivalry and ill will influenced the vaccine research.

"Polio: An American Story" chronicles how the creation of the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis and shows how it revolutionized fundraising and the perception of the disease through the use of "poster children" and the famous March of Dimes to raise hundreds of millions of dollars, creating the largest research and rehabilitation network in the history of medicine. America's response to the polio experience also revolutionized the way the government licensed and tested new drugs and the way the legal system dealt with manufacturers' liability for unsafe products. The book also documents how media coverage of the vaccine trials riveted the nation and how for the first time Americans took a personal interest in medicine and science.

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**What:** 'Nixon in China' discussion and performance  
**When:** 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 26  
**Where:** Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis  
**Who:** Former Vice President Walter Mondale and Robert Marx  
**Contacts:** Jamie Proulx, Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, (612) 625-9436  
 Lani Willis, The Minnesota Opera, (612) 342-9561

### NIXON IN CHINA: REVISITING AN EPIC CONVERSATION

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (4/7/2005)--Former Vice President Walter Mondale will join Robert Marx, theater essayist and producer, for a lively conversation on the opera, "Nixon in China," at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, at the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis. Co-sponsored by the Humphrey Institute and The Minnesota Opera, the event will be a thoughtful look at the intersection of art and public policy.

In 1972, President Richard Nixon visited the People's Republic of China, ending a decades-long freeze between the two nations. In a historic meeting with Chairman Mao Zedong, Nixon changed the course of history. This is considered the greatest foreign policy triumph of his administration and one of the high points of American diplomacy in the 20th century.

Inspired by the 1972 meeting, John Adams' Grammy Award-winning "Nixon in China" is a musical fantasy that paints vivid character portraits of these world leaders and their wives, dramatizing the historic meeting of cultures that was itself a highly choreographed coupling of two worlds. The work brought contemporary history vividly into the opera house, pioneering an entire genre of post-modern music theater.

The event will begin with a brief selection from "Nixon in China" performed by singers from The Minnesota Opera's production. Following the musical prelude, Mondale and Marx will discuss the 1972 meeting from the perspectives of Senate history and the opera it inspired.

The event is free and open to the public, but registration is required and seating is limited. To register, call (612) 342-9554.

This event also will be taped for delayed broadcast on Minnesota Public Radio's "Midday" and is made possible in part by a City of St. Paul Cultural STAR grant.

The Minnesota Opera will present "Nixon in China" from May 14 through May 22. Ticket prices range from \$30 to \$95 and can be ordered online at [www.mnopera.org](http://www.mnopera.org) or via phone at (651) 224-4222. □

**What:** Four U of M students receive Barry Goldwater scholarships  
**Who:** Bradley Froehle, Loren Greenman, Katie Lee, David Molitor  
**Contacts:** Sally Lieberman, College of Liberal Arts Honors Division, (612) 624-0399  
Bob San, University News Service, (612) 624-4082

## FOUR U OF M STUDENTS RECEIVE BARRY GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIPS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (4/7/2005)--Four undergraduates from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities have been named 2005 Barry M. Goldwater Scholars. The Goldwater Scholarship is awarded annually to approximately 300 outstanding sophomores and juniors who intend to pursue graduate study and research-oriented careers in the sciences, mathematics and engineering. Institutions are permitted to nominate up to four candidates each year for the scholarship. Sixteen University of

Minnesota-Twin Cities students have won Goldwater scholarships in the last five years, and 33 have won since the program began in 1989.

The University of Minnesota 2005 Goldwater Scholars are:

Bradley Froehle, an Institute of Technology honors sophomore majoring in physics and mathematics. He intends to earn a doctorate in physics with an emphasis on condensed matter, and to pursue a career as a professor at a research institution. Froehle has been engaged in research under the direction of professor E. Dan Dahlberg. He is a graduate of Eden Prairie High School in Eden Prairie, Minn.

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**What:** **Thirty one of the university's most distinguished faculty support plans for academic redesign**

**Contacts:** **Daniel Wolter, University News Service, (612) 625-8510**

## **DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORS ENDORSE 'BOLD CHANGE' AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (4/11/2005)--In a letter to University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks, 31 Distinguished McKnight University Professors and Regents Professors have expressed their "strong endorsement" for recently released recommendations to reshape the university's academic programs. As part of its strategic positioning initiative, the changes are designed to help the university become one of the top three public research universities in the world.

"The great universities of the 21st century will look very different from those of the last," the professors wrote. "It is within our power to make the University of Minnesota one of the world's great centers of scholarship, but only if we unlock the creativity and imagination of our whole community."

The letter was signed by Jeffrey Roberts, a Distinguished McKnight University Professor from the chemistry department, a leader of the group.

Last week an academic task force, headed by University Provost Thomas Sullivan, made 31 broad recommendations for changing the organization of several university colleges and academic programs. Bruininks is in the process of reviewing the recommendations and consulting with the university community before presenting his own recommendations to the board of regents at its May meeting.

"McKnight and Regents Professors set the standard for the kind of progressive, dynamic intellect that makes institutions like the 'U' great," Bruininks said. "They are respected within the university community and nationally. I'm encouraged to receive their support for this initiative and energized by their call for even bolder action."

"Many other changes, some bolder than those described in the task force report, will be necessary, but these will be possible only if we are able to implement the current proposals," the letter said. "The university's leaders will need to emphasize to our community that the task force recommendations are but a beginning. All of us must be prepared to enter an era of change and transformation."

The McKnight and Regents professors also urged Bruininks to engage a diverse cross-section of the faculty and university community in quickly implementing the recommendations.

The recommendations for academic changes include:

- Integration of education and human development programs into a new College of Education and

Human Development (CEHD) and changes to make CEHD a universitywide resource for academic readiness and developmental education research, including elements from General College and the College of Human Ecology;

- Creation of a new College of Design, which would include program elements from the colleges of Architecture and Landscape Architecture and Human Ecology;
- Increased academic support and advising services across the university;
- A significant new writing initiative;
- Creation of a Regents Honors College;
- Special task forces to develop plans to reconfigure the sciences, engineering, agriculture, natural resources and the environment; review the College of Liberal Arts and the Academic Health Center; and identify opportunities for shared administrative functions between smaller academic units such as the Law School and Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs.

The Regents professorship is the university's highest recognition for faculty whose accomplishments in teaching and scholarship or creative work have contributed uniquely to the university and to the public good. The university awards the Distinguished McKnight University professorships to honor and support the research and careers of outstanding mid-career faculty members.

Complete information on the University of Minnesota's strategic positioning effort and the complete text of the McKnight and Regents professors' letter can be found at [www.umn.edu/svstemwide/strategic\\_positioning](http://www.umn.edu/svstemwide/strategic_positioning). □



**Media advisory**

- What:** State bonding bill includes more than \$111 million for U of M infrastructure
- When:** 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 12
- Where:** University of Minnesota Health Care Center, Room 2-565 Moos Tower, 515 Delaware St. S.E., Minneapolis
- Who:** University President Robert Bruininks, Gov. Tim Pawlenty
- Contacts:** Daniel Wolter, University News Service, (612) 625-8510

**U OF M TO HOST GOVERNOR PAWLENTY FOR BONDING BILL CEREMONIAL RE-SIGNING**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (4/11/2005)--President Robert Bruininks and other University of Minnesota officials will welcome Gov. Tim Pawlenty for a ceremonial re-signing of the state capital investment bill, which includes more than \$111 million in projects for the university.

The event will take place at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, in the University of Minnesota Health Care Center, Room 2-565 Moos Tower, 515 Delaware St. S.E., Minneapolis

The bonding bill, officially signed by Pawlenty today (Monday, April 11), includes more than \$17 million to begin moving educational spaces for health professional students into the 21st century with simulation technology and distance learning capabilities. □

**What:** U of M community involvement open house  
**When:** 4-6 p.m. Thursday, April 14  
**Where:** Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis  
**Who:** U of M students, general public  
**Contacts:** Career and Community Learning Center, (612) 626-2044  
 Bob San, University News Service, (612) 624-4082

## U OF M COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT OPEN HOUSE

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (4/11/2005)--Every year, hundreds of University of Minnesota students, faculty and staff work with community-based nonprofit organizations and public agencies in ways that provide multiple benefits to all involved. An open house from 4-6 p.m. Thursday, April 14, in Coffman Union's Mississippi Room, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis, will celebrate the range and impact of these partnerships and introduce attendees to new possibilities for community involvement.

The open house will feature posters and displays that showcase examples of service-learning, community-based research, volunteer tutoring and mentoring, student consulting, internships and active citizenship programs. All of these programs provide community organizations with access to the wealth of human resources at the university, and help students and faculty advance their professional and personal development by connecting their learning, research and teaching activities to real-world situations.

This marks the second year that civically engaged programs across campus have joined together to host a year-end celebration event. This year's event coincides with the launch of a new initiative in undergraduate education, the Community Engagement Scholars Program. Funded in part by a grant from the state of Minnesota and coordinated by the Career and Community Learning Center (CCLC), this program will provide official recognition (including a transcript notation and acknowledgement at graduation ceremonies) to students who integrate community involvement into their undergraduate studies. Students who attend the open house can learn more about the program's requirements while exploring some of the many ways they could fulfill those requirements through service-learning classes, internships and other opportunities to work with community partners.

All U of M students, faculty, and staff are welcome to attend the open house, which will include a brief program of remarks on public engagement, posters and exhibits. The event is

sponsored by the Career and Community Learning Center, the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs, the Council on Public Engagement, the Healthy Youth Development Prevention Research Center, the Konopka Institute Minnesota Youth Community Learning (MYCL) Initiative, the Literacy Initiative, the Office for Business and Community Economic Development, Student and Community Relations, U Connects and the University YMCA. For more information, contact the CCLC at (612) 626-2044.



**Media advisory**

- What:** A discussion about the Mississippi River to generate ideas on ensuring public access, enhancing its ecological health and encouraging appropriate development
- When:** 3:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 21
- Where:** Rapson Hall Auditorium, 89 Church St. S.E., Minneapolis
- Who:** University President Robert Bruininks
- Contacts:** Krista Bergert, College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture, (612) 624-7808  
Lori-Anne Williams, University Services, (612) 624-2863  
David Ruth, University News Service, (612) 626-1720

**COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE TO HOST SYMPOSIUM CELEBRATING THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (4/12/2005)--The University of Minnesota College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture's (CALA) department of landscape architecture, will host a symposium, "The River Runs Through Us," celebrating design and planning along the Mississippi River, at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, April 21, in Rapson Hall Auditorium, 89 Church St. S.E., Minneapolis.

The discussion is free and open to the public and is part of the University of Minnesota's Beautiful U Day celebration.

Speakers and panelists will address the university's situation--a campus bridging one of the world's great rivers--which offers unique opportunities for both the institution and the Twin Cities. The discussion will focus on how these entities can work together to ensure public access to the river and to encourage appropriate development along it. University President Robert Bruininks will give the keynote address.

For more information on this and other Beautiful U Day events, visit [www.uservices.umn.edu/beautifulu](http://www.uservices.umn.edu/beautifulu). □

**What:** Senior first Latino named U of M IT Student of the Year  
**Who:** U of M student F. Rodrigo Molina  
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### SENIOR FIRST LATINO NAMED U OF M IT STUDENT OF THE YEAR

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (4/12/2005)--F. Rodrigo Molina is not only an outstanding student who has won numerous scholarships and awards, he is also a dedicated volunteer who serves his Latino community. This week, Molina, a senior chemical engineering student, has been named the University of Minnesota Institute of Technology (IT) 2005 Student of the Year. He is the first Latino student to win this award.

The IT Student of the Year award is the culmination of a banner year for Molina. Most recently, he won first place at the 2005 National Research Competition during the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers national conference in January 2005. This is the first time that the University of Minnesota has won a national research competition of this kind. Molina, who worked with professors Larry Wackett (Biotechnology Institute) and Michael Semmens (civil engineering), presented research on the Design of Bioreactor for Atrazine Removal.

Molina also won first place in the Academic Programs for Excellence in Engineering and Science Fall 2004 Technical Presentation competition and received two Undergraduate Research Opportunity grants (UROP) at the university to support his research in biotechnology. In addition, Molina is a Colonial Dames Scholar. He received this scholarship for his academic achievements and continued community services with the Latino community in Minnesota.

"It is extremely important to narrow the gap for minorities in science and education in order to pursue social equality," Molina said. "As a young Latino involved in progressive research projects, I feel responsible to share my experience and help young people to increase their understanding of science with hopes that some of them will be motivated to someday leave their mark in the world through a better education."

Molina was the vice president of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers chapter at the university in 2004-05. He was also a member of the University of Minnesota Solar Vehicle Project which competed successfully in several solar competitions across the country from 2002 to 2003. He became

one of the first Latinos to stand out in this competition. He is also a writer with the local Hispanic newspaper Gente de Minnesota, covering technology, education, local issues and Latin America.

Molina will accept his IT Student of the Year Award at the 2005 IT Week banquet and awards ceremony Thursday, April 14.



**What:** U of M to host Celebration of Multicultural Graduates  
**When:** 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, April 20  
**Where:** Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis  
**Who:** First-generation college graduates, students of color  
**Contacts:** Carolyn Nayematsu, Multicultural Center for Academic Excellence,  
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## U OF M TO HOST CELEBRATION OF MULTICULTURAL GRADUATES

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Graduates will march into the Great Hall at 7 p.m. The event will include award ceremonies and a reception. The event is free but seating is limited. To register or for more information, contact Nayematsu at (612) 624-8063.



**What: Friday, April 15, Jason Mraz concert postponed**  
**Contacts: David Ruth, University News Service, (612) 626-1720**

### **JASON MRAZ CONCERT AT U OF M POSTPONED**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (4/13/2005)--The Friday, April 15, Jason Mraz concert at the University of Minnesota's Coffman Union has been postponed due to complications of the singer's health.

The university hopes to announce a rescheduled date soon. Tickets will be honored for the new show date. Ticketholders who wish to receive a refund may go to the information desk at Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis, beginning tomorrow (Thursday, April 14).

For the most up-to-date information on the rescheduling of the show, visit [www.coffman.umn.edu](http://www.coffman.umn.edu). □



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**What:** 'Insider' conversation on trade, Social Security reform and politics  
**When:** 9-10:30 a.m. Monday, April 25  
**Where:** Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis  
**Who:** Rep. Jim Kolbe (R-Ariz.); Tim Penny, Humphrey Institute senior fellow  
**Contacts:** Jamie Proulx, Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, (612) 625-9436  
 Mark Cassutt, University News Service, (612) 624-8038

### **A WASHINGTON INSIDER TALKS SOCIAL SECURITY, TRADE AND POLITICS AT THE HUMPHREY INSTITUTE**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (4/8/2005)--The Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs Policy Forum and the Center for the Study of Politics and Governance will host "A View from Capitol Hill" featuring Rep. Jim Kolbe (R-Ariz.), from 9 to 10:30 a.m., Monday, April 25, at the Humphrey Center, Cowles Auditorium, 301 19th Ave. S. Kolbe will join Humphrey Institute Senior Fellow Tim Penny in a candid conversation covering topics such as Social Security reform, trade and the political environment of the 109th Congress.

Kolbe chairs the House Subcommittee on Foreign Relations, Export Financing and Related Programs, and is a Republican leader in the areas of free trade and open markets. He is an advocate of Social Security reform and the creation of personal accounts, and a leader and proponent of immigration reform and strengthening border security.

Penny, a former congressman and national expert on Social Security reform, has co-directed the Humphrey Institute Policy Forum since 1994. Previously, he worked in Washington, D.C., representing Minnesota's first congressional district from 1982 to 1994.

Cost, which includes a continental breakfast, is \$10; the event is free for students. To register, call (612) 624-8842, or send your name and phone number to [csp@hhh.umn.edu](mailto:csp@hhh.umn.edu). Registration is preferred by Thursday, April 22. □

- What:** U of M Disabled Student Cultural Center launches banner to raise awareness
- When:** April 18 through April 22
- Where:** Northrop Auditorium
- Who:** U of M Disabled Student Cultural Center
- Contacts:** John Lukanen, Sam Lewis, (612) 202-3991 or (612) 624-2602  
Bob San, University News Service, (612) 624-4082

## U OF M DISABLED STUDENT CULTURAL CENTER LAUNCHES BANNER TO RAISE AWARENESS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (4/18/2005)--University of Minnesota senior Sam Lewis has dyslexia, a learning disability, but he has a hard time convincing professors and fellow students he is disabled.

This week, Lewis and fellow members of the U of M Disabled Student Cultural Center (DSCC) are launching a SEE 3 Campaign to raise awareness for students with disabilities. The DSCC has made two giant banners --one hanging from Northrop Auditorium facing Coffman Union, and another on Church Street in front of Murphy Hall. The banner reads: SEE 3, See Ability, See Disability, See Me.

"What we are saying is 'See my ability, see my disability, and also see me as who I am and what I can do,'" DSCC president John Lukanen explains the banner's message. "Don't see us just for our disabilities, see us as persons and what we can do."

"Disability is part of us and it's not something we ignore," Lewis added. "Sure John is blind and you can see that, but don't let that be the only thing you see."

Lukanen and Lewis said the banner, which will be on display until April 22, is part of a yearlong campaign to raise awareness for disabilities and the DSCC. On April 29, DSCC will host a wheelchair soccer and basketball tournament at the U of M Rec Center. All students and staff are invited to participate. Next fall, DSCC will launch another awareness campaign.

"We want to increase awareness that there are plenty of students with disabilities and that we are a vital part of this campus," Lukanen said. "We also want to acknowledge that the DSCC does exist on this campus and is a great resource. We are the only Disabled Student Cultural Center in the Big Ten."

Lukanen said there are 840 registered students with disabilities at the U of M, but the number could be much higher. Their disabilities range from those using wheelchairs and walkers, to those with visual,

**What:** U of M graduate assistant unionization vote  
**Who:** Graduate assistants on the Twin Cities and Duluth campuses  
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## U OF M GRAD ASSISTANTS VOTE DOWN UNIONIZATION

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (4/18/2005)--University of Minnesota graduate assistants elected to maintain their nonunion status, voting down union representation by United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE). The on-site election, which took place April 11-15, affects roughly 4,500 graduate assistants on the Twin Cities and Duluth campuses.

Out of 3,075 votes cast, 1,779 voted to reject unionization and 1,296 voted in favor.

"The university is pleased with the election outcome because it allows graduate assistants to continue to enjoy a competitive employment package without paying union dues or negotiating through a third party," said Carol Carrier, vice president for human resources at the university.

Carrier said the decision supports the partnership between graduate students and their faculty mentors. The outcome also allows the colleges to continue offering flexible for their individual employee groups, she said.

In a memo to all graduate assistants announcing the election result, Carrier thanked all employees who participated in the election. "Graduate assistants are vital to the education, research, and outreach mission of the university, which is the foundation of our current strategic planning initiative," she said. "The university has done and will continue to do everything possible to ensure a flourishing graduate assistant program. Now that the vote is behind us, we are ready to work together to continue that legacy." □

**Media advisory**

- What:** Student groups to raise money for the University Cancer Center
- When:** 4-10 p.m. Friday, April 22
- Where:** Outside Coffman Union (river side), 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis
- Who:** Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak and university students
- Contacts:** Karl Enroth, Clips for a Cure, (612) 301-5225  
David Ruth, University News Service, (612) 626-1720

**'CLIPS FOR A CURE' CANCER FUNDRAISING EVENT THIS FRIDAY**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (4/19/2005)--The University of Minnesota student organization "Clips for a Cure" will hold a benefit concert, program and 5K run for the University Cancer Center from 4 to 10 p.m. Friday, April 22, behind Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis.

At 4 p.m. Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak will be shaving the heads of Minneapolis police officers and fire fighters, and university students will be donating hair for "Locks of Love," an organization that provides hairpieces to children who have lost their hair due to illness. Great Clips stylists will be on hand to shave heads and take hair donations. All proceeds from this event go to fund research at the University's Cancer Center.

- A 5K run/walk will be held at 4:30 p.m.
- Musical groups will perform all evening, with the Honeydogs, a nationally known rock band from the Twin Cities, headlining the concert.
- At 8 p.m. a drawing will take place for a trip to Europe, which was donated by STA Travel.

Numerous food vendors will be on site throughout the day and will be donating part of their proceeds to the Cancer Center. □

- What:** Two dozen activities celebrating the Twin Cities campus include pollution prevention, clean-up efforts, free lunch and more
- When:** Thursday, April 21
- Where:** University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus
- Who:** Vice President for University Services Kathleen O'Brien
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### 'BEAUTIFUL U DAY' INCLUDES DOZENS OF EVENTS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (4/19/2005)--The University of Minnesota celebrates "Beautiful U Day" this Thursday (April 21). More than 400 volunteers are expected to participate in cleanup efforts, storm drain marking and other projects to improve the campus and enhance sustainability efforts. This year Beautiful U Day will pay special attention to the Mississippi River.

The largest activities will be a Wellness Walk, a storm drain project that will mark over 500 storm drains, campus cleanup efforts, an academic symposium and a campus lunch celebration. "Every year, we see more volunteers and more enthusiasm across campus," said Vice President Kathleen O'Brien, whose University Services division organizes the day's events. "This year we have more student participation than ever before."

O'Brien and Vice President for Human Resources Carol Carrier will kick off the day at 9 a.m. with a Wellness Walk that leaves from the east end of the Washington Avenue Bridge. Maps for Beautiful U Day will allow students, faculty and staff to take their Wellness Walk any time, but those who participate in the morning walk will receive a free water bottle.

From 11:45 to 1 p.m., a free university community lunch will be served on Northrop Plaza and near the St. Paul Student Center.

Between 1 and 4 p.m. volunteers will sticker more than 500 storm drains with a "don't pollute" message and perform various campus cleanup tasks, including washing entrance doors to campus buildings.

At 3:30 p.m., in Rapson Hall, university President Robert Bruininks will welcome attendees to "The River Runs Through Us: celebrating design and planning along the Mississippi River," a Beautiful U Day grant-funded program hosted by the College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture.

This year, 17 Beautiful U Day grants were awarded to student groups and university departments.

“These projects have added breadth and depth to Beautiful U Day,” said O’Brien. “In one instance, a grant to Parking and Transportation Services to do planting near a St. Paul campus parking lot has blossomed into a collaborative effort to create a rain garden with the Facilities Management Landcare and the Water Resources Center.” O’Brien said that several grant ideas have grown into projects that will have both aesthetic and academic significance. Other grantees include:

- Student groups Mars Hill Students and Al-Madinah Cultural Center are installing a “Friendship Bench” near Nolte Center on the East Bank;
- The Environmental Studies Club will plant an experimental rooftop garden at Rapson Hall, as well as promote eco-friendly products at information tables at Coffman and St. Paul student unions; and
- The Fisheries, wildlife and conservation biology department is designing a butterfly garden near Green Hall in St. Paul.

A complete list of activities and volunteer opportunities is available at [www.budav.umn.edu](http://www.budav.umn.edu). □

## Media advisory

**What:** Student-run Spring Jam  
**When:** Saturday, April 23, through Saturday, April 30  
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**'SPRING JAM' INCLUDES AUTHOR LECTURE, PHILANTHROPIC EVENTS AND CONCERTS**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (4/19/2005)--The largest student-run celebration at the University of Minnesota, "Spring Jam," will feature several events for the week running from Saturday, April 23, through Saturday, April 30, on the Twin Cities campus.

The highlighted events:

- Saturday, April 23, Xtreme Safety Fest at Mall of America. Demonstrations by local BMX and skateboard performers, as well as tips on safety and brain injury prevention. Volunteers will distribute surveys and safety information. Children 10-to 15-years-old can learn that they can play hard and still be safe.
- Monday, April 25, Tuesday, April 26, and Thursday, April 28. Spring Jam participants will volunteer between noon and 3 p.m. on projects that will help youth who stay at People Serving People, one of the largest emergency housing providers in Minnesota.
- Tuesday, April 26, "Sex in the Twin Cities, An Evening with Candace Bushnell" at 7:30 p.m. in the U of M's Coffman Union Theater, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis. Bushnell, author of the novel "Sex and the City," is considered a pioneer of the "Chick-Lit" genre. Her lecture will focus on dating, relationships and love. There will be a 15-minute media availability before the event. Media should contact David Ruth at (612) 626-1720. Tickets are \$5 for U of M students and \$10 for the public.
- Wednesday, April 27. Spring Jam and Achieve Minneapolis team up for a school supply drive benefiting Minneapolis youth. The drive culminates at 8 p.m. with a School House Rocks concert featuring "Boogie Wonderland."
- Thursday, April 28. Spring Jam participants will visit Tuttle School (K-8) from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. to discuss the importance of going to college.
- Saturday, April 30, Block Party concert featuring rock band Everclear. Coffman Union's Riverbend Plaza, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis. Free event.



**What:** Six international alumni receive U of M awards

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## SIX INTERNATIONAL ALUMNI RECEIVE U OF M AWARDS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (4/21/2005)--Six international alumni of the University of Minnesota have been named recipients of the 2005 Distinguished Leadership Award for Internationals—a university-wide award for alumni, former students, and friends of the university who have distinguished themselves as leaders in their professional careers.

This award is conferred on alumni, former students and friends of any campus (current or former) of the university who have attained unusual distinction in their careers within institutions or in public service and have demonstrated either sustained outstanding achievement and leadership or demonstrated promise of such on a local, national or international level.

A faculty selection committee, headed by Victor Bloomfield, interim dean of the Graduate School, reviewed the nominations and chose the six winners.

“The international alumni and friends of the University of Minnesota have gone on to do very impressive and important work in their home countries and around the world,” said Gene Allen, associate vice president for international programs. “The goal of this award is to increase the visibility of their achievements and to highlight the global impact of a University of Minnesota education.”

Recipients are:

Michael Illbruck, Germany, received a bachelor’s degree and MBA from the Carlson School of Management in 1985 and 1987, respectively. Illbruck is CEO of Illbruck International, GmbH, which produces flexible industrial building materials. In 2003, the company had 24 facilities and 1,100 employees worldwide with about \$200 million in revenue. He has kept close ties with the university and has funded the Illbruck International Business Fellows Program for MBA students and provided seed funding for the Carlson School’s MBA programs in Vienna and China.

Waddah Nasr, Lebanon, received a doctorate in philosophy from the College of Liberal Arts in 1975. Nasr is the associate provost of the American University of Beirut. He was one of the few faculty members who remained in Beirut during the country’s civil war. Nasr’s academic and administrative leadership at the American University is one reason the institution continues to flourish today, according to his citation.

Mesut Senol, Turkey, was a Humphrey fellow at the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs from 2000

to 2001. Senol is president of the Canakkale International Center in Turkey. This non-governmental organization, founded and led by Senol, is designed to promote and project Canakkale globally and plays an important role in promoting cooperation between Europe and the Middle East.

Yuri Stulov, Belarus, was an IREX Fellow in African American studies in the College of Liberal Arts from 1997 to 1998. Stulov was head of the American studies program at the European Humanities University in Minsk, Belarus. This program was the first of its kind in the country. In fall 2004, the government of Belarus closed down the university, one of the last surviving private universities in the country. Many faculty left the country, but Stulov remained and resumed his post as professor of English at the state Linguistic University. He also continues to serve as president of the American Studies Association despite the anti-American environment.

Paul Sun, Taiwan, received a master's degree in plant pathology from the College of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences in 1966. Sun has been one of Taiwan's most significant agricultural leaders over the past few decades. Now retired, he is chair of the Board of Directors of the Asian Vegetable Research and Development Center (AVRDC), ambassador at large for Taiwan's Department of Agriculture, and chair of Harvest Farm Magazine. Early in his career, Sun made significant practical disease resistance breeding discoveries and later was responsible for the transformation of cropping systems that increased the production of higher-value horticultural crops.

Jan Veldhuis, Netherlands, was a Fulbright scholar in political history and political economics in the College of Liberal Arts from 1967 to 1968. Dr. Veldhuis served as president of Utrecht University from 1986 until his retirement in 2003—the longest tenure for any Utrecht president in modern times. He gave Utrecht an international vision that has led to it being a key player among European and international higher educational institutions. Under his leadership, Utrecht adopted new educational models, including the founding of Utrecht University College, which was the first English-language, four-year liberal arts institution in the Netherlands.

The winners are recognized individually in ceremonies hosted by their colleges, either at the university or in their home countries. Mesut Senol will be the first 2005 recipient to accept his award. He will visit the university in early May 2005 in conjunction with the graduation ceremony of the Humphrey fellows.

The deadline for the next round of nominations will be in February 2006. See <http://www.international.umn.edu/awards/leader/leader.html> for more information, including longer biographies and photos of the recipients.



**What:** Lavender Graduation and Breaking the Silence Awards ceremony  
**When:** 4 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 28  
**Where:** Coffman Union Theater, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis  
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## CEREMONY TO HONOR GLBT GRADUATES AND ADVOCATES

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (4/21/2005)--Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) students will don purple mortarboards and rainbow tassels for a graduation ceremony like none other at the University of Minnesota. Fall 2004 and spring and summer 2005 graduates will be honored during the annual Lavender Graduation and Breaking the Silence Awards Ceremony from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 28, in Coffman Union Theater, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis. The event is free and open to the public.

Lavender Graduation is a cultural celebration that recognizes students for their academic achievements and their contributions to the U of M on all campuses. The event recognizes GLBT students, students from GLBT families and students who are GLBT allies. It is sponsored by the university's Twin Cities GLBT Programs Office.

Events like this are more important than ever, said B David Galt, director of GLBT Programs Office.

"This ceremony provides important recognition, support and validation to our graduates at a time when their identity and place in society is under great stress," Galt said. "With the high profile debate over GLBT civil rights currently being waged locally and nationally, ceremonies such as this provide valuable support at a time when support does not always seem as evident as before."

During the ceremony, the GLBT Programs Office will also present the 2004-2005 Breaking the Silence Awards. These awards recognize individuals or organizations that have worked to confront discrimination based on gender identification or sexual orientation in order to improve the campus climate for GLBT people.

Five members of the Interfaith Campus Coalition (ICC) will be honored for their individual and collective work to improve the campus climate for GLBT people, as well as their efforts to address discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identification.

Recipients are:

- Jerie Smith, an associate in ministry with Lutheran Campus Ministry. In her 32 years at the

university, Smith has been a tireless advocate for ending all types of oppression, especially homophobia and sexism. She has developed countless programs that help GLBT people connect with their spiritual identity, including the creation of a brochure on affirming and supportive university religious organizations.

- Doug Donley, pastor of University Baptist Church. Donley is active in and has held national leadership positions with Soulforce, a group that uses nonviolent methods to address untruths about the GLBT community perpetrated by religious leaders and religious denominations. Donley was denied ordination twice for refusing to say homosexuality was a sin. His congregation recently passed a resolution affirming marriage rights for all people, regardless of sexual orientation.

- Neil Elliott, chaplain of the University Episcopal Center, is a long-time supporter of the rights of GLBT people. He is the author of several books, including "Liberating Paul," which addresses the toxic legacy of conventional interpretations of the apostle Paul in relation to GLBT people.

- Rabbi Sharon Stiefel, associate director for Hillel, the Jewish student center. As associate director, Stiefel has provided leadership in developing programming and outreach that is sensitive to the needs of GLBT Jews, including the establishment of Keshet: The Queer Jewish Student Alliance. She is an out lesbian in a partnered relationship with children, serving as a role model for integrating religion and GLBT identity.

- Amy Olson, executive director for Hillel. In her 16 years at the university, she has ensured that Hillel coordinates or cosponsors countless programs that address the needs of GLBT students, including Hillel's recent program "Who Is He? He is She. Me is Who: Lessons from Transgender Jews."

Cooperatively and collectively, the Breaking the Silence Award recipients have worked as a team to combat homophobia and intolerance, Galt said. All are founding members and active participants in the Coalition for A Respectful U. They speak up when hate incidents occur on campus and work to create compassion and understanding in our community, he said.

"At a time when GLBT people are experiencing significant persecution from some religious and political groups, our university GLBT and allied community is fortunate to have the support of these strong spiritual campus leaders," Galt said. "Their work, support and strength is invaluable and appreciated during a time when divisive politics fueled in the name of religion could drive a wedge between GLBT and spiritual communities."

For more information on the awards and graduation, contact the GLBT Programs Office at (612) 625-0537. □

**What:** U Disabled Student Cultural Center hosts Accessible Sports Day  
**When:** 2 to 4 p.m. Friday, April 29  
**Where:** U of M Rec Center, 1906 University Ave. S.E., Minneapolis  
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## U DISABLED STUDENT CULTURAL CENTER HOSTS ACCESSIBLE SPORTS DAY

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (4/26/2005)--The University of Minnesota Disabled Student Cultural Center (DSCC) is hosting an Accessible Sports Day from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday, April 29, at the Rec Center, 1906 University Ave. S.E., Minneapolis. All students and staff are invited to participate and play wheelchair soccer and basketball games.

“The DSCC’s goal to raise awareness for students with disabilities by putting people in the positions of people with disabilities,” said DSCC president John Lukanen, adding that the Accessible Sports Day is part of a yearlong awareness campaign. “We want to increase awareness that there are plenty of students with disabilities and that we are a vital part of this campus. We also want to acknowledge that the DSCC does exist on this campus and is a great resource. We are the only Disabled Student Cultural Center in the Big Ten.”

Lukanen said there are 840 registered students with disabilities at the U of M, but the number could be much higher. Their disabilities range from those using wheelchairs and walkers to those with visual, hearing, systemic, psychological, mental and learning disabilities.



**What:** U's College Bowl team wins national title  
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## U OF M COLLEGE BOWL TEAM WINS BACK-TO-BACK NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (4/27/2005)--University of Minnesota's Program and Activities Council College Bowl took first place at the College Bowl National Trivia Tournament, winning back-to-back titles. This year's 16-team national tournament was held on April 22-24 at the University of Washington in Seattle.

After 120 round-robins, the field was narrowed to four teams. These top four teams -- University of Minnesota, University of Rochester, Truman State and Stanford University -- then competed for the national title in a double elimination playoff and Minnesota took the win for the second consecutive year.

The U of M's team members include university students Ray Anderson, Andrew Bockover, Meredith Johnson, Ryan Peterson and Matt Sauter. Captain Ray Anderson was also named to the eight-member College Bowl all-star team.

Last year, the team took first place at the national championship competition in Montgomery, Alabama at Auburn University.

College Bowl is part of the Minnesota Programs and Activities Council (MPAC). MPAC is the main campuswide programming board of the Student Activities Office at the University of Minnesota, and is responsible for initiating, developing and implementing comprehensive and diverse activities that anticipate and respond to the needs of the students and campus community. □

**What:** University of Minnesota-Twin Cities spring commencements  
**When:** April 29 to June 18  
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## UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA-TWIN CITIES SPRING COMMENCEMENTS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (4/27/2005)--Former United States Charge d'Affairs in the Iran hostage crisis L. Bruce Laingen, former U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy Thompson, Minnesota Senator Norm Coleman and National Public Radio personality Michele Norris are among the speakers at this year's spring commencement ceremonies at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities.

The Graduate School, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year, will start off the commencement season with a ceremony at 1 p.m. Friday, April 29, at Northrop Auditorium, 84 Church Street S.E., Minneapolis. The keynote speaker is University of Minnesota Regent Professor of History Sara Evans. Wayne Peterson, who received a doctoral degree in music, will provide musical entertainment.

Other commencement ceremonies this spring:

Medical School: 2:30 p.m. Friday, May 6, Northrop Auditorium. Speaker: Dr. Joia Mukherjee, an expert in infectious disease, internal medicine and pediatrics who has been involved in health care access and human rights issues throughout the world. He now consults for the World Health Organization on the treatment of HIV and MDR-TB in developing countries and is a member of the Executive Board of Health AIDS Action.

Institute of Technology: 7 p.m. Friday, May 6, Northrop Auditorium. Speaker: Ken Keller, chemical engineering professor and past president of the University of Minnesota. Keller served as president of the university in 1985. He presently chairs the Medical Technology Leadership Forum and the National Research Council's Board for the Technical Assessment of the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

College of Natural Resources: 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Friday, May 6, North Star Ballroom, St. Paul Student Center, 1930 Buford Ave., St. Paul. Speaker: Ron Schara, host of the television show

“Minnesota Bound” and outdoor columnist for the Star Tribune.

College of Veterinary Medicine: 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, May 7, Northrop Auditorium. Speaker: Dr. Bonnie Beaver, president of the American Veterinary Medicine Association and a University of Minnesota graduate.

College of Continuing Education: 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 7, Northrop Auditorium. Speaker: Karin L. Larson, chair of Capital International Research, Inc. and chair of the board and president of Capital Group Research, Inc.

College of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences: 2 p.m. Sunday, May 8, Northrop Auditorium. Speaker: David E. Johnson, a university alumnus, former CEO of CENEX and a 2004 Siehl Prize winner in the area of agri-business.

College of Human Ecology: 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, Northrop Auditorium. Speaker: Lorraine Beaulieu, an internationally recognized counselor, who in the aftermath of 9/11 led the mobilization of mental health professionals to aid victims' families. Her leadership and expertise allowed graduate students from the University of Minnesota's family therapy program to participate in this service project.

College of Education and Human Development: 7 p.m. Thursday, May 12, Northrop Auditorium. Speaker: Joel Barker, a futurist and founder of Infinity Limited, a consulting company, which provides training and consultation in strategic exploration, visioning and leadership of change to long-range planners and top executives of major international companies.

College of Pharmacy: 7 p.m. Friday, May 13, Northrop Auditorium. Speaker: TBA.

Law School: 10 a.m. Saturday, May 14, Northrop Auditorium. Speaker: Minnesota Senator Norm Coleman.

College of Biological Sciences: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 14, Northrop Auditorium. Speaker: Dr. Stephen Oesterle, senior vice president for medicine and technology at Medtronic.

College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture: 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 14, Northrop Auditorium. Speaker: TBA.



College of Liberal Arts: Sunday May 15, two sessions at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Northrop Auditorium. Speaker: University alumnus Michele Norris, an award-winning journalist and co-host of National Public Radio's "All Things Considered." show. A four-time Pulitzer Prize entrant, Norris was a correspondent for ABC News, a contributing correspondent for the Closer Look segments on World News Tonight with Peter Jennings and reported for the Washington Post, Chicago Tribune and Los Angeles Times.

Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, 10 a.m. to noon, Sunday, May 15, Ted Mann Concert Hall. Speaker: L. Bruce Laingen, who was the United States Charge d'Affairs in Iran during the Iran hostage crisis. He also served as United States Ambassador to Malta.

Carlson School of Management: 6 p.m. Sunday, May 15, at Northrop Auditorium. Speaker: Jim Campbell, interim co-dean and past chairman and chief executive officer of Wells Fargo Bank. His address is titled, "Plan your life, live your plan."

School of Public Health: 5 p.m. Monday, May 16, in the Great Hall, Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave., SE. Minneapolis. Speaker: Tommy Thompson, former secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and former governor of Wisconsin for 14 years.

College of Mortuary Science: 5 p.m. Thursday, May 19, The Depot, 225 3rd Ave. S., downtown Minneapolis. Speaker: David Karsnia, U of M Mortuary Science Program graduate and current president of the Minnesota Funeral Directors Association. Karsnia is also owner of the David-Donhower Funeral Home in Detroit Lakes, Minn.

School of Nursing: 1 p.m. Friday, June 17, at the Ted Mann Concert Hall. Speaker: Doreen Frusti, chair of the Department of Nursing at Mayo Clinic.

The Program in Physical Therapy: 2 p.m. Saturday, June 18, McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St. S.E. Minneapolis. Speaker: Eleanor Daly, a 1948 graduate of the Physical Therapy Program. During her career Daly was actively involved in the Minnesota chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association, serving in a variety of capacities over the years. In addition, she volunteered in Uganda, Belarus and the Cook Islands.

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- What:** U of M symposium looks at **Brown v. Board of Education, 50 years later**
- When:** 2 p.m. Monday, May 2, Tuesday, May 3, Wednesday, May 4
- Where:** Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, 301 19th S., Minneapolis
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## U OF M SYMPOSIUM LOOKS AT BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION, 50 YEARS LATER

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (4/28/2005)--To mark the 50th anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education II, the University of Minnesota Office of the Senior Vice President for System Administration and the University of Minnesota Law School have joined together to present a symposium from May 2-4.

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The symposium will open with a panel discussion "Affirmative Action in Education and Employment: What's the story?" at 2 p.m., Monday, May 2. Faye Crosby, an author of many books on affirmative action and professor in the psychology department at the University of California, Santa Cruz, is the presenter. Panelists include Mark Rotenberg, General Counsel at the University of Minnesota; Craig Swan, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education at the University of Minnesota; David Taylor, dean of the University of Minnesota General College; and Patricia Jones Whyte, Director of the University of Minnesota Graduate School Admissions Office.

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Co-sponsors of the public lecture series include the Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action, Office for Multicultural and Academic Affairs (including Disability Services, the Multicultural Center for Academic Excellence, and Office for University Women), College of Education and Human Development, and the Collaboration for the Advancement of College Teaching and Learning.

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**What:** Lake Home and Cabin Show; new cabin kit  
**When:** Friday through Sunday  
**Where:** Minneapolis Convention Center  
**Who:** Extension Service experts  
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## U OF M EXTENSION SERVICE HAS THE ANSWERS AT THE LAKE AND CABIN SHOW

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (4/28/2005)--University of Minnesota Extension Service educators will be answering common questions about lakes, homes, forests, septic systems and more at the new Lake Home and Cabin Show in Minneapolis.

The show is expected to draw thousands of lake home and cabin owners, as well as those dreaming of someday owning a get-away home. This is the show's first year and will be held April 29-May 1 at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

"People in Minnesota care deeply about our state's lakes and forests. They want to do what's right for the environment," said Bob Stine, Extension program leader and associate dean, College of Natural Resources. "That's why Extension will be at this show. We want to help people learn what they can do to keep Minnesota's natural areas healthy. We also want everyone to know that when they have questions about these issues, they can find their answers from Extension."

Extension educators will answer questions and offer displays on trees and woodlands, septic systems, shoreland and water quality, and efficient and durable housing. The theme of Extension's exhibit is, "You have questions – We have answers."

Displays include a 3-D map where visitors can locate their property or favorite lake, proper tree pruning, a thriving shoreland restoration, a demonstration of how septic systems work and more. In addition to the main exhibit area, educators will appear on the main stage to play Natural Resources & Environment Jeopardy with the show audience.

Extension's newest product, the Lake Home and Cabin Kit, will be for sale at the show. This conveniently boxed kit provides one-page answers to 50 of the most common questions on septic systems, wildlife, trees, woodlands, shoreland, water and housing.

Quick answers and helpful resources cards are provided on a wide range of questions, including how

to maintain your septic system, how to landscape your property to prevent run-off and how to protect trees during construction. The kit and all other Extension products are available online at [www.extension.umn.edu/cabin](http://www.extension.umn.edu/cabin).

Throughout the year, the University of Minnesota Extension Service is an excellent resource for any lake home or cabin owner. Workshops and publications are available on a range of natural resources topics that can be found online at [www.extension.umn.edu/environment](http://www.extension.umn.edu/environment).

The Lake Home and Cabin Show will be held in the Minneapolis Convention Center on Friday, April 29 from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, April 30 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sunday, May 1 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. □

**Media wishing to attend should contact David Ruth, University News Service, (612) 626-1720**

**What:** Dedication ceremony; invitation-only event  
**When:** 3 p.m. Sunday, May 1  
**Where:** 3675 Arboretum Drive, Chaska  
**Who:** Charles W. Oswald  
**Contacts:** David Ruth, University News Service, (612) 626-1720  
 Bonnie Ronning, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, (952) 443-1445

## **MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM DEDICATES VISITOR CENTER IN HONOR OF DONOR CHARLES OSWALD**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (4/29/2005)--The university's Minnesota Landscape Arboretum will dedicate its newly opened Visitor Center at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 1, as the Oswald Visitor Center, named for Charles W. Oswald and family, who gave \$13.5 million toward the \$20 million facility.

Oswald anonymously made one gift of \$10 million for the visitor center, the single largest donation in the arboretum's history, in 2000. In 2002, he made an additional gift of \$3.5 million to complete construction of the building and surrounding gardens.

Oswald said that his dedication to the arboretum was influenced by his wife, Sally Pegues Oswald, who died in 1996. "My wife always loved to go to the arboretum, and I know she would have loved going there today as much as I do," said Oswald. "It was she who introduced me to it when our children were young. I wanted to do something in her memory that would have meant a lot to her, and the arboretum, with its commitment to serving children and families, fits in closely with the values that we as a family believed in."

Oswald also gave \$1.5 million in 1999 to create the Sally Pegues Oswald--A Growing Place for Kids, which tripled the size of the learning center. That gift strengthened the arboretum's ability to serve the 53,000 children and families who take part each year in its hands-on educational programs.

"Charley Oswald has been a very special friend to the arboretum and has made an incredible impact on this unique institution," said Peter Olin, arboretum director. "Because of his gifts, we have been able to expand and enrich the ways that we reach out to the quarter of a million people who visit the arboretum every year, to teach them about the biological world."

During his business career, Oswald served as president of Jostens Corp., where he worked from



1953 to 1970, and then as chair and CEO of National Computer Systems (NCS), from 1970 to 1994. Jostens provides recognition products and services for the youth, education and sports markets. NCS, sold to a British firm in 2000, provided student testing services and accounting systems to educational institutions.

Oswald also chaired the Owatonna, Minn. school board for 13 years. He said his experiences with educational and children's issues influenced his commitment to improving the quality of education, which he has supported through philanthropy.

The 45,000-square-foot Oswald Visitor Center, which opened to the public in January, now serves as the formal entry point to the arboretum's 1,040 acres of gardens, plant collections and natural landscapes. The central space of the new building is the McQuinn Great Hall, with 40-foot ceilings supported by custom Douglas fir timber trusses. Other features are a high-tech visitor information hub, an expanded gift shop and restaurant, the new Reedy gallery, a 375-seat MacMillan Auditorium, the Wall Education Wing with high-tech classrooms and adjacent teaching garden, and six outdoor terraces and landscaped areas that surround the facility. Environmentally friendly operating systems, such as geothermal energy cooling and heating and storm water run-off gardens, were built into the Visitor Center and its surroundings.

Oswald's gifts were part of a six-year, \$65 million comprehensive arboretum campaign that raised money for new and expanded facilities, gardens and programs and endowment funds for maintenance. Thousands of donors contributed, including 12 who gave \$1 million or more. "The thousands of people who contributed to the Arboretum have made it possible for us to revitalize this nationally recognized public garden without any tax dollars," said Olin. "This is a testament to the place the arboretum holds in the hearts of so many. It is a treasure that is highly valued by our community."

The Minnesota Landscape Arboretum is the largest public garden in the Upper Midwest. It is part of the College of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences at the University of Minnesota and is a community and national resource for horticultural and environmental information, research and public

**Media Advisory: Event next Friday**

**What:** Greek students studying for finals  
**When:** 10 p.m. Friday, May 6  
**Where:** The Manhattan Loft, 802 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis  
**Who:** Greek students  
**Contacts:** David Ruth, University News Service, (612) 626-1720

**GREEKS TO HOLD FIRST EVER STUDY-A-THON**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (4/29/2005)--The first ever All-Greek-Study-A-Thon, sponsored by Rho Lambda, will take place starting at 10 p.m. Friday, May 6, at The Manhattan Loft, 802 Washington Ave S.E., Minneapolis. The last student studying will win an instant scholarship from Rho Lambda for \$250. Prizes will be raffled off throughout the event, getting larger as the night carries on.

The All-Greek-Study-A-Thon is free to any member of the Greek Community at the University of Minnesota.

By promoting the scholarship, Rho Lambda hopes the All-Greek-Study-A-Thon will provide students with a fun way to study for their final exams, which will take place the following week at the University of Minnesota.

Rho Lambda is a National Panhellenic Honor Society recognizing sorority women who have shown outstanding leadership and service to their chapter, Panhellenic Council, Greek community and university communities. For more information on Rho Lambda, visit [www.rholambda.org](http://www.rholambda.org). □

**Media Advisory**

**When:** 9 a.m. Friday, April 29  
**Where:** Bell Museum of Natural History, 10 Church St. S.E., Minneapolis  
**Contacts:** Nina Shepherd, Bell Museum, (612) 624-7389  
Deane Morrison, University News Service, (612) 624-2346

**MOUNTED IVORY-BILLED WOODPECKER GOES ON DISPLAY AT U OF M**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (4/29/2005)--A mounted specimen of ivory-billed woodpecker, long feared extinct but recently reported in northeastern Arkansas, will go on display in the lobby of the University of Minnesota's Bell Museum of Natural History at 9 a.m. today (Friday, April 29).

The bird is bigger than a crow, colored brilliant black and white, with a red crest and ivory-colored bill. Viewing the bird is free and open to the public.

The Bell Museum is located at 10 Church St. S.E., Minneapolis. □

**What:** Plan to make the University of Minnesota one of the top three public research universities in the world gets broad-based support from University Senate

**Contacts:** Daniel Wolter, University News Service, (612) 625-8510

## UNIVERSITY SENATE ENDORSES STRATEGIC POSITIONING BY 120 – 3 VOTE

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (4/29/2005)--The University of Minnesota's plan to become one of the top three public research universities in the world gained some strong support from students, faculty and staff this week as the University Senate voted 120 – 3 in favor of a resolution supporting the effort.

"Becoming one of the best in the world is unquestionably a team effort," said university President Robert Bruininks. "I'm pleased the University Senate so strongly supports the work we're doing and is committed to continued involvement to achieve our goal."

Strategic positioning is important because of "the increasingly rapid change in the structure of knowledge and the pressures on the University arising from decreasing state funding," the senate resolution stated. Specifically, the senate praised the creation of enhanced writing and honors education.

In addition to the University Senate, the strategic positioning effort has received support from 21 Twin Cities campus deans, 31 Distinguished McKnight University Professors and Regents Professors, Gov. Tim Pawlenty and a wide range of university and community leaders.

The University Senate includes representatives of students, faculty, staff and all University of Minnesota campuses.

Complete information on the University of Minnesota's strategic positioning effort can be found at [www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic\\_positioning](http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic_positioning) [www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic\\_positioning](http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic_positioning).

The complete University Senate resolution can be found at [www1.umn.edu/usenate/usen/Resolution-final.pdf](http://www1.umn.edu/usenate/usen/Resolution-final.pdf). □

**What:** U of M stages drama to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS

**When:** 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, May 6

**Where:** Brooklyn United Methodist Church, 7200 Brooklyn Blvd. Brooklyn Park

**Contacts:** Wynfred Russell, Afro-American and African Studies, (612) 625-0185 or (651) 639-0702

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## U OF M STAGES DRAMA TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT HIV/AIDS

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (5/2/2005)--In an effort to combat the rise of HIV cases in the Twin Cities African communities and encourage people to get tested for HIV, the University of Minnesota African American & African Studies Department and the Theatre and Arts Department will stage an interactive drama from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, May 6, at the Brooklyn United Methodist Church, 7200 Brooklyn Blvd., Brooklyn Park. The play is free and open to the public.

According to a recent report from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), new HIV diagnoses in Minnesota's African communities climbed to 11 percent in 2004, after a 13 percent drop in 2003. According to the report, nearly half of more than 300 people were diagnosed with HIV. African American and African-born women represented nearly 30 percent of the new infections. They were primarily infected through heterosexual sex.

"The Minnesota HIV/AIDS epidemic is alarming, requiring action by all sectors of society," said University of Minnesota African American & African Studies Department lecturer Wynfred Russell, who wrote the play. "The tenuous relationship between prevention and the practice of safer sexual behavior indicates that providing information alone is not enough. This is why we have developed the drama."

Russell explained that the production will be a Boalian-styled (Augusto Boal Theatre of the Oppressed) interactive community-based drama.

"The drama is written using the traditional African fable art form," said Russell. "I believe the performing arts can capture people's attention, be thought-provoking, create a space for discussion and present role models for behavioral change. The strength of the drama will be its ability to reproduce a context that reliably evokes feelings, social change, thoughts and reactions from participants."

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**Media advisory**

- What:** Basic Sciences and Biomedical Engineering building to be dedicated to former university President Nils Hasselmo
- When:** 4 p.m. Friday, May 6
- Where:** Basic Sciences and Biomedical Engineering building auditorium, 312 Church St. S.E., Minneapolis
- Who:** Former university President Nils Hasselmo
- Contacts:** David Ruth, University News Service, (612) 626-1720

**NILS HASSELMO HALL DEDICATION FRIDAY**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (5/2/2005)--The University of Minnesota's Basic Sciences and Biomedical Engineering (BSBE) building will be renamed Nils Hasselmo Hall in honor of former university President Nils Hasselmo at 4 p.m. Friday, May 6, in the BSBE auditorium, 312 Church St. S.E., Minneapolis.

Hasselmo was university president from 1989 to 1997.

The program will begin at 4 p.m., with a reception to follow. The event is free and open to the public. To R.S.V.P., contact Wokie Grigsby at (612) 624-6868 or e-mail [grig005@umn.edu](mailto:grig005@umn.edu). □

**Public meeting**

- What:** The U of M to discuss progress, plans for storm water management
- When:** 4-6 p.m. Thursday, May 19
- Where:** 303 Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis
- Contacts:** Lori-Anne Williams, University Services, (612) 624-2863  
David Ruth, University News Service, (612) 626-1720

**STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PUBLIC MEETING AT U OF M**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (5/3/2005)--The University of Minnesota department of environmental health and safety will host a public meeting on storm water management at 4 p.m. Thursday, May 19, in 303 Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis.

Topics to be reviewed include public education and outreach efforts, public participation in storm water issues, managing storm water issues during and after construction and pollution prevention.

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 to 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, visit [www.dehs.umn.edu/iead/stormwater/](http://www.dehs.umn.edu/iead/stormwater/). □

- What:** Unveiling of 130-pound book, 'Bhutan: A Visual Odyssey Across the Himalayan Kingdom'
- When:** 4 p.m. Thursday, May 12
- Where:** Willey Hall Auditorium, 225 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis
- Who:** Technology pioneer Michael Hawley
- Contacts:** Christopher James, University of Minnesota Libraries, (612) 625-9148, james052@umn.edu  
Patty Mattern, University News Service, (612) 624-2801

### University of Minnesota Acquires Largest Book Ever Made

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (5/4/2005)--The world's largest book ever made has been donated to the University of Minnesota Libraries and will be unveiled during a special presentation at 4 p.m. Thursday, May 12, in Willey Hall Auditorium, 225 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis. It took a roll of paper longer than a football field and more than a gallon of ink to produce the book, "Bhutan: A Visual Odyssey Across the Himalayan Kingdom."

The book was created by technology pioneer Michael Hawley, director of special projects at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Hawley will present and discuss the book during the event, which is free and open to the public. He will speak about the process of developing the book and present slides from his expeditions to Bhutan. Following the event, the book will be on permanent display to the public in the university's Elmer L. Andersen Library, 222 21st Ave. S., Minneapolis.

An anonymous donor gave the book to University of Minnesota Libraries. According to Guinness World Records™, the book is the largest ever made and weighs more than 130 pounds and measures 5 feet by 7 feet. Hawley created the book in 2003 after conducting several research expeditions to Bhutan, a tiny kingdom, nestled in the Himalayas between Nepal, India and Tibet. Roughly the size of Switzerland but with a population of 600,000, Bhutan has been called "the last Shangri La" because of its rich ecology and unspoiled culture. The Bhutanese government restricts tourism. Only about 5,000 tourists are allowed to visit each year.

Hawley conceived of the book as a way to advance the field of digital photography. He created the 112-page book after four trips to Bhutan, where, along with students and photographers from MIT and Bhutan, he captured more than 40,000 stunning color photographs of the people, architecture, dance festivals, native costumes and daily life of Bhutan. Each photographic image is more than two gigabytes



in size, stretching the limits of traditional digital printing techniques, and each edition of “Bhutan” uses a roll of paper longer than a football field and over a gallon of ink.

“Bhutan” is more than a technological innovation. The project has also allowed Hawley to share the beauty of Bhutan with a broad audience.

“We thought we could allow readers to literally ‘step into’ this beautiful corner of the world—one which so few people will be blessed to visit,” Hawley said.

Printed in a limited edition of 500 copies, the book is only available to patrons who make a contribution of \$15,000 or more to Friendly Planet, Inc., a nonprofit educational charity that Hawley founded. Contributions to Friendly Planet benefit the Ministry of Education in Bhutan, providing much-needed resources for the kingdom’s schools. As a result of such contributions, editions of the book have been given to libraries, schools and museums across the world.

The University of Minnesota Libraries is one of the university’s and the state’s greatest intellectual and capital assets. Housed in 14 facilities on the three Twin Cities campuses, the libraries’ collections contain more than six million print volumes, making it the 16th largest research library in North America.□

**What:** University of Minnesota Board of Regents June meeting  
**When:** Regular meeting June 9–10; public forum June 13  
**Where:** 600 McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak Street S.E., Minneapolis  
**Who:** Daniel Wolter, University News Service, (612) 625-8510

### **U of M Board of Regents to act on strategic positioning plan, review FY2006 budget, elect new chair**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (6/7/2005)--The University of Minnesota Board of Regents will take action this week on key pieces of a plan by President Robert Bruininks to make the university one of the top three public research institutions in the world. The meeting will be held on Thursday and Friday, June 9 and 10, and on Monday, June 13, in the McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak Street S.E., Minneapolis. This meeting also serves as the board's annual meeting, when a new chair and vice chair will be elected.

"The board's action this week is a defining moment that will determine how the university meets Minnesota's future needs for world-class levels of education and research, economic growth and quality jobs," Bruininks said.

Bruininks' plan, which was presented to the board in May, includes recommendations for one of the most significant realignments of academic programs in university history. At a public forum last month, the board heard testimony from more than 40 people.

In addition, Bruininks will present his proposed operating budget for fiscal year 2006 to the board. A public forum on the proposed budget will be held at 12:30 p.m. Monday, June 13. The regents are scheduled to vote on the proposal in July.

Other highlights of the June meeting include:

Thursday, June 9

1:30–3:30 p.m. Faculty, Staff and Student Affairs Committee, West Committee Room. The committee will review the results of the PULSE employee satisfaction survey of faculty and staff.

3:45–4:45 p.m. Facilities Committee, West Committee Room. The committee will take action on the University of Minnesota, Duluth's updated five-year campus master plan. The committee will also be updated on the Minneapolis-St. Paul Central Corridor transit project.

Friday, June 10

9 a.m.–noon, Board of Regents, Boardroom. Before the monthly meeting, the board will hold its annual meeting to elect a new chair and vice chair. At the monthly meeting, the board will take formal

action on the strategic positioning plan and the annual capital improvement budget for FY 2006. Bruininks and Chief Financial Officer Richard Pfitzenreuter will also present the university's proposed FY 2006 operating budget.

Monday, June 13

12:30 p.m., Board of Regents, Boardroom. The Board of Regents will hold a public forum on the university's proposed FY 2006 operating budget.

More information on the Board of Regents meeting can be found at [www.umn.edu/regents](http://www.umn.edu/regents). □

- What:** Book signing and lecture with author of “Superpower Myth: The Use and Misuse of American Might”
- When:** 4 p.m. Thursday, May 19
- Where:** University of Minnesota Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, 301 19th Ave S., Minneapolis
- Who:** Nancy Soderberg, former U.N. ambassador and foreign policy expert
- Contacts:** Jamie Proulx, Humphrey Institute, (612) 625-9436  
Mark Cassutt, University News Service, (612) 624-8038

### Washington insider and author Nancy Soderberg to discuss foreign policy

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (5/10/2005)--Former U.N. ambassador and Clinton administration foreign policy advisor Nancy Soderberg will discuss the challenges facing current U.S. foreign policy in the context of her new book, “Superpower Myth: The Use and Misuse of American Might” at 4 p.m. Thursday, May 19, at the University of Minnesota Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis.

In her book, Soderberg argues that the superpower myth has made the United States less safe and that the current administration uses excessive force to achieve its goals. She also writes about the need for change and encourages the administration to reconsider its policies.

With nearly 20 years of foreign policy experience, Soderberg presents a unique perspective. Her experience includes advising and working for President Bill Clinton (who wrote the forward to Soderberg’s book). From 1997 to 2001, she was the alternative representative to the United Nations with the rank of ambassador, where she represented the United States at the security council on a range of national security issues. From 1993 to 1997, Soderberg served as the third-ranking official of the National Security Council at the White House and as deputy assistant to the president for National Security Affairs.

Soderberg has received international recognition for her efforts to promote peace in Northern Ireland; participated in a United Nations’ mission to Indonesia and East Timor; negotiated key United Nations resolutions regarding the Middle East and Africa; assisted in the development of the Clinton administration’s policy of political and economic normalization with Vietnam; and advised Clinton on policies toward many countries including China, Japan and Russia.

Soderberg is currently with the New York office of the International Crisis Group where she advocates for conflict prevention at the United Nations and other multilateral institutions.

For more information on Soderberg and her book, visit [www.wiley.com](http://www.wiley.com). □

- What:** Gordon B. Davis research symposium
- When:** May 13 and 14
- Where:** 3M Auditorium, Carlson School of Management, 321 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis
- Contacts:** Conference contact: Donna Sarppo, MISRC, (612) 624-9520  
Media: Dawn Skelly, Carlson School of Management, (612) 624-8770  
Mark Cassutt, University News Service, (612) 624-8038

### Leaders in the field of information systems to discuss future trends; IS pioneer Gordon B. Davis to be honored

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (5/10/2005)--The future of information systems research and education and its impact on business is the topic of a symposium that runs May 13 and 14 at the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management, 321 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis. The school's Management Information Systems Research Center (MISRC) is sponsoring the symposium.

Gordon B. Davis, founder of the Carlson School's information and decision sciences department, will be honored at the symposium. Davis pioneered information systems as an academic discipline and retired last spring after 36 years of teaching and leading the information and decision sciences department. Colleagues will review his contributions to the field from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday.

The Gordon B. Davis symposium, "The Future of the Information Systems Academic Discipline: Opportunities and Directions," will include presentations and panel discussions with leading IS researchers from around the world. They will share their knowledge and insights about information systems and technology, including its adoption and use, economic value, organizational impacts and strategic consequences; design of enabling infrastructures and applications; and the capabilities, processes and organizational models for its management.

"The dot-com crash, corporate failures, and the ubiquitous nature of computing and global bandwidth have prompted some to question the continued relevance of information technology as a strategic asset," said David Naumann, symposium co-chair and Carlson School associate professor. "Increasingly, savvy business executives challenge existing knowledge about the role and nature of information technology management and appropriate models for governance and organization of its activities."

The fee for the two-day event is \$300. For more information, or to register, visit [www.misrc.umn.edu/symposia/gds/](http://www.misrc.umn.edu/symposia/gds/).

The Carlson School's information and decisions sciences department consistently has been ranked in

the top five nationwide. The MISRC at the Carlson School of Management promotes research on information systems topics by bridging the gap between the corporate and academic management information systems worlds. □

**What:** 'First Tuesday' lunch with entrepreneurs Scott Litman and Dan Mallin  
**When:** 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 7  
**Where:** McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak Street S.E., Minneapolis  
**Who:** Scott Litman and Dan Mallin  
**Contacts:** Dawn Skelly, Carlson School of Management, (612) 624-8770  
 Mark Cassutt, University News Service, (612) 624-8038

### Entrepreneurs to discuss the evolution of digital communications

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (5/18/2005)--Entrepreneurs Scott Litman and Dan Mallin will be the featured speakers at the University of Minnesota Carlson School of Management "First Tuesday" luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 7, in the McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak Street S.E., Minneapolis.

In their talk, "Serial Entrepreneurs Share a Vision for the Future," Litman and Mallin will discuss the evolution of communications and the impact of the Internet, e-mail, broadband, personal device assistants (PDAs), cell phones, video games, TIVO and 500 channels of cable and satellite.

"The rate of change requires new thoughts from businesses on how to reach target audiences," Litman said. "What is the impact of the changing communications on marketing and advertising? What is working today, what isn't, and what will tomorrow bring?"

Litman and Mallin are co-founders of Imagnet and SDWA Ventures, and co-chairs of the Minnesota Cup, a statewide competition to encourage new product and service innovations. Imagnet was a pioneer in the use of Web technologies for brand marketing. Litman is an entrepreneur who has spent 15 years growing fledgling businesses into industry powerhouses. Most recently, he helped catapult connect@jw, the digital solutions business of J. Walter Thompson, to one of the 10 largest providers of integrated marketing communications in the United States.

For nearly 20 years, Mallin has established a solid track record in creating, growing and transforming businesses through his roles at both large and small businesses, ranging from technology services and sales to marketing and business development. He is known for his ability to quickly grasp any business problem and offer a solution. Most recently, he was chief operating officer at J. Walter Thompson.

Co-sponsored by U.S. Bancorp, each month the First Tuesday luncheon draws as many as 500 local business leaders, Carlson School alumni, students and educators to hear from leading business voices on today's economy.



Registration for the event is \$23 before June 2, \$28 afterward. The fee includes lunch and parking in the Washington Avenue Ramp. Register by calling (612) 624-0554, visiting [www.carlsonschool.umn.edu](http://www.carlsonschool.umn.edu) or e-mailing [firsttuesday@csom.umn.edu](mailto:firsttuesday@csom.umn.edu). □

**What:** USDA roundtable on BSE (mad cow disease)  
**When:** 9:30 a.m. Thursday, June 9  
**Where:** B45, Classroom Office Building, U of M St. Paul campus, 1994 Buford Ave.  
**Contacts:** David Ruth, University News Service, (612) 626-1720, cellular (612) 702-9473

### U of M to host U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns, BSE roundtable Thursday

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (6/8/2005)--University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks will welcome U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns to the St. Paul campus of the University of Minnesota for a USDA roundtable on BSE (mad cow disease) at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, June 9, in Room B45, Classroom Office Building, 1994 Buford Ave.

The roundtable runs until 2:30 p.m., with a lunch break around 11 a.m.

The event is free and open to the public. Media must check in with their credentials to enter the media area.

One-on-one media interviews with the secretary will be available depending on time. University experts will be available throughout the day.

Public parking is available in the Gortner Avenue Ramp, located at 1395 Gortner Ave.

Media with equipment should call David Ruth, University News Service, (612) 626-1720, for parking options. Day-of-event cellular: (612) 702-9473. □

**When:** July 10-30

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## **'LEAD program' draws diverse students to the University of Minnesota Carlson School of Management**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (7/12/2005)--A diverse group of 32 high-ability high school students from across the country will be at the University of Minnesota Carlson School of Management July 11-30 for the 13th annual LEAD (Leadership, Education and Development) Summer Business Institute. The program focuses on helping students from underrepresented populations by introducing them to business careers through classes and interaction with top Twin Cities business leaders.

As part of the program, students will visit and compare different SUPERVALU grocery stores (Friday, July 15), tour a 3M electronics plant in New Ulm (Friday, July 22) and develop and present a new product to executives at General Mills (Tuesday, July 26). Other activities include courses on branding, mergers and acquisitions, entrepreneurial management, accounting, business etiquette, Myers-Briggs testing, creating presentations, team building and preparing and applying for college. Students will also have the opportunity to discuss and explore different career paths and get a better understanding of the Twin Cities by networking with university alumni.

"Many of these students have never visited Minnesota, but once they do, they're hooked," said Mary Maus Kosir, assistant dean and director of the Carlson School's undergraduate program. "Many then choose the Carlson School for their degree and stay here, making it a brain-gain for Minnesota."

LEAD's Fortune 500 company sponsors also have a vested interest in attracting talented candidates for future employment. "These companies will benefit from helping to strengthen the pool of talented and diverse candidates from which they might hire in the future," Kosir said.

This year's corporate sponsors include General Mills, 3M and SUPERVALU.

The Carlson School receives undergraduate applications from approximately 90 percent of LEAD participants. This fall, 21 former LEAD students, including 12 students in the incoming class, will be part of the Carlson School undergraduate class. Since the program's inception, 27 LEAD students have earned bachelor degrees from the University of Minnesota, 22 at the Carlson School.

The Carlson School is one of 10 business schools nationally that participate in the LEAD program. □

**What:** First Tuesday luncheon with David Oreck, Oreck Corp.  
**When:** 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 2  
**Where:** McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St. S.E., Minneapolis  
**Who:** David Oreck, founder and chair, Oreck Corp.  
**Contacts:** Dawn Skelly, Carlson School of Management, (612) 624-8770  
 Mark Cassutt, University News Service, (612) 624-8038  
**Registration Contact:** (612) 624-0554, [firsttuesday@csom.umn.edu](mailto:firsttuesday@csom.umn.edu).

### David Oreck to discuss global leadership in the age of marketers

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (7/14/2005)--David Oreck, founder and chairman of Oreck Corp., will be the featured speaker at the University of Minnesota Carlson School of Management's First Tuesday luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 2, at the McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St., S.E., Minneapolis.

In his presentation, "The World Doesn't Need More Managers," Oreck will talk about how he grew a vacuum cleaner manufacturing business into a global corporation with a brand that's recognized by millions of homeowners and more than 50,000 hotels worldwide. Oreck will share his secrets to brand equity, expansion and how creativity is key to becoming a global leader in the age of marketers.

Oreck faced his 40th birthday with no name recognition, no factory and no money. The Duluth native still found a way to start his company, a major manufacturer of premium cleaning equipment, on the belief that business is more poetry than science. He believed that entrepreneurial vision and commitment to brand could win out against the risk aversion practices of conventional business. Today, Oreck has plenty of proof for his theory: His company continues to experience double-digit growth on an expanding product line and the promise that you'll love your Oreck, or he'll take it back.

Co-sponsored by U.S. Bancorp, the First Tuesday luncheon draws as many as 500 local business leaders, Carlson School alumni, students and educators each month to hear from business leaders on today's economy.

Registration is \$23 in advance through July 28, and \$28 for walk-ins on the day of the event. The fee includes lunch and parking in the Washington Avenue Ramp, 501 Washington Ave. S.E. Register by calling (612) 624-0554, visiting [www.carlsonschool.umn.edu](http://www.carlsonschool.umn.edu) or by e-mail at [firsttuesday@csom.umn.edu](mailto:firsttuesday@csom.umn.edu). □

## U researchers reverse memory loss in mice

By Deane Morrison

Published on July 15, 2005

Researchers at the University of Minnesota were able to reverse memory loss in mice with significant brain degeneration for the first time, a breakthrough that suggests the same thing--at some point in the future--could be done for the estimated 4 million people living with Alzheimer's disease.

"Most Alzheimer's disease treatments focus on slowing the symptoms or preventing the disease from progressing, but our research suggests that in the future we may be able to reverse the effects of memory loss, even in patients who have lost brain or neural tissue," says Karen Ashe, professor of neurology and lead author of the study published in the July 14 issue of *Science*.

The study also produced strong evidence that twisted bundles of protein tangles--once thought to produce memory loss--are not the culprits. Instead, mutant proteins--not the tangles themselves--may be working like poisons to disrupt brain function.

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Ashe and her team studied the effects of a mutant protein called tau. The researchers genetically engineered mice with a human gene--taken from a family with a high incidence of Alzheimer's--that produced tau. The mice also were outfitted with a molecular switch that could turn off the gene when the animals were fed a drug, doxycycline.

The mice, with the gene still turned on, underwent memory tests in a tank of water. Mice don't like water, so if a platform is put just below the surface, the mice will seek it out. And, once they learn the location of the platform, will look for it in subsequent trials even after it has been removed. As the normal mice aged, they remembered where the platform was and tended to swim in the part of the tank to find it. But the genetically engineered mice became forgetful and tended to swim randomly around the tank.

The researchers then gave the mice doxycycline to reverse the effects of the human tau-producing gene and they regained the ability to learn where the platform was and to look for it in the same part of the tank once it was removed.

By turning off the tau gene in the mice, memory was restored, yet their brains continued to accumulate neurofibrillary tangles, once considered the cause of Alzheimer's symptoms. Therefore, the researchers concluded, it is likely that tau is involved in

- What:** University of Minnesota Institute of Mathematics and its Applications receives \$19.5 million renewal grant from the National Science Foundation
- When:** 10-11 a.m. Wednesday, July 20
- Who:** President Bruininks, William Rundell, director of mathematical sciences, NSF
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### University of Minnesota Math Institute receives \$19.5 million grant, will become top-funded math institute in the U.S.

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (7/20/2005)--The University of Minnesota Institute of Mathematics and its Applications (IMA), part of the Institute of Technology, has been awarded a \$19.5 million renewal grant by the National Science Foundation (NSF). The new grant is 77 percent more than the IMA's previous funding level, and the largest single research investment in mathematics ever made by the NSF.

"This grant firmly establishes the IMA as the top math institute in the country," said University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks. "We've set an ambitious goal for the University of Minnesota to be one of the top three public research universities in the world. Accomplishments such as this move us closer to achieving that goal."

"The IMA has become a preeminent mathematics institute that serves as a model for other institutes worldwide," said William Rundell, director of mathematical sciences, NSF. "Its innovative interdisciplinary programs are an essential component of the NSF's portfolio."

The \$19.5 million grant covers a five-year period, and will be paid out in \$3.9 million annual increments.

"Since the IMA opened its doors nearly 25 years ago, we have focused on harnessing the awesome power of mathematics to contribute to other sciences, technology, industry and society," said Douglas Arnold, director, IMA. "The past investments of the NSF and the University of Minnesota in the IMA have brought a tremendous return, contributing to the health, prosperity and security of the nation."

Recent projects of note developed by researchers affiliated with the IMA include:

- A new system to detect enemy aircraft while remaining undetectable.
- A math-based system to diagnose potentially fatal cardiac irregularities via electrical conduction patterns.

- A mathematical model of insect movements that was used to build a new class of six-legged robots with unprecedented mobility.

- A mathematical theory that led to the development of alloys whose shapes can be modified with magnetism.

In 2005-2006, IMA activities will be focused on the field of imaging, ranging from medical MRI to military radar.

The IMA was established in 1982. It increases the impact of mathematics by fostering interdisciplinary research applying math to important scientific and technological problems from other disciplines and industry. The IMA also expands and strengthens the talent base engaged in mathematical research applied to or relevant to such problems. It has no permanent faculty but each year brings more than 1,000 mathematicians, statisticians, scientists, engineers and social scientists to the IMA to conduct research and collaborate. □

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## **U of M's Initiative for Renewable Energy and the Environment awards over \$8.5 million for renewable energy research**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (7/25/2005)--The Initiative for Renewable Energy and the Environment (IREE) recently awarded over \$8.5 million to 24 renewable energy projects at the University of Minnesota.

The multi-year projects focus on a wide-range of topics including bio-energy and bio-products, economic and policy assessments, the production and distribution of hydrogen, carbon sequestration, advancements in nanotechnology, solar thermal heating systems and the conversion of livestock waste to energy and products.

Sixty-one faculty members, 65 graduate students and post-docs, 18 undergraduates and eight research scientists at University of Minnesota campuses and research and outreach centers around the state will be involved with the projects.

"The University of Minnesota is uniquely positioned to lead the world in renewable energy research," said Bob Elde, dean for the College of Biological Sciences. "The overwhelming response to our request for proposals reflects the deep and enterprising pool of talent within the university to address renewable energy issues."

The nature and scope of the research will position the University of Minnesota as a national leader in the development of renewable energy technologies.

"The awards, aligned with the Minnesota Environment Initiative report on renewable energy research priorities for Minnesota, will position the university to excel in the areas where we have the most potential," said Elde. "We hope this research will lead Minnesota to a sustainable future and produce highly skilled people to work in renewable energy in a variety of settings."

For more information on the Initiative for Renewable Energy and the Environment and to download a list of funded projects, please visit [www.iree.umn.edu](http://www.iree.umn.edu). □



**What:** High school students to enroll in J Camp at U of M  
**When:** Aug. 13 to 16  
**Where:** University of Minnesota, Minneapolis  
**Who:** 42 high school students from across the country  
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### High school students to enroll in J Camp at U of M

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (7/25/2005)--Forty-two high school students will undergo four days of intensive journalism training when they attend J Camp, a free training program designed for young people of color, Aug. 13-16, at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

The Asian American Journalist Association (AAJA) is the chief sponsor of the camp. Students will attend classes and workshops in Murphy Hall, home of the U of M School of Journalism and Mass Communication. They will learn writing, broadcasting and photography from experienced, multi-cultural professional journalists from some of the country's top media outlets. This year's guests include CBS News correspondent Joie Chen, Angelo Henderson, who won a Pulitzer for feature writing with the Wall Street Journal, Atosse Rubenstein, editor of Seventeen magazine, Dateline NBC's Hoda Kotb, Sports Illustrated photo editor James Colton, Raju Narisetti, editor of Wall Street Journal Europe, Peter Bhatia, executive editor of the Oregonian, and Don Wycliff, public editor of the Chicago Tribune. Chen, who has been a part of J Camp since its inception, will be honored at the camp's reception Tuesday, Aug. 16.

This is the fifth year of J Camp, founded by Star Tribune entertainment columnist and AAJA-Minnesota member Neal Justin and Josh Du Lac of the Washington Post. While AAJA is the driving force behind the camp, Justin said AAJA has made it a point to bring a mix from all diverse backgrounds to the camp.

"This year we had over 200 people apply for 42 spots. It's very competitive, in large part because attendance is free for selected candidates and also because of the caliber of speaking guests. J Camp pinpoints some of the most outstanding minority teenagers in the country and brings them together to meet leaders in the journalism industry. Our hope is that we can fill the pipeline with outstanding young people and insure that newsrooms in the future will be more diverse and, therefore, more accurate."

According to Justin, the previous four camps have produced promising results.

“Early numbers shows that 75 percent of our graduates have gone on to study journalism in college,” he said. “In a few years, we’ll be able to see how many of our grads actually pursue journalism careers. Indications are, the camp is going to make a difference.”

The J Camp will be held as part of the Asian American Journalists Association’s annual conference, which will be held in Minneapolis from Aug. 17 to 20. AAJA is a non-profit professional and educational organization with more than 2,300 members today. Founded in 1981, AAJA's mission is to encourage Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) to enter the ranks of journalism, to work for fair and accurate coverage of AAPIs and to increase the number of AAPI journalists and news managers in the industry.



**U of M Jane Addams School to honor 40 new citizens at Freedom Festival**

Forty new United States citizens will be honored at the ninth annual Jane Addams School for Democracy's Freedom Festival from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Sunday, July 31 at St. Paul Humboldt High School, 30 E. Baker St. St. Paul. Jane Addams School is an initiative in democratic education and civic engagement created nine years ago by students and faculty from the University of Minnesota, the U's Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, residents of St. Paul's West Side neighborhood, staff of the Neighborhood House, and the College of St. Catherine. The school's mission is to offer immigrants classes in U.S. citizenship tests and English through weekly classes with college students and volunteers. Immigrant families originally from 20 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America are involved in the school. Many of these immigrants take the U.S. citizenship tests every year and this past year 40 students passed. At the festival, the new citizens, many wearing their native costumes, will be honored by friends, families and elected officials. Musicians and dancers from various cultural groups will perform during the program. "The Freedom Festival has become an annual ritual to celebrate the accomplishments of the school and all of its participants," said Jane Addams School coordinator Derek Johnson.

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- What:** \$2.8 million award for interdisciplinary graduate training program in ecology and civil engineering
- Who:** Claudia Neuhauser, professor and head of the department of ecology, evolution and behavior  
Chris Paola, professor of geology
- Contacts:** Peggy Rinard, College of Biological Sciences, (612) 624-0774  
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### **National Science Foundation awards University of Minnesota \$2.8 million to study environmental issues**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (7/27/2005)--The National Science Foundation (NSF) has awarded the University of Minnesota's College of Biological Sciences and Institute of Technology a \$2.8 million grant to train graduate students in ecology, civil engineering and geology to study the combined effects of physical and biological changes on environmental quality. The Mississippi River Watershed will be one focus of the study.

"Increasing funding for graduate education is one of the university's top priorities because graduate students work with faculty to carry out research," said Victor Bloomfield, dean of the Graduate School. "The excellence of the university's research enterprise depends on the number and quality of graduate students we can attract and support. This grant is another step toward the university's goal of becoming one of the top three public research universities in the world."

The project will develop mathematical tools to evaluate the interaction between physical changes (e.g. dams and irrigation for agriculture) and biological processes. The U's Institute of Mathematics and its Applications (IMA), which just received a \$19.5 million grant from the NSF, will be a resource for achieving this goal.

"The mathematical tools we develop will be used to address environmental problems such as air and water pollution, habitat restoration and hazardous waste management," said Claudia Neuhauser, professor and head of the department of ecology, evolution and behavior, and principal investigator for the grant.

The grant proposal describes the earth's surface as a "living skin" created by combined physical and biological processes, which range from the movement of tectonic plates and erosion to the flow of particles and nutrients through water and the connections among soil, water, plants, animals and human

health.

“It is impossible to understand ecosystems or geomorphic processes without considering interactions between them,” Neuhauser said.

One research aspect of the Mississippi River Watershed project with local impact is how nitrogen used in agricultural fertilizers flows through natural and manmade waterways into the Mississippi River. Nitrogen runoff into the Mississippi River has wreaked havoc on ecosystems downstream, particularly where the river empties into the Gulf of Mexico.

Faculty and students will work with the Minnesota History Center to develop K-12 teaching modules about changes in the Mississippi River watershed (among other topics) and with the Science Museum of Minnesota to provide public education about the project.

The National Center for Earth Dynamics in the Institute of Technology and the Itasca Biological Station and Laboratories, the College of Biological Sciences’ research station at Itasca State Park, will serve as key facilities for training and research.

The grant is part of the National Science Foundation’s highly competitive Integrative Graduate Education and Research Trainee Program (IGERT). Out of 639 proposals submitted this year, 20 have been funded to date. The program was set up to provide interdisciplinary training for doctorate level scientists, engineers and educators who have potential to lead change. Other faculty leaders in the IGERT program at the university include: Christopher Paola, geology; Miki Hondzo and Raymond Hozalski, civil engineering; and Shinya Sugita, ecology, evolution and behavior. Another 20 faculty members from the College of Biological Sciences and the Institute of Technology are involved in the project. □

- What:** U of M McNair Scholars to display summer research projects
- When:** 2 to 4 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 4
- Where:** Mississippi Room, Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E.  
Minneapolis
- Who:** Twenty-one McNair Scholars
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### U of M McNair Scholars to display summer research projects

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (8/3/2005)--How do Native Americans view Fort Snelling as a historic site? What are the differences in dietary habits between Hmong and Caucasian youth? What are the voting behaviors among Minnesota prison inmates? What factors triggered the tremendous Black migration into Brooklyn Park in recent years? Those topics, and some scientific research that only scientists can understand, will be presented by the University of Minnesota's Summer 2005 McNair Scholars from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4, in the Mississippi Room of Coffman Union.

The annual poster presentation will showcase the work of 21 students from four Minnesota colleges who have been studying at the university for 10 weeks this summer under the guidance of faculty mentors.

The McNair Scholars Program, now in its 13th year at the University of Minnesota, is named after Ronald McNair, the African American astronaut who died in the 1986 Challenger space shuttle explosion. It is funded by the U.S. Department of Education and operated by the TRIO Program in the university's General College. It aims to encourage and assist minority, disabled or low-income undergraduates to enroll in graduate programs or professional schools. Besides conducting hands-on research, participants have been attending motivational workshops, Graduate Record Exam prep classes and research writing workshops.

"This gathering will provide an excellent forum to display the research efforts of these McNair Scholars along with the faculty mentors," said Bruce Schelske, co-director of the McNair Program. "In addition, the reception will provide us with the opportunity to thank individuals who have contributed time and effort to help make the program a success at the University of Minnesota."

Since 1991, the McNair Program has sponsored more than 300 students. Of those, 60 percent have

gone on to graduate school.



August 5, 2005

**UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC NOTICE**

The University of Minnesota, Twin Cities will undergo a comprehensive accreditation evaluation visit on October 31 -November 2, 2005, by a team representing the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The Twin Cities campus was last reviewed in 1996 and was granted full continuing accreditation status by the commission. The campus has been continuously accredited since 1913.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the University:

Mailing address: Public Comment on the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities  
The Higher Learning Commission  
30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400  
Chicago, IL 60602-2504  
Comment form: <http://www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org/thirdparty/>  
E-mail: [info@hlcommission.org](mailto:info@hlcommission.org)

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Written, signed comments must be received by October 1, 2005. The commission cannot guarantee that comments received after the due date will be considered. Comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person providing the comments. Comments will not be treated as confidential.

The University of Minnesota, Twin Cities has engaged in a process of self-study, addressing the commission's requirements and criteria for accreditation. The evaluation team will visit the institution to gather evidence that the self-study is thorough and accurate. The team will then recommend the University's accreditation status to the commission. Following a review process, the commission itself will take final action.



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The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools is one of six regional accrediting agencies in the United States that provide institutional accreditation. Institutional accreditation evaluates an entire institution and accredits it as a whole. Other agencies provide accreditation for specific programs. Accreditation is voluntary and the Higher Learning Commission accredits approximately 950 institutions of higher education in a 19-state region. The Commission is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

*Note:* Individuals with a specific dispute or grievance with an institution should request the separate Policy on Complaints document from the commission office. The Higher Learning Commission cannot settle disputes between institutions and individuals. Complaints will not be considered third party comment.

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**What:** University of Minnesota student wins Miss Black USA title  
**Who:** University of Minnesota student Celi Dean  
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### University of Minnesota student named 2005 Miss Black USA

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (8/12/2005)--Celi Dean, a junior at the University of Minnesota, has been crowned Miss Black USA. During the pageant held Sunday, Aug. 7, in Washington, D.C. Dean surpassed 23 other contestants in the Miss Black USA Scholarship Pageant to win the title and a \$5,000 scholarship.

The pageant was founded in 1986 to develop leadership among African American women. This year's contest emphasized fitness and health. Each contestant had to present a leadership platform and a plan to make positive changes in the world.

Dean's platform was the importance of getting a college education, which is an issue dear to her. Dean is the seventh of 11 children in her family and the first to attend college. An honor student who has made the dean's list numerous times, Dean is majoring in family social science in the College of Human Ecology after spending two years in General College. She is active in her community and has been involved with the East YMCA for five years. She was the president of the Black Achievers Youth Group, the Y'Partners youth chairperson, a member of Youth in Government and the 2001 YMCA Youth of the Year. Dean earned the right to compete for the Miss Black USA by winning the Miss Teen Minnesota International in the spring of 2004.

Dean graduated from Hill Murray High School as an honor student and was involved in cheerleading, dance and track. She has also modeled since the age of 6 and was a model for the Mall of America Teen Fashion Board. Dean enjoys dancing, music, drawing, modeling, writing poetry and spending time with family and friends. One day, Dean said, she plans to publish a book of original poetry. □

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### **Anatoly Larkin, world-renowned physicist, dies**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (8/12/2005)--Anatoly Larkin, University of Minnesota professor and world-renowned physicist, died unexpectedly Thursday, Aug. 4, in Aspen, Colo., where he was attending a workshop. He was 72. Larkin was a major contributor to the fundamental understanding of superconductivity and the theory of phase transitions. His research was also instrumental to the study of the physics of one-dimensional systems and clusters used in the fields of nanoscience and nanotechnology.

Larkin was born Oct. 14, 1932, in the Moscow region of the former Soviet Union. He received his master's of science degree from the Moscow Physical Engineering Institute in 1956, where he worked as a researcher for nine years. During this time he received his doctorate degree from the Kurchatov Institute of Atomic Energy. From 1966 to 1995, Larkin was a department head at the Landau Institute for Theoretical Physics. He concurrently worked as a Moscow State University professor for 21 of these years. Larkin joined the University of Minnesota physics faculty in 1995 as the William I. and Bianca M. Fine Professor at the William I. Fine Theoretical Physics Institute.

Larkin is best known for his groundbreaking research in condensed matter theory, and in particular, superconductivity, which is the ability of some metals to conduct electricity without any resistance at a sufficiently low temperature. His seminal work "Effect of Fluctuations on the Properties of a Superconductor above the Critical Temperature" predicted the phenomenon of paraconductivity in superconducting materials. He also developed the theory of the collective pinning of vortices in superconductors and the theory of weak localization and negative magnetoresistance in disordered metals. Larkin's most recent research was focused on fluctuation phenomena in superconductors and quantum chaotic systems.

"Anatoly Larkin was a giant in the field of condensed matter theory and a great teacher of theoretical physicists. His ideas revolutionized thinking about superconducting fluctuations and the properties of magnetic vortices in superconductors," said Allen Goldman, head of the School of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Minnesota.

Larkin was one of the founding fathers of the famous Russian school of theoretical physics. Many of his former students hold leading academic positions at universities and institutes in Russia, the United Kingdom, Germany, the United States and Israel, and continued to work with Larkin up to his death. In the 10 years Larkin spent in Minnesota, he published more than 50 papers (five in the last year alone) and

most recently, a 600-page book, "Theory of Fluctuations in Superconductors" (with A. Varlamov, University of Rome).

"Larkin was one of the very few scientists with a universal knowledge of condensed matter physics. His work actually created important new directions in this field. He was a physicist with seminal results, deep knowledge and a genuine interest in the most diverse and complex branches of modern physics," said Leonid Glazman, McKnight Presidential Chair of Theoretical Condensed Matter Physics at the University of Minnesota.

Among his many awards and notable achievements, Larkin received the London Prize in Low Temperature Physics in 1990, the Hewlett-Packard Europhysics Prize in 1993, the Humboldt Award in 1993, the World Congress of Superconductivity Award of Excellence in 1994, the Onsager Prize in 2002 and the John Bardeen Prize in 2003. He was a full member of the Russian Academy of Science (1991) and a corresponding member of the Soviet Academy of Science (1979).

Larkin is survived by his wife, Tatiana; two sons, Ivan (Moscow) and Victor (Minneapolis); four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Larkin's remains were cremated in Colorado and the ashes will be buried in Moscow. No local memorial service has been announced at this time.□

**What:** New chancellor at Crookston, new dean of Extension  
**When:** Monday, Aug. 15  
**Who:** Charles Casey and Bev Durgan  
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### **U of M appoints Casey chancellor of Crookston and Durgan dean of Extension Service**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (8/15/2005)--The University of Minnesota has appointed Charles Casey chancellor of the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) and Bev Durgan dean and director of the University of Minnesota Extension Service. Both appointments will be brought before the Board of Regents Sept. 9 for approval.

“Charles Casey has served for the past six-and-one-half years as dean and director of Extension, where he led a successful strategic positioning process resulting in a more focused, economically viable organization that better serves the needs of the state,” said Robert Jones, senior vice president for system administration. “With his guidance, Extension has enhanced its curriculum and streamlined its delivery mechanisms so individuals, organizations and county governments have access to a broader range of university expertise and service.”

“I’m honored to be asked, and will do my best to serve Crookston,” said Casey. “This is a unique opportunity because my wife and I have roots in northwest Minnesota -- we care about the future of the region because we live there. Of course, accepting this assignment means leaving Extension -- a job I really liked and will miss enormously. However, I know that Bev Durgan will do an excellent job as its new dean.”

Prior to his leadership of Extension, Casey served as director of outreach services for the university's College of Veterinary Medicine for seven years, designing programs to connect the research and academic resources of the university with the needs of veterinarians, farmers and businesses throughout the state.

Casey also served for 12 years on the university's Board of Regents, including chairing the Board for two years. He has served on the University Foundation Board of Trustees and the Humphrey Institute Advisory Board and currently serves on the North Central Regional Center for Rural Development Board.

Jones also said that interim CEO for UMC Joe Massey would be moving into a new leadership

position. "I want to thank Joe Massey for his contributions as interim CEO for the past nine months," said Jones. "He has led the campus ably during a time of transition and launched the strategic positioning process that will set the future direction for UMC. I am pleased that he will now devote his full attention to the critical role of leading Crookston in a new capacity as senior vice chancellor for academic affairs and dean. The creation of this enhanced leadership position recognizes Joe's strong academic credentials and reflects our commitment to academic excellence at UMC."

To replace Casey, Jones has appointed Bev Durgan, associate dean for research and outreach in the College of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences (COAFES), the new dean and director for the University of Minnesota Extension Service.

"Professor Durgan has served in several administrative capacities in COAFES, including assistant dean for Extension and chief fiscal officer," said Jones. "Her outstanding accomplishments in administration, finance, academic leadership, research and outreach are all qualities we want in a leader for Extension."

Prior to her administrative positions, Durgan was a state extension faculty member in the department of agronomy and plant genetics.

"I look forward to this new opportunity at Extension," said Durgan. "I have dedicated my career to connecting Extension and research with the citizens of the state. I know first hand the important contributions the University of Minnesota Extension Service makes to our state."

Both appointments will be presented to the Board of Regents at their Sept. 8-9 meeting. Upon approval, both appointments will be effective Sept. 12.

For more information:

Visit the University of Minnesota, Crookston at [www.crk.umn.edu](http://www.crk.umn.edu).

Visit the University of Minnesota Extension Service at [www.extension.umn.edu](http://www.extension.umn.edu). □

- What:** 'First Tuesday' luncheon featuring CEO Mark Zesbaugh of Allianz Life Insurance
- When:** 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 6
- Where:** McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak Street S.E., Minneapolis
- Who:** Mark Zesbaugh, chief executive officer, Allianz Life Insurance
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### Allianz Life CEO to speak at U of M on inheritance and legacy issues

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (8/16/2005)--Mark Zesbaugh, chief executive officer of Allianz Life Insurance, will be the featured speaker at the University of Minnesota Carlson School of Management's First Tuesday luncheon, 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 6, at the McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St. S.E., Minneapolis.

Zesbaugh will discuss how companies and families can best respond to major wealth and life changes. He will disclose results from a survey conducted by Allianz Life that shows evidence of "the legacy dilemma," otherwise known as the missing communication between baby boomers and their parents.

Increased longevity and the expanding complexity of family structures have laid the foundation for what soon may be one of the largest intergenerational wealth transfers in history. Experts estimate that \$25 trillion will be transferred between generations, but less than 25 percent of baby boomers have discussed legacy and inheritance issues with a parent.

Allianz Life is part of the Allianz Group, an integrated financial services organization with operations in 70 countries around the globe. Last year, Allianz reported gross revenues of \$120.5 billion.

Co-sponsored by U.S. Bancorp, each month the First Tuesday luncheon draws as many as 500 local business leaders, Carlson School alumni, students, and educators, who hear from the leading business voices on today's economy.

Registration is \$23 through Sept. 1 and \$28 afterward. The fee includes lunch and parking in the Washington Avenue Ramp. Register by calling (612) 624-0554, visiting [www.carlsonschool.umn.edu](http://www.carlsonschool.umn.edu), or sending an e-mail to [firsttuesday@csom.umn.edu](mailto:firsttuesday@csom.umn.edu). □

**Media Advisory**

**What:** Training camp for University of Minnesota marching band members  
**When:** 9 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. Aug 23 - Sept. 1  
**Who:** Timothy Diem, director  
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**University of Minnesota Marching Band's Spat Camp opens**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (8/22/2005)--No offense to the Minnesota Vikings, but the real thunder coming from a training camp this summer will be the sound of 310 pairs of "spatted" boots hitting the ground in precise choreographed rhythm during Spat Camp.

Opening Tuesday, Aug. 23, on the University of Minnesota, East Bank, Spat Camp -- named for the short gaiter worn over the instep -- is a 10-day, total immersion experience in all things marching band. At camp, members of the University of Minnesota Marching Band will live and breathe music under the direction of professor Timothy Diem.

A typical day begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 9:30 p.m., and includes drills and lessons on the music, steps and formations for the upcoming season of performances.

Rookies (freshman) report to camp on Aug. 23. Veteran members of the band are expected to be in camp by Monday, Aug. 29. Spat campers will stay in Territorial Hall on the U of M campus.

The marching band performs at all University of Minnesota Golden Gopher football home games. It holds an annual Indoor Concert at Northrop Auditorium, performs in the homecoming parade and occasional away games and in one Minnesota Vikings home football game each season. □



- What:** University of Minnesota at the state fair includes Maroon and Gold Day Sunday, Aug. 28
- Where:** U of M building, Dan Patch Avenue and Underwood Street
- Contacts:** David Ruth, University News Service, (612) 626-1720

### U of M at the state fair

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (8/23/2005)--The University of Minnesota will once again be one of the largest attractions at this year's Minnesota State Fair.

The university will present more than 100 exhibits, daily giveaways, expert panels, stage shows, education and health research, all five campuses represented and the athletics program, among scores of other things.

"Maroon and Gold Day" is set for Sunday, Aug. 28. It includes a "Know Your U" trivia contest and the marching band playing in the daily parade.

The U of M's building and stage are located at Dan Patch Avenue and Underwood Street.

University experts are available for radio, TV and print interviews on fair-related topics.

University News Service will be issuing daily media advisories highlighting the next day's events, but to view the entire lineup now, visit [www.umn.edu/statefair](http://www.umn.edu/statefair) or call David Ruth at (612) 626-1720. □

**What:** National Science Foundation's 'Assembling the Tree of Life' project  
**Who:** Award recipient, entomologist Susan Weller  
**Contacts:** Nina Shepherd, Bell Museum, (612) 624-7389  
David Ruth, University News Service, (612) 626-1720

### **Bell Museum awarded National Science Foundation 'Tree of Life' grant**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (8/24/2005)--The University of Minnesota's Bell Museum of Natural History has received its fourth "Assembling the Tree of Life" (ATOL) grant, for \$202,000, from the National Science Foundation (NSF). The recipient of the 5-year grant is Susan Weller, curator of Lepidoptera, who studies the morphology and genetics of moths.

In 2002 the NSF launched an ambitious 15-year project, which employs an international, multidisciplinary team of biologists, geneticists and computer experts in an effort to place the planet's 1.7 million identified species in a giant genealogical chart, or phylogenetic tree.

Working from Charles Darwin's concept that all life -- from the smallest microorganism to the largest vertebrate -- is genetically related, ATOL award recipients will work to position every known organism on its respective branch in the tree of life. The project aims to provide a giant periodic table for experts to predict and analyze changes in the environment, find cures for disease more quickly and better understand biological diversity on Earth.

To date, the Bell Museum has received more than \$1.5 million in ATOL grants, making it one of the country's top three institutional recipients in award dollars and number of scientists working on ATOL projects. Other Bell awardees include museum director Scott Lanyon, curator of fungi David McLaughlin and curator of fishes Andrew Simons.

"Bell Museum researchers are key to the ATOL project, as they specialize in systematics, the science of classification of organisms with regard to their natural relationships," said Lanyon. "The Tree of Life project is just one example of how the Bell Museum and its work in systematics is crucial not only to understanding regional biodiversity, but to understanding life on this planet."

For more information on the University of Minnesota's Bell Museum of Natural History, visit [www.umn.edu/bellmuse](http://www.umn.edu/bellmuse). □

**What:** U of M/MnSCU report on students taking remedial/developmental courses

**Contacts:** Daniel Wolter, University News Service, (612) 625-8510

### **Report: Lower percentage of U of M students needing remedial courses**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (8/24/2005)--Fewer Minnesota high school students enrolled at the University of Minnesota are taking remedial or developmental courses, according to a new report jointly released today by the university and the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) system. But university officials say there is room for improvement.

Of the members of the high school class of 2002 who were enrolled in the University of Minnesota, the report showed that 8.2 percent were enrolled in at least one developmental course as compared with 14.7 percent of the high school class of 2000. Almost all of the developmental courses offered throughout the U of M system are in mathematics.

"We're pleased to see that the percentage of Minnesota high school students taking remedial math courses has gone down," said University of Minnesota Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education Craig Swan. "At the same time, it is clear that better preparation in math is an important part of preparing students for success in higher education."

Swan said that the university's own information shows that student performance is improved when incoming students have four years of high school math. Current admission preparation standards require three years of math for most students.

This fall the university will consider boosting preparation standards in mathematics to four years, Swan said. That process will include discussions with K-12 school officials and state education officials, as well as all required internal university governance bodies, including the University Senate. □

**What:** Scheduled events at the U of M building and stage  
**When:** Thursday, Aug. 25  
**Where:** Dan Patch Avenue and Underwood Street  
**Contacts:** David Ruth, University News Service, (612) 626-1720

### University of Minnesota at the state fair Thursday

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (8/24/2005)--The University of Minnesota is celebrating the first day of the state fair with Bell Museum of Natural History Day and the College of Education and Human Development's (CEHD) Centennial.

At the CEHD booth, fairgoers will try to answer five sample questions from a 1938 schools exam and another five sample questions from today's Minnesota Basic Skills test.

"In 1938, students needed to take and pass tests in English, math, geography, history and science to get into high school. Today, students need to take the basic skills test to graduate from high school," said Peggy Rader, communications director at CEHD. Stop by and test your knowledge.


U of M stage schedule for Thursday, Aug. 25:

- 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Minnesota Wildlife Quiz Show — Test your knowledge of Minnesota's amazing natural history. Win prizes.
  - 11 a.m. Emergency medical presentations hosted by Augsburg Academy for Health Careers, a public charter school that is part of the Humphrey Institute's Center for School Change.
  - Noon. "Forensics: Using Plants and Insects to Solve Crimes," presented by Jennifer Menken, Bell Museum of Natural History.
  - 1 p.m. Minnesota's Reptiles and Amphibians — Learn about the surprising diversity of reptiles and amphibians in this state and meet special visitors from the Bell Museum.
  - 2 and 3 p.m. International Trivia Game Show — Presented by the Learning Abroad Center, Office for International Programs.
  - 4 – 6 p.m. Radio K broadcasting live.
- U of M building exhibits for Thursday, Aug. 25 (open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.):
- University of Minnesota, Rochester. Representatives from Rochester will be available to answer questions about the university's campus serving southeastern Minnesota.
  - Academic Health Center/College of Veterinary Medicine. Experts from the College of Veterinary Medicine will discuss animal nutrition, dentistry, rehabilitation and other specialties and can answer

veterinary questions. Giveaways include antibacterial hand gel, auto alert and pencils.

- College of Education and Human Development Faculty, staff and students from the world-renowned Institute of Child Development will be available all day to discuss infant and toddler developmental stages and talk about research projects in the institute featuring children from the Twin Cities.

Throughout the fair, the Alumni Association, athletics department and “Improving the Health of the Environment, the Economy and U,” where you can see the many ways the University of Minnesota works to improve one’s life through research, will have experts available and free giveaways in the university’s building.

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**What:** U of M to host Multicultural Kick-off Days  
**When:** Thursday and Friday, Sept. 1 and 2  
**Where:** Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis  
**Who:** 230 incoming students and their parents  
**Contacts:** Patrick Troup, OMAA, (612) 624-5253  
Bob San, University News Service, (612) 624-4082

### U of M to host Multicultural Kick-off Days

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (8/25/2005)--About 230 incoming students of color at the University of Minnesota and their parents will attend Multicultural Kick-off Days Thursday and Friday, Sept. 1 and 2, at Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. SE, Minneapolis.

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. Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., sessions in Coffman Union's Great Hall will give parents and students the inside scoop on scholarships, financial aid, 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 academic support services offered under the Office of Multicultural and Academic Affairs.

On Friday, representatives from the university's financial aid office and study abroad programs will make presentations.

"Multicultural Kickoff Day provides our new students an opportunity to meet students, faculty and staff from diverse backgrounds," said OMAA interim vice president Geoff Maruyama. "It will help first-year students make a successful transition to college by building community and identifying academic and cultural support on campus."



**Media Advisory**

- What:** XTREME Bubble team to go for a world's record for the largest free-floating soap bubble
- When:** 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26
- Where:** common area in front of Vincent Hall, 206 Church St. S.E., Minneapolis
- Contacts:** John Erck, XTREME team, (612) 619-8137  
Mark Cassutt, University News Service, (612) 624-8038

**University of Minnesota to host world record attempt at the largest free-floating soap bubble**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (8/25/2005)--The XTREME Bubble Team (a Minnesota-based company) will attempt to establish a Guinness World Record for the largest free-floating soap bubble from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26, in front of Vincent Hall, 206 Church St. S.E., Minneapolis. The free-floating soap bubble category is new to Guinness World Records.

The four-person XTREME team will set up at 7 a.m. in the commons area just west of Vincent Hall. The team will use a large wooden wand and their own special soap solution to blow as many bubbles as they can until producing one large enough to establish the record. For a frame of reference, bubble blowing aficionados feel that it is possible to produce a free-floating bubble of nearly 30 feet in diameter. A bubble this size would have a circumference of 94.25 feet and a volume of 14,137.17 cubic feet.

Precise documentation of a bubble's volume is critical for consideration as an official Guinness World Record. The bubbles produced by the XTREME team will be measured by Monte Ramstad, founder of Minnesota-based Pokescope Products and a pioneer in the field of fully synchronized three-dimensional digital photography. He will photograph the bubbles from multiple angles with synchronized digital cameras. Then, Fadil Santosa, University of Minnesota professor, mathematics department, will analyze the digital photographs with a special computer program and precisely calculate the bubbles' volume. Results will be submitted to Guinness World Records for consideration as a new record. □

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**What:** University of Minnesota stage and building exhibits schedule  
**When:** Friday, Aug. 26  
**Contacts:** David Ruth, University News Service, (612) 626-1720

### University of Minnesota state fair events for Friday

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (8/25/2005)--The University of Minnesota is celebrating Gopher Sports Friday at the "Great Minnesota Get Together" Aug. 26, with many of its athletic teams taking the stage throughout the day at Dan Patch Avenue and Underwood Street. See the day's complete schedule below.

#### U of M stage schedule:

- Noon – 12:30 p.m. Men's tennis team
- 12:30 - 1 p.m. Men's and women's track and field teams
- 1 – 1:30 p.m. Wrestling team
- 1:30 - 2 p.m. Athletics Director Joel Maturi
- 2 – 2:30 p.m. Volleyball team
- 2:30 - 3 p.m. Men's golf team
- 3 – 3:30 p.m. Women's basketball team
- 3:30 - 4 p.m. Women's swimming and diving team
- 4 – 6 p.m. Radio K broadcasting live

#### U of M building exhibits: (open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.):

- University of Minnesota, Crookston. Representatives from Crookston will be available to answer questions about the university's campus serving northwestern Minnesota.

- Academic Health Center

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Team from the Medical Technology division will demonstrate a laboratory activity.

3 p.m. – 9 p.m. Team from the Physical Therapy program will be on hand with an electrical stimulation demonstration and blood pressure screenings.

- College of Education & Human Development

The department of curriculum and instruction will be in the booth all day to talk about kindergarten licensure, literacy, collaborative learning, K-12-college partnerships, science and math education and more.

Throughout the fair, the Alumni Association, athletics department and “Improving the Health of the Environment, the Economy and U” will have experts available and distribute free giveaways in the university’s building.

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**What:** New book from University of Minnesota professor looks at churches' response to changing families

**Who:** Penny Edgell, U of M sociology professor

**Contacts:** Nina Shepherd, sociology media relations, (612) 599-1148  
Mark Cassutt, University News Service, (612) 624-8038

### **New book looks at ways to attract today's churchgoer**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (8/26/2005)--When it comes to membership, American churches can take a tip from SuperTarget--convenience, variety and innovation are key to attracting the modern churchgoer.

In her new book, "Religion and Family in a Changing Society," University of Minnesota sociology professor Penny Edgell found that today's successful churches--those that are growing and thriving in membership--offer a plan of worship and activities that work with modern family structures. The big losers are churches that spout nostalgic rhetoric, or blame its members for poor choices or skewed values.

Edgell interviewed more than 1,000 churchgoers and 125 church leaders ranging in denomination from conservative evangelical to progressive liberal. She tracked how churches have changed over the past 50 years in response to dramatic changes in American family life.

According to Edgell, today's activist Protestant and Catholic churches are particularly good at attracting new membership because of their innovative spirit. Things like breakfast worship services, day care and date nights all play into today's less structured family model. And evangelical churches have also adopted such unconventional forms of ministry as drive-in services, rock concerts and singles groups while remaining true to their conservative doctrine. Across the board, the most successful church leaders tend to view today's family realities as challenges, rather than setbacks.

Edgell also found that many churches are becoming powerful political voices on many modern issues. In addition, her research showed that men and women are attracted to church for different reasons. While fatherhood and a desire to connect with their children triggers men's involvement, women get involved in church as a way of exploring their spirituality.

Edgell's research will be featured in an October broadcast of PBS's Religion & Ethics News Weekly ([www.pbs.org/wnet/religionandethics](http://www.pbs.org/wnet/religionandethics) or check local listings for time). Her book is published by Princeton University Press and is available at [www.pup.princeton.edu](http://www.pup.princeton.edu). □

**What:** U of M stage and building events  
**When:** Tuesday, Aug. 30  
**Where:** Minnesota State Fair  
**Contacts:** David Ruth, University News Service, (612) 626-1720

### U of M at the state fair Tuesday

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (8/29/2005)--The University of Minnesota is celebrating Gopher Sports Tuesday at the "Great Minnesota Get Together" Aug. 30, with many of its athletic teams taking the stage throughout the day at Dan Patch Avenue and Underwood Street. See the day's complete schedule below.

U of M stage schedule:

- Noon – 12:30 p.m. Soccer team
- 12:30 – 1 p.m. Softball team
- 1 – 1:30 p.m. Men's hockey and men's basketball teams
- 1:30 – 2 p.m. Men's and women's gymnastics teams
- 2 – 2:30 p.m. Women's tennis team
- 2:30 – 3 p.m. Rowing team
- 3 – 3:30 p.m. Baseball team
- 3:30 – 4 p.m. Women's hockey team
- 4 – 6 p.m. Radio K broadcasting live

U of M building exhibits -- open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.:

- University of Minnesota, Duluth. Representatives from Duluth will be available to answer questions about the university's campus on Lake Superior.

- Academic Health Center. Be a germ buster! University of Minnesota Children's Hospital, Fairview, will be teaching kids about the importance of proper hand washing via an interactive "Glo Germ" demonstration for children of all ages. Using Glo Gel, simulated germs are applied to a participant's hands, followed by hand washing and placement under an ultraviolet light to view any germs that are left behind. Children can register to win one of 20 soap-making kits.

- College of Education & Human Development

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. The department of educational psychology. Faculty will discuss their research in

special education, accountability and assessment.

3 p.m.– 9 p.m. The Center for Applied Research and Educational Improvement works with numerous school districts throughout the state to evaluate everything from school start times, to arts integration, to block scheduling to the role of administrators in improving student learning. Researchers will discuss K-12 issues with parents and the public.

Throughout the fair, the alumni association, athletics department and “Improving the Health of the Environment, the Economy and U” will have experts available and distribute free giveaways in the university’s building.

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**Media Advisory**

- What:** Event to bring community and public safety around the university to light
- When:** 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1
- Where:** On Fifth Street Southeast, between 11th and 13th avenues Southeast
- Contacts:** David Ruth, University News Service, (612) 626-1720

**'U Light Up the Night' block party set for Thursday**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (8/30/2005)--To bring attention to safety issues, the Panhellenic Council, the governing body of sororities, will hold a block party from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1, on Fifth Street Southeast, between 11th and 13th avenues Southeast.

The "U Light Up the Night Block Party" is being put on by the council, along with the Minneapolis Police Department 2nd Precinct, University of Minnesota Police Department, Marcy-Holmes Neighborhood Association, and U of M offices of Student Affairs and University Relations.

Since most students are not here during the summer for National Night Out events, the block party gives student renters the chance to mingle with neighbors and start discussions about safety.

"The party is a great place for students and the neighborhood to meet," said Kat Baugher, Panhellenic Council. "After last year's inaugural event's success -- with more than 500 students and neighbors -- we look forward to this wonderful event."

The event includes free food, music and safety information from university and community organizations.

A brief program will take place at 7 p.m. Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak and councilman Paul Zerby will speak, along with other event sponsor representatives.

Residents in the Marcy-Holmes neighborhood will be encouraged to turn on their front lights by 6 p.m. that evening to "Light Up the Night," so participants can walk home safely.

The Panhellenic Council will use the block party to put the spotlight on its greatest safety concern, the lack of lighting in the neighborhood, Baugher said.

"We're concerned for the safety of neighborhood residents and students, especially when they walk home from classes at night," Baugher said. □

**What:** U of M stage and building events  
**Where:** Minnesota State Fair, Dan Patch Avenue and Underwood Street  
**Contacts:** David Ruth, University News Service

### U of M at the state fair Wednesday

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (8/30/2005)--The University of Minnesota is celebrating the University of Minnesota, Duluth (UMD), at the "Great Minnesota Get Together" Wednesday, Aug. 31, with UMD mascot "Champ the Bulldog" available to play fetch all day at Dan Patch Avenue and Underwood Street. See the day's complete schedule below.

#### U of M stage schedule:

- 10 a.m. Musical Magic – UMD department of music voice students Katherine Gallagher, Nathan Herfindahl and Amy Hagensen perform a variety of musical styles, from opera to show tunes.
- 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Wicked Rocks – Scott Wolter, UMD alumnus and geology expert, will show agates from his collection -- the largest collection of Lake Superior agates in the world.
- Noon and 3 p.m. Dem Bones – Geological sciences Assistant Professor Tim Demko and his students will prep some dinosaur bones for all to see and answer questions from the audience. On the hour and half hour, they'll describe the dinosaur bone prep process.
- 4–6 p.m. Radio K broadcasting live.

#### U of M building exhibits -- open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.:

- University of Minnesota, Duluth. Representatives from UMD will be available to answer questions about the university's campus on Lake Superior.
- Academic Health Center.
- 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Center for Drug Design: Using 3D glasses and a specialized computer, see how computer programs enhance the development of new medicines. View cell slides through a specialized microscope and learn about the journey of a drug from conception to the marketplace.
- 3 p.m. – 9 p.m. School of Dentistry will be on hand with a questionnaire on oral health .
- College of Education and Human Development.
- 9 a.m. – Noon. The University Literacy Initiative emphasizes the importance of reading.
- Noon – 3 p.m. Representatives from the college's development office discuss the role of

philanthropy in a public institution.

3 p.m. – 9 p.m. Staff members of the college’s financial services office answer general questions about the college and how public grants are managed ethically.

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- What:** Grand reopening of Jones Hall after remodeling project
- When:** Noon - 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 6
- Who:** Steven Rosenstone, dean of the College of Liberal Arts; Wayne Sigler, director of admissions; Jenise Rowekamp, director of the Language Center; Bill Beyer, architect
- Contacts:** Kelly O'Brien, College of Liberal Arts, (612) 624-4109  
Mark Cassutt, University News Service, (612) 624-8038

### University of Minnesota's historic Jones Hall to have grand reopening Sept. 6

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (8/30/2005)--The University of Minnesota College of Liberal Arts (CLA) will host the grand reopening of historic Jones Hall from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 6, at Jones Hall, 27 Pleasant St. S.E., Minneapolis.

The university community and general public will celebrate the reopening with a ceremonial ribbon cutting at noon, music by the School of Music Steel Drum Band and greetings in some of the 38 languages taught at the university. Building tours will be conducted following the ceremony.

As part of the remodeling project, this 1901 Renaissance Revival-style building has been updated with central air conditioning, new windows, state of the art communications and electrical capabilities and ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) upgrades, among many other improvements. Even though this historically-designated building has been modernized, it still maintains important historic features such as stair treads and banisters, paneled doors, arched ceilings and its terra cotta façade.

The new and improved Jones Hall will be home to the College of Liberal Arts Language Center and the U of M Freshman Admissions Welcome Center.

"Minnesota should be proud of what was done to preserve this historic building and, at the same time, turn a 104-year-old structure into a facility that supports state of the art research in language instruction and provides a welcoming atmosphere for prospective students," said Steven Rosenstone, dean of the College of Liberal Arts. "Jones Hall is an example of the university and College of Liberal Arts' commitment to being good stewards of the public's resources. We are very grateful for the continued support of the state and the Minnesota community."

Jones Hall and Nicholson Hall, which is slated to reopen in January 2006, are part of the burgeoning humanities district in the historic knoll area of the East Bank campus.

Tours of Jones Hall are available now. The following people are available for interviews regarding Jones Hall: Jenise Rowekamp, director of the CLA Language Center; Bill Beyer, architect; and Steven

Rosenstone. To schedule a visit or interview please contact Kelly O'Brien at (612) 624-4109.□

**What:** U of M Osher Lifelong Learning Institute celebrates 10th year  
**When:** Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2 to 5 p.m.  
**Where:** McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St. S.E. Minneapolis  
**Who:** About 400 current and former OLLI members  
**Contacts:** Steve Benson, OLLI executive director, (612) 624-7847  
 Bob San, University News Service, sanxx001@.umn.edu,  
 (612) 624-4082

### U of M Osher Lifelong Learning Institute celebrates 10th year

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (8/31/2005)--The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), a continuing-education program for seniors at the University of Minnesota, will celebrate its 10th anniversary with a gala luncheon from 2 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, at the McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St. S.E. Minneapolis. About 400 current and former OLLI members are expected to attend the Sept. 7 celebration. Former U of M Vice President for University Relations Tom Swain, himself a member of OLLI, will be the master of ceremony. Scheduled speakers at the event include U of M President Robert Bruininks, College of Continuing Education Dean Mary Nichols and OLLI President Karen Bowen.

OLLI, which calls itself "a health club for the mind," is an educational and service program for metro older adults, staffed almost entirely by volunteers. It offers enlightening and challenging classes, discussion groups and travel opportunities for retired adults.

"OLLI participants are typically retirement age adults with intellectual curiosity and a love of learning," said OLLI founder and executive director Steve Benson. "Together they create an atmosphere conducive to challenging discussions and exploration—of classics and current issues, in specific fields and in the world-at-large."

This fall OLLI will offer about 180 courses, trips, and activities during the 2005–2006 school year at the University of Minnesota and at other sites throughout the metro area. Most courses meet once a week during daytime hours. Courses are led by volunteers who are current and retired faculty from the U of M and area colleges, community activists, and OLLI members. In addition to classes, special interest groups meet for biking, hiking, ethnic dining, book clubs and jazz appreciation. Travel opportunities include: a hike in Transylvania through Dracula country this month, the Colonial and Maya Heritage of the Yucatan,

the 41st Nobel Conference, Exploring Alaska and a volunteer project in an indigenous village in Mexico.



- What:** 'Building on Hmong Women's Assets: Past, Present and Future,' a national conference on Hmong women's issues
- When:** Sept. 16 and 17
- Where:** Nolte Center, 315 Pillsbury Drive S.E., Minneapolis
- Contacts:** Registration: [www.hmongstudies.com/HmongWomensConference.html](http://www.hmongstudies.com/HmongWomensConference.html) or call (612) 298-3289
- Kelly O'Brien, College of Liberal Arts, (612) 624-4109, [obrie136@umn.edu](mailto:obrie136@umn.edu)
- Mark Cassutt, University News Service, (612) 624-8038

### University of Minnesota to host first of its kind national Hmong women's conference

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (8/31/2005)--The Hmong Women's National Conference Committee, with support from the University of Minnesota College of Liberal Arts, will present the first of its kind national conference on Hmong women's issues Friday and Saturday, Sept. 16-17, in the Nolte Center, 315 Pillsbury Dr., Minneapolis.

"Building on Hmong Women's Assets: Past, Present and Future" was organized by members of the Hmong community at the university and is intended for Hmong and general audiences alike.

Papers, panels, workshops and vendors focusing on Hmong women will be featured during the two-day conference. "The common perception about Hmong women is of victimization," said conference co-chair Chia Youyee Vang, U of M doctoral candidate in the department of American studies. "Scholarly studies, policy and community reports and media coverage have generally focused on problems."

Conference organizers agree that there is a lack of knowledge and discussion about Hmong women's roles throughout history, in their respective communities, and in the wider American society. Vang said that this conference is needed to celebrate and remember the contributions Hmong women have made to their culture and the survival of their people. "The goal of this conference is to examine the multiple ways in which Hmong women have made a positive impact throughout history, despite cultural practices that may restrict their involvement in certain areas," she said.

Registration for the conference is available at [www.hmongstudies.com/HmongWomensConference.html](http://www.hmongstudies.com/HmongWomensConference.html) or by calling (612) 298-3289. Conference fee is \$100 for the general public. Discounted rates are available for students and seniors.

Conference co-chairs Vang and Krystal Vujongyia, executive director of ACTS of St. Paul, are

available for pre-conference interviews. For more information and scheduling, contact Kelly O'Brien at (612) 624-4109 or [obrie136@umn.edu](mailto:obrie136@umn.edu).

At the heart of the University of Minnesota, the College of Liberal Arts has served Minnesota and its people with distinction for 135 years—improving lives and contributing to the public good through path-breaking research, service to communities and teaching. The college has 540 dedicated and award-winning faculty who are making discoveries and creating knowledge in the arts, social sciences and humanities. CLA is home to nearly 17,000 students and the alma mater to approximately 110,000 living alumni. □

**What:** U of M stage and building events  
**When:** Thursday, Sept. 1  
**Where:** Minnesota State Fair, Dan Patch Avenue and Underwood Street  
**Contacts:** David Ruth, University News Service, (612) 626-1720

### U of M at the state fair Thursday

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (8/31/2005)--The University of Minnesota is celebrating "Healthy U Day" and the University of Minnesota, Crookston, at the "Great Minnesota Get Together" Thursday, Sept. 1. The university's Academic Health Center will be hosting programs every half hour on the stage at Dan Patch Avenue and Underwood Street.

Appearing today only at 1 p.m., in the Agriculture/Horticulture building, are the Bee Beards. See a phenomenon of nature made possible by U of M research. The Bee Beards is an excellent photo opportunity.

The day's complete schedule is below.

#### U of M stage schedule:

- 10 a.m. A Cancer Prevention Puppet Show presented and preformed by Circus Minimus.
- 10:30 a.m "Women and Heart Disease," presented by the Deborah E. Powell Center for Women's Health.
- 11a.m. and 12:30 p.m. "The Body Electric ... It'll Make Your Hair Stand on End!" presented by David Rhees from The Bakken: A Library & Museum of Electricity in Life.
- 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. "A Chalk Talk on Prostate Cancer," hosted by the Center for Prostate Cancer.
- Noon. A presentation by the U of M Medical Center, a division of Fairview.
- 1 p.m. "Birds from the Raptor Center," presented by College of Veterinary Medicine.
- 2 p.m. "Blood Pressures' Hi's and Lows," presented by nurses from the U of M's School of Nursing.
- 2:30 p.m. "Food and the Aging Brain," presented by Bea Krinke, School of Public Health.
- 3 p.m. "Discover the Right Way to Wash Your Hands," presented by nurses from the School of Nursing.
- 3:30 p.m. "Pollution Touches You in More Ways that You can Imagine," presented by the School

of Public Health.

- 4-6 p.m. Radio K broadcasting live.

U of M building exhibits -- open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.:

- University of Minnesota, Crookston. Representatives from Crookston will be available to answer questions about how the university's campus serves northwestern Minnesota.

- Academic Health Center. A variety of activities from the School of Public Health include:

9 a.m.–noon. "Ask the Expert" about infectious diseases.

Noon–3 p.m. Fun food facts

3–6 p.m. "Glo Germ" demonstration, Air Alert!, socking air pollution and material witness – waste matchmaking

6–8 p.m. DNA spooling

- College of Education & Human Development. Representatives from the School of Kinesiology discuss obesity research, after-school recreational activities, safe driving issues, girls and women in sport, the mechanics of motor skills and physical education for students with disabilities.

Each day at the fair, the alumni association, athletics department and "Improving the Health of the Environment, the Economy and U" will have experts available and distribute giveaways in the university's building.

For a complete listing of U of M events at the Minnesota State Fair, visit [www.umn.edu/statefair](http://www.umn.edu/statefair). □



**Where:** University of Minnesota, Twin Cities (UMTC)  
**Who:** Wayne Sigler, admissions director, U of M, Twin Cities  
**Contacts:** David Ruth, University News Service, (612) 626-1720 and cell, (612) 702-9473

### **University of Minnesota creates emergency admissions policy to assist students affected by Hurricane Katrina**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (9/1/2005)--The University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, announced today an emergency admissions policy to assist students who were already admitted or enrolled at colleges and universities affected by Hurricane Katrina.

"Hurricane Katrina was a disaster with far-reaching impact on the lives of many people," said Wayne Sigler, director of admissions. "We have been contacted by students from Minnesota and elsewhere who were to start college classes in the region affected by the hurricane. We want to do what we can to minimize the impact of this disaster on the region's college students."

The university will expedite admission for fall semester (beginning next week, Tuesday, Sept. 6) and spring semester for impacted students. The university has already admitted a law school student who plans on starting classes next week.

The policy for hurricane-affected students includes:

- Each request will be handled on a case-by-case basis.
- If the student is qualified, the university will work to the best of its ability to admit students for the fall semester, and otherwise the spring 2006 semester.
- Students applying will be given special consideration, based on their residency, with first consideration being given to Minnesota residents and those from hurricane-impacted states.
- Campus housing will be made available to as many new freshmen as possible.
- The Office of Student Finance will work with each student on a case-by-case basis.

**MEDIA NOTE:** While respecting students' current situation, the university is working with them to determine whether or not they wish to speak to media. Media wishing to interview a student should send a note to [druth@umn.edu](mailto:druth@umn.edu). If a student becomes available, University News Service will respond to your request. □

**What:** One- to two-minute daily radio features  
**When:** Launches Tuesday, Sept. 6  
**Who:** Linda Thrane, vice president for University Relations  
**Contacts:** David Ruth, University News Service, (612) 626-1720

### University News Service to launch 'University of Minnesota Moment' Tuesday

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (9/1/2005)--Beginning Tuesday, Sept. 6, the University of Minnesota office of University Relations will make a daily one- to two-minute radio feature available to all Minnesota radio stations free.

The feature, "University of Minnesota Moment," will highlight university experts commenting on topical, informational and educational issues in a news-style report.

"The University of Minnesota is a valuable resource to this state, with a wealth of topical information that we're looking to share in new ways," said Linda Thrane, vice president for University Relations. "In particular, we want to reach out to the radio stations and people of greater Minnesota."

Radio stations wishing to receive the MP3s directly to their e-mail accounts should send the request to David Ruth at [druth@umn.edu](mailto:druth@umn.edu). The News Service will issue a press release each Friday providing the links for the upcoming week.

"University of Minnesota Moment" features for the week of Sept. 6:

- Tuesday. Obesity on the rise. [http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/UMM Obesity.mp3](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/UMM%20Obesity.mp3)
- Wednesday. Fall lawn care. [http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/UMM turf.mp3](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/UMM%20turf.mp3)
- Thursday. Kids and after school time. [http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/UMM After School.mp3](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/UMM%20After%20School.mp3)
- Friday. Anxiety and alcohol. [http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/UMM Anxiety.mp3](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/UMM%20Anxiety.mp3)

The "University of Minnesota Moment" is offered free of charge, although radio stations are encouraged to e-mail feedback on their use of the vignettes.

University News Service has created a blog site for downloading the features (all are MP3). The address is <http://blog.lib.umn.edu/urelate/radio/>. The features will be available on the blog site the day they are scheduled to run. They will be archived with a calendar function, and a keyword search for topics is available. The radio feature is a partnership of University Relations, the Academic Health Center, Extension Service, the College of Agricultural Food and Environmental Sciences, the College of Natural Resources and the College of Liberal Arts. □

**What:** U of M names recipients of disability scholarships  
**When:** 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9  
**Where:** Room 203 Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis  
**Who:** Six U of M students  
**Contacts:** John Lukkanen, scholarship winner, (612) 202-3991  
Bobbi Cordano, Director of Disability Services, (612) 624-4120  
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### U of M names recipients of disability scholarships

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (9/6/2005)--Six University of Minnesota students will receive a Robert and Gail Buuck Scholarship for Disability Services at a reception from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E. Minneapolis.

University of Minnesota alumnus Robert Buuck and his wife, Gail, gave the university's Office of Disability Services \$100,000 last fall to establish the endowed scholarship fund after learning in a newspaper article that the university did not have scholarships for students with disabilities. The purpose of the Buuck Family Fund is to provide access to higher education, opportunities for enhancing or supporting learning, and support for guidance or training in the development of self-advocacy and leadership for students with disabilities at the University of Minnesota.

"The Buucks' donation was a very generous gift," said Bobbi Cordano, director of the university's Office of Disability Services. "As our endowment fund grows, we hope to use some of this money for programming purposes, such as increasing opportunities that enhance or support learning, and offering guidance or training in leadership development and transition from college to work. There are not very many disability offices at universities around the country that have funds for students with disabilities. We are emerging as one of the few that have that in the United States."

The six Buuck Scholars are:

JENNA AALAND, a North Dakota resident, is a 2004 Buuck recipient. She plans on majoring in biomedical engineering with the long-term goal of attending medical school. Aaland said that medicine has been her passion since the age of 5. She is employed part-time, works as a medical volunteer serving the needs of the underprivileged, and hopes to participate in cardiac research work at the Mayo Clinic during the summer months.

RACHEL GARAGHTY, also a 2004 Buuck recipient, was appointed the undergraduate representative to the University Senate Committee on Disability Issues after her first semester at the university. She is also a board member and secretary of the Disabled Student Cultural Center. Garaghty is planning to graduate with a degree in political science with an emphasis in international policy. She then intends to attend law school and pursue a doctorate degree.

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KAITLIN MOORE, a recent graduate of White Bear Lake Area High School, has been described as a top student who was very involved with her school and community. While in high school, Moore was a member of the National Honor Society and also participated in the Art Club, German Club, Math Team and Mentorship Connection. For the past few months, she has been an intern in a neuroscience research laboratory and intends to major in neuroscience. Her career goal is to become a neurosurgeon.

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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. 17  
**Where:** Comstock Hall, 210 Delaware St. S.E. Minneapolis  
**Who:** Incoming students and their parents  
**Contacts:** Jillian Berkland, (612) 626-0733;  
Bob San, University News Service, (612) 624-4082

### U of M American Indian Cultural House fall feast and open house

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (9/7/2005)--The American Indian Cultural House (AICH), a third-year program at the University of Minnesota aimed at helping American Indian students adjust to campus life, will host a Fall Welcome Feast and Open House Saturday, Sept. 17 from noon to 3 p.m. in the Comstock Hall Ballroom, 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, an academic advisor, learned that many first-year students have trouble adapting to life on campus. This is especially true for American Indian students, many of whom 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. Twelve 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.

"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."

At the open house, AICH students and parents are invited to meet with members from the University of Minnesota Council of Elders, University's American Indian Studies Department and American Indian Student Cultural Center and members of the university community. James Anderson, fitness director from the Life Skill Center for Leadership of Minneapolis and son of Famous Dave founder Dave

**What:** U of M Foundation reports university-wide giving for FY05  
**Contacts:** Martha Douglas, University of Minnesota Foundation, (612) 626-9712  
Mark Cassutt, University News Service, (612) 624-8038

## Record number of donors give \$180 million to the University of Minnesota

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (9/6/2005)--The number of donors making gifts to benefit the University of Minnesota reached a new high in fiscal year 2005, with 92,741 donors making gifts and pledges totaling \$180 million. This includes a record 51,145 alumni donors, or 8 percent more alumni giving back to the university than in fiscal 2004.

"We have had a steady increase in the number of alumni donors in recent years, reflecting in part increased efforts to reach out to them and engage them in supporting the U," said Gerald Fischer, president and chief executive officer of the University of Minnesota Foundation. The University of Minnesota Foundation tracks and reports gifts to all U of M campuses, colleges and departments, including gifts made through other university foundations.

The \$180 million is an increase of 24 percent in giving compared with fiscal 2004. It includes gifts made through the Minnesota Medical Foundation to the Medical School and the School of Public Health. The Minnesota Medical Foundation is reporting its highest annual fundraising total, as well as its highest number of donors, in 66 years.

A particularly strong area of giving to the university was for student scholarships and fellowships. This area has been the university's top fund-raising priority since the close of Campaign Minnesota in July 2003 and the launch that same year of the Promise of Tomorrow Scholarship Drive. The number of donors giving to scholarships and fellowships has increased by 18 percent since the scholarship drive began and is more than twice what it was 10 years ago.

"We are committed to increasing the amount of support available to our students in a variety of ways," said University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks. "We've made scholarships and student support the U's top private fundraising priority, and I have been gratified by the response we've received from alumni and friends."

An update on the progress of the scholarship drive will be announced later this month. October will once again be Scholarship Month on university campuses, to draw attention to the continuing need for student support.

The \$180 million raised in fiscal 2005 includes cash gifts and pledges, as well as other future commitments such as bequests and trusts. Donors designate how they want their gifts to be used, with



only about 2 percent each year being unrestricted. In fiscal 2005, a large percentage of the gifts were designated for endowment, which means that the funds are invested and increase over time, providing long-term funding for the designated programs.

“Endowed faculty and research funds provide stability for long-term research, and endowed scholarships and fellowships create a cumulative benefit in the numbers of students we can support over time,” Bruininks said. “A strong endowment will be key to achieving our aspiration to be among the top three public research universities in the world.”

The University of Minnesota Foundation, founded in 1962, is an independent nonprofit organization that helps build the quality of the University of Minnesota by raising and managing gifts from alumni, friends and organizations. The foundation’s assets totaled nearly \$1.3 billion on June 30, 2005, including approximately \$1 billion in endowment funds.□

**Media Advisory**

- What:** Finals to determine winner of statewide contest for new and innovative business ideas
- When:** 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8
- Where:** McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St. S.E, Minneapolis

**U of M to host first-ever Minnesota Cup competition to determine entrepreneur with most innovative business idea**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (9/7/2005)--On Thursday, Sept. 8, five finalists will compete for the first-ever Minnesota Cup at the McNamara Alumni Center on the U of M campus. Last March, Minnesotans were challenged to submit their most brilliant business ideas to a panel of prestigious business leaders by contest originators, and U of M alumni, Dan Mallin and Scott Litman. More than 600 contestants submitted ideas, and the finalists were selected last month.

Judging of the presentations begins at 3 p.m. and is closed to the public. The finalists' ideas are:

- A DVD that erases after a few plays.
- Powerful tools to educate people living with diabetes.
- A low-cost method for connecting to fiber optic lines.
- A system for simplifying IV therapy for hospital patients.
- The first-ever comprehensive disaster and emergency response vehicle.

A reception follows the judging at 5:30 p.m. It will open with a welcome from University of Minnesota President Bob Bruininks. The winner will be revealed later in the program.

The winner will receive the first annual Minnesota Cup; \$25,000 in seed capital; business support services provided by area businesses and the Wells Fargo Advisory Board; and a monthly review by bankers, an accountant and an attorney, arranged by Wells Fargo. Second and third place winners will receive \$5,000 and \$2,500 respectively. □

- What:** U of M Compleat Scholar program allows Minnesotans to tackle the world, one topic at a time
- When:** Fall semester classes start Sept. 26
- Where:** U of M Twin Cities campus
- Who:** Any interested students
- Contacts:** Liz Turchin, College of Continuing Education, (612) 625-1274  
Heather Skatter, College of Continuing Education, (612) 624-7770

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MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (9/8/2005)--This fall, Minnesotans will trade in the sweltering days of summer for crisp autumn evenings of sharpened pencils, and minds. Through the university's College of Continuing Education Compleat Scholar Program, university experts and curious adults meet to examine art and history, explore science and ecology, or debate how to shape the future. These short courses involve no tests or grades, just a shared passion for learning. This fall's lineup includes:

Russian Art of the Silver Age (Mondays, Sept. 26-Oct. 24, 7-9 p.m.) – Stephen Feinstein, professor of history, will transport the class to the Russia of an earlier era, before Stalin and the state control of the arts. Students will be dazzled by the energy and beauty of Ballets Russes, stage designs, and paintings from the 18th century through the late 1920s.

Digital Storytelling (Mondays, Sept. 26-Oct. 24, 7-9 p.m.) – Nora Paul, Institute of New Media Studies director, examines how mass communicators tell their story when the mass media are disappearing. Participants will debate current issues, explore interactive experiences offered by the Web, and practice writing for the new media.

Einstein's Miracle Year (Tuesdays, Sept. 27-Oct. 25, 7-9 p.m.) – Michel Janssen, associate professor of the history of science and technology, will take participants back to 1905 to learn about Einstein and his revolutionary theories. He'll even unlock the secrets to the scientist's theories of relativity ( $E=mc^2$ ) and quantum mechanics.

Minnesota Mushrooms (Thursdays, Sept. 29-Oct. 13, 7-9 p.m.) – Neil A. Anderson, retired professor of plant pathology, will take adults from the classroom to the field covering the many kinds of mushrooms that grace our dinner plates and contribute to the health of our state forest.

Christians to the Lions! Martyrs and Pagans in the Roman Empire (Mondays, Sept. 26-Oct. 10, 7-9 p.m.) – Oliver Nicholson of the Classical and Near Eastern Studies department will invite adults to go beyond the familiar images of early Christian martyrs to examine the historical record and long-held assumptions about victims, suffering and people standing up for what they believe in.

The History of Rock and Roll (Mondays, Nov. 7-28, 7-9 p.m.) – Peter Mercer-Taylor, associate professor of music, will actually insist that his students listen to music during class. From Elvis to Eminem, this is a back-stage pass to the history of rock and roll.

Biomedical Ethics: Personal Decisions or Public Matters (Mondays, Nov. 7-21, 7-9 p.m.) – Debra DeBruin of the Medical School will lead discussions that examine all sides of heart-wrenching decisions such as end-of-life care and physician-assisted dying, along with policy issues surrounding health care management.

World War II: A Social History (Tuesdays, Nov. 8-29, 7-9 p.m.) – John Kim Munholland, professor emeritus of history, will take participants back 60 years to examine the people that shaped the world leading up to, and leading to an end to, the Second World War. “Meet” Churchill, Stalin, Roosevelt, Eisenhower and Hitler through the insights of this scholar. Munholland will pique history buff’s curiosity during a September 13 evening “Sampler” program. This new offering highlights three of the season’s instructors. The event also will include two other instructors giving an introduction to the pioneering psychologist Carl Jung and a glimpse of London’s history through art and literature.

The Coming Winter: How Cold, How Long, and How do We Know? (Thursdays, Nov. 10-17, 6:30-8:30 p.m.) – Extension service climatologist Mark Seeley will delve into Minnesotans’ favorite topic, the weather. From folklore to scientific models, students will learn about the history of predicting the future.

For more information on these, or all 30 fall offerings, call (612) 624-4000 or visit [www.cce.umn.edu/scholars](http://www.cce.umn.edu/scholars). All classes meet at the convenient Continuing Education and Conference Center on the St. Paul campus.

Through the University of Minnesota's College of Continuing Education, motivated adults explore new possibilities to enrich their personal and professional lives through a wide variety of learning opportunities ranging from courses, workshops, and retreats to certificates, and bachelor's and master's degrees.

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**What:** Proposal to Board of Regents to waive tuition for newly admitted students

**Contacts:** Daniel Wolter, University News Service, (612) 625-8510

## U of M proposes waiving tuition for hurricane-impacted students to prevent double paying

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (9/8/2005)--The University of Minnesota is proposing a temporary tuition waiver program to assist students, colleges and universities impacted by Hurricane Katrina. At least 45 students have enrolled at the Twin Cities campus of the university in the last week under emergency admissions guidelines aimed at assisting students enrolled in colleges or universities damaged by the hurricane. The new waiver would only apply to students who have paid tuition to higher education institutions that are now closed.

"We can all be proud of the way people are pulling together to help those whose lives have been disrupted by this natural disaster," said university President Robert Bruininks. "New students already dislodged from their homes and colleges by the storm should not be faced with the prospect of paying double tuition if they've already paid tuition to schools that are now closed because of the hurricane."

A resolution to be presented to the Board of Regents today will authorize the president to implement a tuition waiver program for hurricane-related humanitarian purposes.

Provost Tom Sullivan said there are four criteria for eligibility:

- Student would have attended, during the coming academic year, a college or university that is now closed due to Hurricane Katrina;
- Student has paid tuition to an institution that is now closed;
- Student is now enrolled in the University of Minnesota; and
- Student intends to return to the hurricane-impacted college or university once the home school is able to admit students.

If the program is approved by the board, Sullivan said the university will move quickly to implement it.

"This tuition waiver is the University of Minnesota's way of helping both students and our fellow institutions of higher education through these challenging times," said Sullivan. □

**What:** University of Minnesota Board of Regents September meeting

**Contacts:** Daniel Wolter, University News Service, (612) 625-8510

### **U of M Board of Regents pass tuition waiver for hurricane-impacted students**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (9/9/2005)--The University of Minnesota Board of Regents approved a resolution today that will waive tuition for students impacted by Hurricane Katrina. The measure is designed to prevent students from having to pay tuition to two institutions. Students who have already paid tuition at a college or university devastated by the hurricane are eligible. Almost 50 students have been admitted in the last week under emergency admissions guidelines designed to assist students who had planned on attending a college or university damaged by the hurricane.

"In times like this, it's important for people to come together and do what they can to pitch in," said Board of Regents President Anthony Baraga. "This is a small way we can support students whose lives have been disrupted and also our fellow higher education institutions that have been impacted by Hurricane Katrina."

The board also heard a report on other activities underway at the university to provide support to hurricane victims. More than 200 volunteers from the University of Minnesota Medical Reserve Corps are prepared for deployment to provide medical support in hurricane-hit areas. In addition, the university hosted a seven-hour radiothon on the Twin Cities campus during which more than 175 interviews of university experts were conducted.

In other business, the board reviewed President Robert Bruininks' plan to implement the strategic positioning measure designed to make the university one of the top three public research universities in the world. The plan creates a number of task forces to implement both academic program realignment and administrative reforms.

The October meeting of the Board of Regents will take place on October 6 - 7, 2005 at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum near Chanhassen. More information on the Board of Regents meeting can be found at [www.umn.edu/regents](http://www.umn.edu/regents). □

**Media Advisory**

**When:** 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13  
**Where:** Office of Gov. Tim Pawlenty, 130 State Capitol, St. Paul  
**Who:** Athletics Director Joel Maturi, Alumni Association Executive Director Margaret Carlson and U students  
**Contacts:** David Ruth, University News Service, (612) 626-1720

**U of M and Alumni Association officials to present governor's office with petition urging a special session to pass U stadium bill**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (9/12/2005)--On Tuesday, Sept. 13, Joel Maturi, University of Minnesota athletics director; Margaret Carlson, executive officer, University of Minnesota Alumni Association and university students will present Gov. Tim Pawlenty's office a petition with more than 2,700 signatures urging the governor to call a special session to take up and pass a bill providing state support for the construction of a new university campus football stadium.

The signatures, which represent citizens from across Minnesota and beyond, were collected during the Minnesota State Fair.

In addition to the signatures, more than 2,600 e-mails have been sent to the governor and state legislators since Aug. 16 asking them to support the Gopher stadium bill in a special session this fall.

The university sought passage of legislation to provide state funds for 40 percent of the cost of the stadium during the 2005 legislative session, but the session ended without passage of the bill, which has broad bi-partisan support in both the House and the Senate. The bill was not taken up during the special session this summer.

It is critical that the bill is passed this year for the university to sustain the momentum it has built, raise the needed private funds and avoid increases in the cost of the stadium due to delays in construction. The \$35 million naming rights agreement with TCF expires at the end of the year if no bill is passed.

The university plans to fund 60 percent of the cost of the proposed 50,000 seat open air stadium through non-state funds, with a substantial amount of those dollars coming from corporate sponsorships and private donations. □



- What:** Exhibit on 40th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act
- When:** Opening reception: 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23. Exhibit open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays, Sept. 23, 2005 to March 15, 2006
- Where:** Humphrey Forum Museum, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis
- Contacts:** Jamie Proulx, Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, (612) 625-9436  
Mark Cassutt, University News Service, (612) 624-8038

### University of Minnesota Humphrey Institute exhibit to celebrate 40th anniversary of Voting Rights Act

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (9/14/2005)--The Voting rights Act—and the events surrounding it—will be the subject of “Making Freedom’s Mark,” a new exhibit opening at the University of Minnesota Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs Humphrey Forum museum. An opening reception will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23, at the Humphrey Forum, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis. This event is open to the public.

On Aug. 6, 1965, President Lyndon Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act in the Rotunda of the United States Capitol, but the events that led to that legislation began in church basements, community centers and living rooms and along dusty roads.

“Making Freedom’s Mark” includes documents, manuscripts, works of art, recordings, photographs and artifacts from more than 30 museums, libraries, archives, courthouses and private collections representing the people and drama surrounding the voting rights movement. The exhibit will focus not only on the formal and traditional leadership of Congress and the White House, but also on the local leaders and grassroots organizations whose courage and commitment forced the nation to accept and endorse the concept of more aggressive federal protection of the right to vote.

“For those who joined the movement in Mississippi or Alabama or elsewhere, or who watched the events on television, we hope this exhibit will be a familiar and inspiring story,” said Steve Sandell, Humphrey Forum curator. “For others, who may be unfamiliar with this history, we hope the exhibit will document the struggle, sacrifice and commitment to dignity and democracy that were required to gain fundamental rights in this nation. It’s a legacy that Hubert Humphrey and others who worked for those ideals would hope we’d pursue and protect.”

Many of the artifacts and historical references will revisit America’s division over voting rights, which led some to civic activism and others to violence.

With only six percent of African Americans registered to vote in the early 1960s, the state of Mississippi became a national battleground for the civil rights movement. Several photographs from the personal collections of the men and women who traveled to Mississippi for voter registration work during that time will be on display. Also on view will be personal diaries from the teachers and students who, in 1964, joined Freedom Schools, a project to empower local African Americans to work for change.

Bringing the exhibit full circle will be several featured banners and signs that recently were carried in the voting rights march held Aug. 6 in Atlanta in honor of the 40th anniversary of the legislation.

“Making Freedom’s Mark” will be on display at the Humphrey Forum from Sept. 23, 2005 to March 15, 2006. The museum is open to the public weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and, during the exhibit, on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Steve Sandell at (612) 624-5893. □

**What:** \$2.5 million Best Buy sponsorship of new University of Minnesota stadium

**Who:** Daniel Wolter, University News Service, (612) 625-8510

### New U of M stadium gets \$2.5 million in support from Best Buy

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (9/14/2005)--Bringing Gopher football back to the University of Minnesota campus got one step closer to reality today thanks to one of North America's top electronics retailers. Minneapolis-based Best Buy announced a \$2.5 million commitment toward stadium sponsorship opportunities with the university.

"Best Buy is one of Minnesota's outstanding corporate citizens, and we're pleased to have their support of our stadium effort," said university President Robert Bruininks. "This agreement will be contingent upon passage of a stadium bill, so Best Buy just gave another two and a half million reasons why we need a special session this fall to get the job done."

The university's plan for a 50,000-seat, on-campus stadium includes paying for 60 percent of the total stadium cost with nonstate dollars. A substantial portion of that cost is expected to come from private contributions and corporate sponsorships. Forty percent of the cost would be funded by the state. Legislation providing for the state's share had bipartisan support during the 2005 legislative session, but fell victim to the budgetary impasse that led to a special session this summer. Discussions are under way between the governor and legislative leaders on a special session this fall to take action on the Gopher stadium bill.

Details of the Best Buy sponsorship have yet to be finalized. The university and Best Buy have signed a memorandum of understanding that establishes the principles for negotiating the agreement. Full details of the agreement would be negotiated in the coming months.

Best Buy is the second major corporate sponsor of the new stadium to be announced. Earlier this year, the university and TCF Bank announced a \$35 million agreement for naming rights of the new stadium.

"We have bipartisan support in the Legislature for this stadium," university Athletics Director Joel Maturi said. "We have the support of thousands of students, alumni and fans across the state. We have donors like Best Buy eager and waiting for the Legislature to sign off on the state's share of the stadium financing. All we need is a special session to make it happen." □

**What:** Calendar of events for the U's homecoming  
**When:** Saturday, Sept. 17, through Saturday, Sept. 24  
**Where:** University of Minnesota-Twin Cities campus  
**Contacts:** David Ruth, University News Service, (612) 626-1720

### U of M 'Homecoming: Center Stage' events start this weekend

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (9/14/2005)--The University of Minnesota's homecoming festivities take place from Sept. 17 to Sept. 24 on the Twin Cities campus. The tradition that began in 1914 continues this month with "Homecoming: Center Stage."

Homecoming is planned by a committee of University of Minnesota students as part of the campuswide programming board, the Minnesota Programs and Activities Council of the Student Activities Office. The homecoming committee volunteers make a yearlong commitment, all in an effort to foster school spirit. This year's committee co-chair are students Brian Sondag and Aerial Anderson. The U of M Alumni Association also holds events, including a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Alumni Wall and the homecoming pancake breakfast.

Media wishing to use the homecoming logo may visit  
[www.sao.umn.edu/events/homecoming/style.php](http://www.sao.umn.edu/events/homecoming/style.php) .

Homecoming 2005 events include:

- Saturday, Sept. 17.

Football (Bierman) and volleyball (Recreation Center) preliminary competitions between coed teams.

- Sunday, Sept. 18.

Homecoming Kickoff, presented by Melrose Student Suites.

5 p.m. D.J. and live music

6 p.m. Homecoming Royalty Court finalists announced.

6:15 p.m. Royalty relay competition

7 p.m. Limbo contest

8:30 p.m. Outdoor screening of the movie "Grease."

Free food throughout the event.

- Monday, Sept. 19.

10:30am - 4:30 p.m. Homecoming blood drive, Great Hall, Coffman Union. This is an annual philanthropy initiative, planned prior to Hurricane Katrina, all donor-screening specific inquiries can be

directed to Red Cross representatives.

7 p.m. Lip sync competition presented by The Minnesota Daily at Northrop Auditorium. MEDIA NOTE: This annually draws a couple thousand students to Northrop to cheer and watch fellow students lip sync to popular songs, this year to Broadway show tunes.

- Tuesday, Sept. 20.

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Activities Fair, Coffman Union front plaza. Annual involvement fair.

4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Change (money) Drive for 15th Avenue lighting project. Location: Parking lot of Bierman Field athletic building.

- Wednesday, Sept. 21.

11 a.m. - 4 p.m. "Residence Life Day," Coffman Union front plaza and Riverbend Plazas.

Noon. Student spirit show featuring Danny of MTV's "The Real World, Austin." Coffman Union front plaza.

1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m. STA Travel & MTV's The Real World present: "Spring Break Hot Spots" featuring Danny from "The Real World, Austin," at the The Whole Music Club.

7 p.m. "Go-Pher" Fame Talent Competition at The Whole Music Club

- Thursday, Sept. 22.

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Activities Fair at the St. Paul Student Center.

9 p.m. Johnny Holm Band performs at the St. Paul Livestock Arena

\$5 for U of M students with valid U of M ID, \$7 general advance tickets available at Coffman Union, St. Paul Student Center and West Bank Skyway.

This is an 18-plus show, valid picture ID or University of Minnesota U Card required for entry.

- Friday, Sept. 23.

Noon - 1 p.m. U of M Homecoming community lunch and pepfest, Gateway Plaza of the McNamara Alumni Center.

5,000 free lunches will be served with beverages courtesy of the University of Minnesota/Coca-Cola® beverage partnership. In the event of inclement weather, this event will be held in Memorial Hall of the McNamara Alumni Center.

4:30 p.m. Cheer competition preliminaries, River Flats, East Bank.

6 p.m. Cheer Competition, pep rally, royalty coronation and bonfire, River Flats, East Bank.

9:00pm Dedication of the University of Minnesota Alumni Wall of Honor, Gateway Plaza near the McNamara Alumni Center.

10 p.m. - 2 a.m. "Gophers After Dark," Coffman Union. Events for students.

- Saturday, Sept. 24.

Saturday, September 24

7 a.m. Homecoming pancake breakfast, Sports Pavilion. Family entertainment, guest appearances by

U of M celebrity pancake flippers and Goldy Gopher. MEDIA NOTE: Contact David Ruth to reserve parking for trucks.

9 a.m. Homecoming parade, University Avenue.

The parade annually draws upwards of 20,000 attendees, this year features first female grand marshal, Nancy Lindahl.

11 a.m. Golden Gophers football vs. Purdue Boilermakers, Metrodome.

10 p.m. - 2 a.m. "Gophers After Dark," Coffman Union. Events for students.

For more information on this year's homecoming. visit [www.sao.umn.edu/events/homecoming](http://www.sao.umn.edu/events/homecoming). □

**Media Advisory**

- What:** Faculty, students, staff and public pregame celebration at Coffman Union Saturday
- When:** 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17
- Where:** Coffman Union Plaza, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis
- Who:** U of M band, Athletics Director Joel Maturi and university President Robert Bruininks
- Contacts:** David Ruth, University News Service, (612) 626-1720

**Touchdown on Campus returns Saturday**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (9/15/2005)--The University of Minnesota will turn the plaza at Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis, into the starting point for the Gopher football pregame celebration before this Saturday's game against Florida Atlantic University.

"Touchdown on Campus" is an effort lead by faculty to encourage on-campus celebration of Gopher football and advocates for an on-campus stadium.

"This is our second year and we're excited as ever about the positive steps made this year towards getting a stadium on campus," said faculty committee leader Perry Leo. "Having the pregame celebration on campus just adds to the campus experience and culture. We hope to be doing this every week once we have a stadium on campus."

Saturday, Touchdown on Campus features Band Parents Day with a program by the University Marching Band and U of M Spirit Squad. It is also faculty/staff appreciation day, offering reduced ticket prices in honor of the U's employees.

Convenient parking is available at the East River Road Garage and free shuttle bus service is provided to and from the Metrodome. Food, gopher apparel and game tickets will be available for purchase inside Coffman Union.

The program kicks off at 5 p.m. with the band playing the rouser, brief remarks by Athletics Director Joel Maturi, university President Robert Bruininks and faculty leaders will precede the band's musical program until 5:30.

Please note: If it is raining, the program will be canceled. If there is a light drizzle, the program will proceed. □

**What:** Massive Change co-author Jennifer Leonard to speak at College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture (CALA)

**When:** 5:45 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19

**Where:** CALA auditorium, 89 Church St. S.E., Minneapolis

**Contacts:** Krista Bergert, CALA, (612) 624-7808  
Patty Mattern, University News Service, (612) 624-2801

### Co-author of Massive Change to speak at the University of Minnesota

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (9/15/2005)-- Jennifer Leonard, design critic and co-author with Bruce Mau of the book "Massive Change: The Future of Global Design," will speak at 5:45 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19, in the College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture (CALA) Auditorium, 89 Church St. S.E., Minneapolis. Her talk, "We Make the City and the City Makes Us: From Massive Change to the Future of Urban Space," is the Cass Gilbert Lecture in the CALA lecture series. A reception following the lecture is sponsored by American Institute of Architects (AIA) Minneapolis.

"Massive Change" is a modern illustrated primer on the new inventions, technologies and events that are affecting the human race worldwide. The book is a part of a broader research project by Bruce Mau Design intended to provoke debate and discussion about the future of design culture, broadly defined as the "familiar objects and techniques that are transforming our lives."

In essays, interviews and provocative imagery aimed at a broad audience, "Massive Change" explores the changing force of design in the contemporary world, and in doing so expands the definition of design to include the built environment, transportation technologies, revolutionary materials, energy and information systems, and living organisms.

Leonard is a graduate of the inaugural year of the Institute without Boundaries, a design think tank held within the Bruce Mau Design studio. She also graduated from the University of Western Ontario, where she studied anthropology, and Queen's University, where she studied sociology. She also studied at the Graduate School of Journalism at the University of Western Ontario, where she won the top researcher award and Norman Jewison prize for creative writing.

Her work has been published in such North American magazines as Details, Nylon, Azure, Saturday Night, and Shift. Informed by an appreciation for aesthetics and the underlying systems that support an interconnected world, Leonard's work bridges the gap between art and science. □



- What:** CURA Housing forum on the federal housing policy shift and local challenges
- When:** Noon to 1:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23
- Where:** Carlson School of Management, Room 1-123, 321 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis
- Who:** Chip Halbach, executive director, Minnesota Housing Partnership
- Contacts:** Kaydee Kirk, Humphrey Institute, (612) 625-2086  
Mark Cassutt, University News Service, (612) 624-8038

**The University of Minnesota Center for Urban and Regional Affairs holds forum to examine local housing challenges**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (9/15/2005)--The University of Minnesota Center for Urban and Regional Affairs is holding a forum on the progress of "Minnesota: Where Are We Going?" a project sponsored by The Minneapolis Foundation that examines federal housing programs.

Recent federal government cuts to affordable housing are impacting low-income residents and communities in Minnesota. The Minnesota Housing Partnership is halfway through an 18-month project ("Minnesota: Where Are We Going?") that examines federal housing programs, particularly the federal Section 8 Rental Assistance Voucher Program. This initiative aims to help local communities organize to identify and support strategies for improving systems and changing public policies for the benefit of those Minnesotans most impacted.

Chip Halbach, executive director of Minnesota Housing Partnership, will present the preliminary findings of the project, challenges on the horizon and speak to broader structural forces at work in federal housing policy shift and strategies on how to respond.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, Sept. 21, by calling (612) 625-1551. For more information contact Kaydee Kirk at (612) 625-2086 or go to [www.cura.umn.edu](http://www.cura.umn.edu) □

**What:** U of M department of theatre arts & dance celebrates its 75th anniversary

**When:** October 2005 – August 2006

**Where:** Rarig Center, 330 21st Avenue S, Minneapolis

**Who:** The University of Minnesota department of theatre arts & dance

**Contacts:** Justin Christy, department of theatre arts & dance, (612) 625- 5380, justin@umn.edu

**Tickets:** 612.624.2345 or <http://theatre.umn.edu>

### University of Minnesota theatre and dance programs celebrate milestone season in 2005-06

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (9/16/2005)--The University of Minnesota department of theatre arts & dance will celebrate the 75th anniversary of University Theatre and the 20th anniversary of University Dance Theatre during the upcoming Mainstage performance season at Rarig Center, opening Oct. 14. The 2005-06 season, simply titled the "75:20 Season," will feature performances and events that include the artistic efforts of several distinguished department alumni and faculty as guest artists.

Alumni theatre artists directing productions during the 75:20 Season include Raye Birk (actor, Guthrie Theater) directing "The Madwoman of Chaillot" with actors from the U of M/Guthrie Theater BFA Actor Training Program; Stephen Kanee (former artistic director, Guthrie Theater) directing "A Midsummer Night's Dream;" Tisch Jones (professor, University of Iowa) directing "Las Meninas;" Barbra Berlovitz (artistic director, Theatre de la Jeune Lune) directing "Cabaret;" and Vern Sutton (former chair, U of M School of Music) directing "Forty-Five Minutes From Broadway" on the Minnesota Centennial Showboat. Faculty choreographers for the University Dance Theatre's annual Mainstage concert, Dance Revolutions, include department faculty Marge Maddux, Danial Shapiro and Joanie Smith and Carl Flink. Cowles Guest Artist choreographers Joe Chvala, Charles Moulton and Zoe Sealy and several dance program alumni will also be featured as part of the this annual showcase.

The University of Minnesota Theatre has a rich tradition in the state and has been a part of establishing the Twin Cities as one of the top theatre communities in the United States. Founded in 1931, the University Theatre is known as the oldest theatre company in Minnesota, and is credited with developing the relationship with Tyrone Guthrie that in 1960 compelled him to choose Minneapolis as the location for the Guthrie Theater. Several top actors, designers and directors have set foot on or designed work for the University Theatre stage including Charles Nolte, Peter Graves, Emily Mann, Bain

Boehlke, Linda Kelsey and Loni Anderson.

The University Dance Theatre is the production arm of the dance program at the University of Minnesota, and for 20 years has presented an eclectic mix of choreography through its Cowles Chair Guest Artists program. Each year, Cowles Artists work closely with auditioned or faculty-selected dance program students in intensive rehearsals, providing them with real-world experience by reconstructing classic works or practicing for premiere performances of new choreography. Past Cowles Artists include Bill T. Jones, Tere O'Connor, Danny Buraczeski, Anne Bogart, Elizabeth Streb and many other nationally and internationally recognized artists and scholars.

An integral part of the 75:20 season is a new feature of the department of theatre arts & dance Web site where alumni and general viewers can review a history of events during the Rarig Center years (1973-present) and share memories with one another using an online forum. The site will include several photos from past productions, anecdotal information about each decade and a written history inspired by reflections from alumni about what they remember from their college experience. The new Web site is found at <http://7520.umn.edu>.

The department is also planning a 75:20 reunion for the weekend of April 28-30, 2006, where alumni will be invited back to the Twin Cities in an attempt to reassemble the talented pool of graduates that have come through the theatre and dance programs at the University of Minnesota.

For more information on the 75:20 Season and surrounding events, contact Justin Christy, communications manager, department of theatre arts & dance at (612) 625-5380 or [Justin@umn.edu](mailto:Justin@umn.edu). Visit <http://7520.umn.edu> for a full calendar of events, photos and up-to-date information on the 75:20 Season. □

**What:** Links to download U of M Moment free radio features  
**When:** For air Monday, Sept. 19, through Friday, Sept. 23  
**Contacts:** David Ruth, University News Service, (612) 626-1720

### **'University of Minnesota Moment' radio features for the week of Sept. 19**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (9/16/2005)--The University of Minnesota announced today that the "University of Minnesota Moment" has been picked up for air play on radio stations in Grand Rapids, Albert Lea and Duluth.

The features, produced by the university's Office of University Relations, are available free for all Minnesota radio stations.

Features for the week of Monday, Sept. 19, are available for download. Visit the links below and then go to "file" and "save."

The features are as follows:

- Monday, Sept. 19. This year the State of Minnesota instituted a so-called "health impact fee" on tobacco products to raise revenue. University of Minnesota doctor and director of the Tobacco Use Research Center Dorothy Hatsukami says that the fee should deter smoking.

"Health Impact Fee and Smoking"

[http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Smoking\\_music.mp3](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Smoking_music.mp3)

- Tuesday, Sept. 20. Hurricane Katrina took life and property. Pauline Boss, author of the book "Ambiguous Loss: Living with Unresolved Grief," explains what ambiguous loss is.

"Ambiguous Loss"

[http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Ambiguous\\_Loss\\_music.mp3](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Ambiguous_Loss_music.mp3)

- Wednesday, Sept. 21. If you think that Minnesota felt warmer this past summer, you're right. University of Minnesota climatologist Mark Seeley explains why.

"Minnesota Summers Past"

[http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Minnesota\\_Weather\\_music.mp3](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Minnesota_Weather_music.mp3)

- Thursday, Sept. 22. Pressures of work and family life can take their toll. University assistant professor of sociology Erin Kelly explains what employers can do to help employees.

"Work and Family"

[http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Family\\_and\\_Work\\_music.mp3](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Family_and_Work_music.mp3)

- Friday, Sept. 23. University researchers, working in collaboration with scientists at the USDA, have

developed tests that can rapidly detect the bacteria that cause Johne's disease, a chronic wasting disease found in cattle. Vivek Kapur, a faculty member of the Medical School and College of Veterinary Medicine, explains what Johne's disease is.

"Johne's Disease"

[http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Johnes\\_music.mp3](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Johnes_music.mp3)

Media wishing to receive features without music may contact David Ruth with University Relations at [druth@umn.edu](mailto:druth@umn.edu).

Visit the U of M Moment site at <http://blog.lib.umn.edu/urelate/radio/>. University Relations will be adding an affiliates page in the upcoming weeks. Radio stations are encouraged to let the university know they are airing the feature so the university can promote it internally and externally. □

**Contacts: David Ruth, University News Service, (612) 626-1720**

### **U of M to sponsor veterans transition center**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (9/16/2005)--The University of Minnesota today announced that it will sponsor Comfort for Courage's proposed veterans transition center on the university's campus.

"This transition center aims to offer a safe-haven and help curb the disturbingly high drop out rate of veterans who return to school," said Andy Davis, chairman of Comfort for Courage. "We are excited about this opportunity, because we could feel the influx of veterans returning to school similar to what the country felt after World War II."

During the fall 2005 semester, the University of Minnesota and Comfort for Courage will work to establish the new transition center at Eddy Hall. Volunteers, preferably veterans, will staff the transition center, which will provide educational and other resources for student veterans, faculty and fellow students.

"A solid education is the foundation for achieving personal goals and successes," said Jerry Rinehart, the university's Vice Provost for Student Affairs. "We want to ensure that returning student veterans have the support they need to make the most out of their learning experience. We applaud Comfort for Courage's forward thinking and compassion for the men and women who serve our country."

Comfort for Courage is a student-led, non-profit, non-partisan effort to support the nation's armed services. Since its inception in Nov. 2004, Comfort for Courage has shipped more than seven tons of comfort items to service-men and -women serving overseas. Two University of Minnesota students, one of whom is a former Army Ranger who served three combat tours in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, founded the organization.

Media wishing to interview Rinehart should contact David Ruth, University Relations, at (612) 626-1720.

Media wishing to interview Andy Davis should contact Jodie Daubert, Comfort for Courage public relations director, at (651) 492-3474.

For more information, visit [www.comfortforcourage.org](http://www.comfortforcourage.org). □

- What:** U of M to recognize Wallin scholars
- When:** 4-6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22
- Where:** Mississippi Room, Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E.  
Minneapolis
- Who:** U of M scholars, Wallin family members
- Contacts:** Lourdes Cancel Rodriquez, Office of Multicultural and Academic  
Affairs, (612) 624-4120  
Bob San, University News Service, (612) 624-4082

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (9/20/2005)— Approximately 200 University of Minnesota students who receive scholarships through the Wallin Scholarship Program will be honored at a ceremony from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, in the Mississippi Room in Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E. Minneapolis

The Wallin Scholarships were instituted in 1991 at Minneapolis South High School by former Medtronic CEO and South High graduate Win Wallin and his wife, Maxine. The scholarship program extended to all city high schools in 2000 and continues to evolve with other scholarship partners. The Wallin Foundation was established to administer these scholarships on behalf of the respective donors. This year's scholarship recipients each receives \$3,500 for four years.

Over 1,700 scholarships have been awarded since 1991. All Minneapolis public high school seniors with financial need are eligible to apply. Students must demonstrate past academic performance, rigor in prior academic coursework, continued academic potential and motivation to continue their studies. Students are eligible to attend four-year accredited colleges and universities within Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin and Iowa, as well as historically black colleges and universities. The foundation sponsors about 228 scholars at the University of Minnesota.

At the reception, Wallin Scholars who achieved honor status and those who are graduating from the U of M will be recognized. Present at the occasion will be Win and Maxine Wallin, U of M Senior Vice President for System Administration Robert Jones, families and friends.

- What:** U of M Community Involvement Fair links students with non-profit organizations
- When:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 21
- Where:** Great Hall, Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis
- Who:** U students and 85 community service organizations
- Contacts:** Katie Peacock, Office of Career and Community Learning Center, (612) 624-2585
- Bob San, University News Service, (612) 624-4082

### **U of M Community Involvement Fair links students with non-profit organizations**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (9/20/2005)--About 85 Twin Cities community organizations will be on campus to recruit students and staff to perform volunteer work at the 13th annual University of Minnesota Community Involvement Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, in the Great Hall of Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis.

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 for the organizations free of charge. Coffman Union, the student center at the university, gives the organizations high exposure to students throughout the day.

"This is the largest gathering of non-profit organizations on campus," said Katie Peacock of the CCLC. "It is set up to let students learn about non-profit organizations in the Twin Cities and find out what volunteering and internship opportunities are available."

For more information on the fair visit [www.cclc.umn.edu/cif](http://www.cclc.umn.edu/cif).





- What:** 'Habitat for Biologists' volunteers building a cabin at the university's Itasca Biological Station and Laboratories
- When:** 10 a.m. to noon Sunday, Sept. 25
- Where:** Itasca Biological Station and Laboratories, Itasca State Park
- Who:** President Bruininks and his wife, Susan Hagstrom
- Contacts:** Peggy Rinard, College of Biological Sciences, communications director, (612) 624-0774  
Mark Cassutt, University News Service, (612) 624-8038

### **U of M President Robert Bruininks to join 'Habitat for Biologists' volunteers for a day of construction at Itasca State Park**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (9/20/2005)--University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks, and his wife, Susan Hagstrom, will help 'Habitat for Biologists' volunteers build a new cabin for women students at the university's Itasca Biological Station and Laboratories from 10 a.m. to noon Sunday, Sept. 25.

Habitat for Biologists is an effort to improve housing facilities at the University of Minnesota's Itasca Biological Station and Laboratories at Itasca State Park, which is operated by the College of Biological Sciences.

"Nature continuously restores habitats for wildlife at Itasca but hasn't been as kind to human habitats," said Robert Elde, dean of the College of Biological Sciences.

The new cabin for women students is the first Habitat for Biologists construction project. It replaces a cabin that was condemned and demolished last fall. A professional crew laid the foundation, installed utilities, and constructed the frame and roof, and volunteer crews have been working throughout the month to raise the walls and shingle the roof.

The College of Biological Sciences raised \$50,000 from alumni and friends to build the cabin. John Tester, professor emeritus of ecology, is leading a campaign to raise \$150,000 to restore a three-bedroom log cabin built in 1911. There are 34 cabins and 12 laboratories and classrooms at the field station, many of which need work.

Elde hopes Habitat for Biologists will raise awareness about the value of Itasca. "The Itasca Biological Station is an exquisitely beautiful living laboratory and classroom that showcases Minnesota's best natural features," he said. "It is truly one of the university's hidden treasures."

The field station is currently used in the summer for field biology classes, faculty research, Nature of Life (an orientation program for freshmen), orientations for graduate programs and the Science Education Program for Greater Minnesota, which is funded by the Howard Hughes Institute to recruit, train and retain science teachers for regional school districts. Ultimately, Elde hopes to raise funds to build a new complex with an auditorium, meeting rooms and state of the art laboratories.

“Other universities operate field stations such as this on a much larger scale, using them for a broad spectrum of research, education, outreach and professional development programs,” said Elde. “Itasca has the potential to be that kind of a resource for the university.” □

**What:** U of M homecoming parade  
**When:** 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24  
**Where:** University of Minnesota - Twin Cities campus, University Avenue  
**Contacts:** David Ruth, University News Service, (612) 626-1720

### U of M 'Homecoming: Center Stage' parade 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (9/21/2005)--The University of Minnesota's homecoming festivities take place from Sept. 17 to Sept. 24 on the Twin Cities campus. The tradition that began in 1914 continues this month with "Homecoming: Center Stage." The homecoming parade takes place at 9 a.m. and runs along University Avenue, starting at 11th Avenue and concluding at Oak Street.

The 2005 homecoming parade marshal is Nancy Lindahl. She is an alumna from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities class of 1968. She was named the 2001 University of Minnesota Alumni Association (UMAA) Volunteer of the Year and along with her husband John, recently agreed to chair the U of M stadium fundraising campaign.

Homecoming is planned by a committee of University of Minnesota students as part of the campuswide programming board, the Minnesota Programs and Activities Council of the Student Activities Office. The homecoming committee volunteers make a yearlong commitment in an effort to foster school spirit. This year's committee co-chair are students Brian Sondag and Aerial Anderson. The UMAA also holds events, including an unveiling ceremony at the Alumni Wall and the homecoming pancake breakfast.

Media wishing to use the homecoming logo may visit  
[www.sao.umn.edu/events/homecoming/style.php](http://www.sao.umn.edu/events/homecoming/style.php).

A parade map is available at

<http://www.sao.umn.edu/events/homecoming/images/parademap.jpg>

For more information on this year's homecoming, visit [www.sao.umn.edu/events/homecoming](http://www.sao.umn.edu/events/homecoming). □

**When:** 4:30 - 8:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23  
**Where:** U of M - Twin Cities, East Bank River Flats  
**Contacts:** David Ruth, University News Service, (612) 626-1720

### U of M 'Homecoming: Center Stage' pep fest, royalty coronation and bonfire

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (9/21/2005)--The University of Minnesota's homecoming festivities return outdoors Friday to the Minneapolis campus, after historically occurring on St. Paul's campus. Last year's events were relocated indoors to Coffman Union's Great Hall due to weather.

Friday evening's cheer competition, pep rally, royalty coronation and bon fire will take place on the East River Flats on the East Bank campus. The schedule is as follows:

- 4:30 p.m. Cheer Competition Prelims: fraternities, sororities, residence halls and student organizations strut their stuff, the best six groups move onto finals at 6 p.m.
- 6 p.m. Cheer Competition Finals & Pep Rally: Pep rally will feature visits from Gopher coaches, student athletes, the U of M Marching Band, Cheer Team and Goldy Gopher.
- 7:45 p.m. Royalty coronation & bonfire. The 2005 Homecoming King and Queen will be crowned at approximately 7:45 p.m., and the bonfire will be lit immediately following.

Media wishing to use the homecoming logo may visit [www.sao.umn.edu/events/homecoming/style.php](http://www.sao.umn.edu/events/homecoming/style.php).

For more information on this year's homecoming, visit [www.sao.umn.edu/events/homecoming](http://www.sao.umn.edu/events/homecoming).

\*\*\*Additional note about Saturday's parade:

Due to the homecoming parade, the university is providing an earlier than normal weekend start for the Campus Connector route, this Saturday only. Service will commence at 8:30 a.m. in St. Paul to allow riders to get to the parade. After the parade, they can hop on the game shuttle to get to the Metrodome.

Game shuttles run before and after the game with a number of pick-up/drop-off stops on campus. For more info, visit [gophersports.com](http://gophersports.com).

The Campus Connector will continue on until 2 a.m. Sunday for "Gophers After Dark" participants. □

- What:** A new book looks at the real science behind the amazing powers of superheroes in 'The Physics of Superheroes,' and teaches a little physics along the way
- Who:** Jim Kakalios, University of Minnesota physics professor
- Contacts:** Mark Cassutt, University News Service, (612) 624-8038

### It's a bird! It's a plane! It's Jim Kakalios' new book 'The Physics of Superheroes'!

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (9/23/2005)--A new book from Jim Kakalios (Professor K), University of Minnesota physics professor, takes a real, and often humorous, look at the actual science behind the powers of superheroes like Superman, Spider-Man and The Fantastic Four. If you've ever wondered if Superman could leap tall buildings in a single bound or if Spider-Man's web is strong enough to support a person's weight or, more to the point, what your high school physics teacher meant by Coulomb's Law of Electrostatic Attraction, Kakalios' book provides the answers through the entertaining and fictional world of comic books.

Maybe the most mysterious thing about comics, superheroes and their powers is how often they get the science right. Kakalios found that whenever he introduced superheroes into his Introductory Physics class, the students were more interested than the typical discussions of inclined planes and pulleys. His experience with his Physics of Superheroes Freshman Seminar, and the popularity of big budget superhero movies, suggested to him that there might be a broad audience interested in learning the physics concepts that underlie our modern technological lifestyle, explained in a fun and accessible manner.

Kakalios began using examples from comics to teach physics to his students in 2001. He soon discovered that many of the comics from his youth made good use of real-world scientific theories, provided readers got past the unlikelihood of radioactive spider bites, super-soldier serums or atomic explosions that can turn meek humans into tights-wearing superheroes with amazing powers.

According to Professor K, Magneto would be able to levitate as he does in the comics and the 2000 film "X-Men," even though he would have no power over nonmagnetic metals. Mr. Fantastic's arms would get weaker the longer they stretch, owing to the cube-square law of tensile strength, as Mr. Fantastic himself once acknowledged.

But just as interesting, Professor K uses the laws of science to point out many instances where comic creators get their science horribly wrong. Ant Man, once he shrank down to the size of a bug, would have trouble seeing and hearing and would speak with a squeaky voice. The head of the X-Men's Cyclops

would recoil violently every time he unleashed force beams from his eyes, sending him miles in the other direction, thanks to Newtonian laws of motion. And Giant Man would risk breaking his legs just by standing up.

“The Physics of Superheroes ” is illustrated with artwork from some of the original comics. It’s an eye-opening look at the physics behind some of the most beloved and influential comic book heroes of the past 70 years, and an entertaining way to learn a little physics.

“The Physics of Superheroes” (Gotham Books) is available Sept. 29. Kakalios will give a multimedia presentation based on his book at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, in Room 150 of the Tate Laboratory of Physics, 116 Church St. S.E. , Minneapolis. □

**What:** Links to download radio features

**Contacts:** David Ruth, University News Service, (612) 626-1720

**'University of Minnesota Moment' radio features for the week of Sept. 23; podcasting now available**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (9/23/2005)--The University of Minnesota announced today that the "University of Minnesota Moment" is now available via podcasting on its blog site <http://blog.lib.umn.edu/urelate/radio/>.

The features are available for free to Minnesota radio stations. Below, they are provided fully produced and as raw audio.

Features for the week of Monday, Sept. 26, are available for download. Visit the links below and then go to "file" and "save."

The features are as follows:

- Monday, Sept. 26. "Gas Prices"

Fully produced: [http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Gas\\_Prices.mp3](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Gas_Prices.mp3)

Raw audio: [http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Gas\\_raw.mp3](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Gas_raw.mp3)

- Tuesday, Sept. 27. "Flu Season"

Fully produced: <http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Flu.mp3>

Raw audio: [http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/flu\\_raw.mp3](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/flu_raw.mp3)

- Wednesday, Sept. 28. "Homework"

Fully produced: <http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Homework.mp3>

Raw audio: [http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Homework\\_raw.mp3](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Homework_raw.mp3)

- Thursday, Sept. 29. "Global Warming"

Fully produced: [http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Global\\_Warming.mp3](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Global_Warming.mp3)

Raw audio: [http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Global\\_Warming\\_raw.mp3](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Global_Warming_raw.mp3)

- Friday, Sept. 30. "NRRI" (Natural Resources Research Institute)

Fully produced: <http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/NRRI.mp3>

Raw audio: [http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/NRRI\\_raw.mp3](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/NRRI_raw.mp3).

University Relations will be adding an affiliates page in the upcoming weeks. Radio stations are encouraged to let the university know they are airing the feature so the university can promote it internally and externally.

These features will be posted the day they are scheduled for at <http://blog.lib.umn.edu/urelate/radio/>

- What:** Inaugural national hazing prevention week panel discussion
- When:** Noon - 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29
- Where:** 303 Coffman Union, 300 Washington St. S.E., Minneapolis
- Who:** Representatives from Student Legal Services, Student Judicial Affairs, the Student Activities Office and Gopher athletics
- Contacts:** David Ruth, University News Service, (612) 626-1720

### **'U' participates in fight against hazing**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (9/23/2005)--In November 2004, on the campus of Purdue University, the first National Hazing Symposium took place. The symposium, sponsored by the Association of Fraternity Advisors, The Association of Student Judicial Affairs (ASJA), The Association for Interdisciplinary Initiatives in Higher Education Law & Policy (AII), The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC), the Fraternity Executives Association and the BACCHUS & GAMMA Peer Education Network, was designed to bring together leaders to look at where we are and what still needs to be done to combat hazing. Many campuses, including the University of Minnesota, are increasing awareness and planning programs to eliminate hazing from higher education as part of this national movement.

"It is important to discuss hazing as often as possible to eliminate the misperceptions and to hopefully thwart future incidents. Hazing hurts many people -- not just the victim or the perpetrators -- it hurts other members of the organizations, the community and the university," said Mandi Watkins, assistant director of the Student Activities Office.

The Student Activities Office also will recognize the week and support hazing prevention by displaying posters on campus with anti-hazing messages and by adding materials to its library. Additional resources include books addressing the topic from college/university, high school, athletics, band, and fraternity/sorority perspectives and "Unless a Death Occurs," an educational video and discussion guide created by Mountain Lake PBS (Plattsburgh, N.Y.).

"Hazing has been a part of the culture of higher education for centuries, but it has become increasingly dangerous and deadly," said Chad Ellsworth, student activities adviser. "Hazing has very real emotional, physical and psychological consequences. It's time for hazing to stop. It's time to find a new way to do things." □



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### **Bloomfield appointed first associate vice president for Public Engagement**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (9/26/2005)--The University of Minnesota announced today that Victor Bloomfield, a professor in the department of biochemistry, molecular biology and biophysics, has been appointed to the newly created position of associate vice president for Public Engagement. Bloomfield is charged with providing leadership for and advancing the university's civic contributions and involvement.

The associate vice president will facilitate, coordinate, connect and align public engagement activities across university units and with external constituencies. This key leadership position was established as a result of President Robert Bruininks's Council on Public Engagement (COPE) initiative, the position will help the university better communicate with its many public engagement partners and advocate for the importance of community involvement. The associate vice president will strengthen the university's commitment to public engagement by identifying new partnership opportunities for students, faculty and staff and leveraging existing engagement initiatives.

Bloomfield has been a faculty member at the university since 1970. He has held a number of leadership positions, including head of the department of biochemistry and president of the Biophysical Society. Most recently, Bloomfield served as interim dean of the Graduate School and vice provost for research. He will report to Senior Vice President for System Administration Robert Jones.

"I believe Vic has the proven administrative, academic and leadership skills to advance near-term and long-term public engagement initiatives," said Jones. "This position will help bring the university national prominence as a publicly engaged research university and enhance our ability to attract and retain promising faculty and students committed to engaged teaching, learning and scholarship. This could be a significant comparative advantage for the university in a highly competitive academic environment."

Bloomfield will supervise COPE, working with senior officials, faculty, staff, student governance committees and others to strengthen a culture of engagement and raise funds to support engagement initiatives. □

**Embargoed until 1 p.m. EDT (noon CDT) Sunday, Oct. 2**

**What:** Long-sought lamprey pheromone found  
**When:** To be published Oct. 2 in *Nature Chemical Biology*  
**Who:** Peter Sorensen, (612) 624-4997, and Thomas Hoye, (612) 625-1891  
**Contacts:** Deane Morrison, University Relations, (612) 624-2346

### **Leading lampreys to slaughter: Researchers identify potent chemical attractant for scourge of Great Lakes**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (9/27/2005)-- For the rats of Hamelin, it was the Pied Piper's tune. For the destructive sea lamprey of the Great Lakes, it's a chemical attractant, or pheromone, released by lamprey larvae living in streambeds. Following the pheromone trail, adults are drawn to streams favorable for spawning. Researchers have long wanted to identify the pheromone so it could be synthesized and used to control the sea lamprey, which laid waste to Great Lakes fisheries of lake trout and other species in the mid-20th century. Now, a team of University of Minnesota researchers has identified the three major components of the pheromone and synthesized the principal one, a novel steroid akin to a shark steroid that possesses anticancer activity. This is the first migratory attractant to be identified in any fish. The work is the cover story for the November issue of *Nature Chemical Biology* and will be published online in the journal Sunday, Oct. 2.

The lamprey is one of the earliest relics of vertebrate evolution, dating back nearly 400 million years, before the evolution of jaws and bony skeletons. The species parasitizes other fish by attaching with its circular, toothy mouth and sucking the body juices. A single lamprey will feed for about a year, consuming on average 40 pounds of fish. In the Great Lakes, their prey have been commercially valuable species like lake trout and whitefish.

Currently, the Great Lakes Fishery Commission (GLFC) controls lamprey by means of a poison that kills lamprey larvae in streambeds. It also kills every invertebrate it comes in contact with, and sometimes fish. The lampricide is tanker-trucked to streams, some of them in populated areas, in an expensive, labor-intensive and unpopular undertaking. The GLFC is eager to use a synthetic form of the newly found pheromone to replace the poison by luring lamprey to traps and sterilizing the males, the researchers said. Using the pheromone would be environmentally friendly and less expensive.

"The GLFC has the goal of controlling lamprey with a new and better technique by 2010. This could be it," said Peter Sorensen, a professor of fisheries, wildlife and conservation biology who led the study with chemistry professor Thomas Hoye. "Also, lamprey are important to native peoples on the West

Coast, who value it for food. This pheromone could help restore lamprey runs by attracting lamprey to suitable spawning beds.”

When they stop feeding, lamprey seek out streams for spawning by following the pheromone trails. After arriving at the spawning grounds, a sex pheromone -- which was identified by Weiming Li, an earlier doctoral student of Sorensen -- attracts the females to males. After spawning, which takes a few weeks, the adults die.

It has taken Sorensen and his colleagues about 15 years to find, isolate and purify the pheromone so that Hoye and his colleagues could identify and synthesize it. The key component is a steroid with potency so great that lampreys would smell a single gram dissolved in 14 billion liters of water, enough to fill 5,000 Olympic-sized swimming pools. This level of potency tops that of all other fish attractants, including those of salmon.

To find the pheromone, the researchers extracted 8,000 liters of water from tanks holding 35,000 larvae. The yield was less than a milligram, or 35 millionths of an ounce. Much of the work in isolating and purifying the pheromone was performed by Sorensen's graduate student Jared Fine, while Vadims Dvornikovs, Christopher Jeffrey and Feng Shao in Hoye's lab were integral to synthesizing the key component, called PADS. The chemical structure of PADS is very similar to that of squalamine, a compound made by the “dogfish” shark. Squalamine has been reported to work against cancer by inhibiting the growth of blood vessels that feed tumors but not other blood vessels. The other two components of the pheromone are a second steroid and an already known, lamprey-specific bile acid derivative.

Until the pheromone can be synthesized in bulk, extracts of water from larval lamprey nurseries are being used to trap adults on an experimental basis in Michigan streams.

“Using these extracts has been shown to work,” said Sorensen. “Capture rates are up six-fold.” Most lamprey traps have been simple, rather ineffective devices, but now the attractants have opened up many new possibilities for attracting lampreys safely, easily and inexpensively into streams, where they might be captured. In theory, the cue could attract lampreys from many locations for miles around and could work for as long as several months.

The work was supported by GLFC, the University of Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station and the National Institutes of Health. □

- What:** How wireless technology networks can help communities and municipal services
- When:** Oct. 6 and 7
- Where:** Digital Technology Center, Walter Library, 117 Pleasant St. S.E., Minneapolis
- Contacts:** Mark Cassutt, University News Service, (612) 624-8038

### Conference at U of M to explore ways wireless technology can help manage communities and improve services

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (9/28/2005)--Chaska, Minn., did it. Minneapolis is thinking about doing it. The "it" means going totally wireless technology wise. On Thursday and Friday, Oct. 6 and 7, there will be a conference at the University of Minnesota Digital Technology Center, Walter Library, 117 Pleasant St. S.E., Minneapolis, to exchange information and ideas on community-centered services delivered over municipal wireless networks.

Municipal wireless networks are being planned and implemented across the nation and the world. The "Wireless Cities ... Community Context Conference" will address the ways wireless networks can improve existing community services and create innovative collaborative content for local communities.

The conference intends to act as a catalyst to engage government, industry and community organizations on how such content would impact public collaboration in the arts, humanities, journalism, education, social networks and other value-added community programming.

Sponsors of the conference are the Digital Technology Center, Digital Watershed and the Institute for New Media Studies.

Registration includes a continental breakfast and lunches during the conference, and the reception and banquet at the Campus Club on Oct. 6. Register online at [www.dtc.umn.edu/seminars/symposia/wireless2005.php?menu=registration](http://www.dtc.umn.edu/seminars/symposia/wireless2005.php?menu=registration)

For more information about the conference contact conference administrator Alison Baerwald at [wccc@dtc.umn.edu](mailto:wccc@dtc.umn.edu) or (612) 624-0811. □

- What:** Project funding selection and technology demonstration
- When:** Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 4 and 5
- Where:** Digital Technology Center, Walter Library, 117 Pleasant St. S.E.,  
Minneapolis
- Contacts:** Mark Cassutt, University News Service, (612) 624-8038

### **The U of M Safety Security Rescue Research Center to choose research projects and demonstrate selected technology**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (9/29/2005)-- The fall meeting of the University of Minnesota's Safety Security Rescue Research Center (SSR-RC) will take place Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 4 and 5, at the Digital Technology Center, Walter Library, 117 Pleasant St. S.E., Minneapolis. The event will include poster sessions and technology demonstrations from 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. on Oct. 4. Technologies scheduled to be demonstrated include: wearable joystick interface, mapping, remote control of robotic search vehicles and stair climbing.

The SSR-RC is focused on the emerging field of safety, security and rescue research, which includes a variety of topics in homeland security and emergency preparedness and response. It is part of a consortium of companies and universities working on industry-relevant medium-term research of interest to all parties.

As a true cooperative venture, university researchers, member company executives and invited public safety officials will help in the selection of research projects going forward.

Projects proposed for funding this year include:

- Components and systems of unmanned ground, air and undersea vehicles for security and search and rescue.
- New sensors and sensor miniaturization for chemical/biological/radiological/nuclear/explosive detection, medical monitoring, navigation and situational awareness.
- Coordination algorithms for distributed teams of humans/robots/sensors.
- Human/robot interaction and shared control of complex systems.
- Robust, ad hoc, wireless networking protocols for sensor networks and autonomous agents.

Register for the event by going to [wwws.cs.umn.edu/forms/index.cgi?form\\_id=96](http://wwws.cs.umn.edu/forms/index.cgi?form_id=96)

For more information about the event contact Michael Olesen at (612) 625-6414 or by e-mail at [olesen@dtc.umn.edu](mailto:olesen@dtc.umn.edu) □

**What:** 2nd International Symposium on Nanotechnology and Occupational Health

**When:** Monday through Wednesday, Oct. 3-6

**Where:** Radisson Hotel Metrodome, 615 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis

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Mark Cassutt, University News Service, (612) 624-8038

### World's top experts examine nanotechnology's health and safety risks

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (9/30/2005)--Heralded by some as the next industrial revolution, nanotechnologies promise great societal and economic benefits. However, the scale and uniqueness of these technologies -- a human hair is roughly 100,00 nanometers wide -- may also lead to new health, safety and environmental risks. Understanding and addressing these risks, especially in the workplace, will be integral to the long-term success of nanotechnologies.

To tackle this issue, the University of Minnesota College of Continuing Education is hosting the 2nd International Symposium of Nanotechnology and Occupational Health Monday through Thursday, Oct. 3-6, at the Radisson Hotel Metrodome, 615 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis. This symposium is the premier global meeting that addresses the potential implications and applications of nanotechnology in the workplace.

About 350 delegates from 20 countries will gather to present, assimilate and discuss the latest breakthroughs and activities in assessing nanotechnology and worker safety and health.

The three-day event features keynote addresses from Andreas Gutsch, Creavis Technologies & Innovation, Degussa AG, Piotr Grodzinski, National Cancer Institute and Kenneth Keller, University of Minnesota Humphrey Institute of Public affairs. In addition, the symposium features tutorials (on Monday) to inform delegates in unfamiliar areas and disciplines and more than 80 technical presentations. There will be a welcome reception on Monday night and a banquet on Tuesday. University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks, along with John Howard, director of the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, will welcome symposium guests and participants on Tuesday morning.

Today there are no government oversight or best practices in place to protect against possible nanotechnology worker health threats, and relatively little research available on its workplace exposure risks. Yet, more than 700 available products claim to be made from nanomaterials or to use or support

nanotechnology The National Science Foundation predicts that the market for nanotechnology products and services will reach \$1 trillion by 2015.

Visiting the Web site [www.cce.umn.edu/nanotechnology](http://www.cce.umn.edu/nanotechnology) for program information.

For more information about the symposium, contact Heather Dorr at [hdorr@umn.edu](mailto:hdorr@umn.edu) or by calling (612) 625-5267. □

**What:** University of Minnesota Board of Regents October meeting  
**When:** Thursday and Friday, Oct. 6 - 7  
**Where:** Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, 3675 Arboretum Blvd., Chaska  
**Contacts:** Daniel Wolter, University News Service, (612) 625-8510

### U of M Board of Regents to meet at Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (10/4/2005)--The University of Minnesota Board of Regents will hold its October meeting beginning at 9:45 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, 3675 Arboretum Blvd., in Chaska. The board will discuss the university's 2006 capital budget request and hold a work session on how to measure progress toward its goal of becoming one of the top three public research universities in the world.

"Setting an ambitious goal is important – but measuring progress towards that goal is just as important," said President Robert Bruininks. "As we enter this time of transformative change for the University of Minnesota, this kind of measurement is going to be critical to our success."

In addition, Provost Tom Sullivan will present the board with a profile of the 2005 freshman class based on current enrollment figures.

The schedule for the meeting is as follows:

Thursday, Oct. 6.

9:45 – 11 a.m., Board of Regents work session, MacMillan Auditorium A/C. Bruininks and Executive Associate Vice President for Planning and Academic Affairs Al Sullivan will present on measuring progress toward the university's strategic positioning goal.

1:45 – 2:45 p.m., Board of Regents work session, MacMillan Auditorium A/C. Bruininks and Vice President for Research Tim Mulcahy will present on financing strategies for intellectual property.

3 – 4:30 p.m., Educational Planning and Policy Committee, MacMillan Auditorium A/C. Provost Tom Sullivan will present a profile of the 2005 freshman class according to the latest enrollment numbers.



3 – 4:30 p.m., Finance and Operations Committee, Chief Financial Officer Richard Pfitzenreuter will present the proposed 2006 state capital bonding request.

Friday, Oct. 7.

9 – 11 a.m., Board of Regents meeting, MacMillan Auditorium A/C. The new chancellor of the University of Minnesota Crookston, Charles Casey, and new dean and director of the University of Minnesota Extension Service, Beverly Durgan, will be introduced.

More information on the Board of Regents meeting can be found at [www.umn.edu/regents](http://www.umn.edu/regents). □

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### **Paul Sun to receive U of M's 'Distinguished Leadership Award for Internationals' at Oct. 7 ceremony**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (10/4/2005)--The University of Minnesota will present Paul Sun, one of Taiwan's most significant agricultural leaders, the Distinguished Leadership Award for Internationals at 3:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7, in the Cargill Building for Microbial and Plant Genomics on the university's St. Paul Campus.

Sun, who received a master's in plant pathology from the University of Minnesota in 1966, has a long history of involvement in Taiwan's agriculture. In 1992, he was appointed chairman of the Taiwan Council of Agriculture and in 1996 became national policy adviser to the president of Taiwan. Now retired, Sun is chair of the Board of Directors of the Asian Vegetable Research and Development Center (AVRDC), ambassador-at-large for the Department of Agriculture and chairman of Harvest Farm Magazine.

During his tenure as chairman of the Council of Agriculture, Sun led the effort to define a vision for agricultural development in Taiwan and completed 22 of the 26 bilateral agreements necessary for World Trade Organization membership. He also passed a new law to launch a lifetime "old farmer allowance" program for all farmers older than 65 years of age.

The Distinguished Leadership Award for Internationals is a universitywide award for alumni and friends of the university who have distinguished themselves in their post-university work as leaders in their professional careers. Nevin Young, University of Minnesota professor of plant pathology, nominated Sun for the honor. The award will be presented by Gene Allen, Director of the Office of International Programs. In addition, a representative of Taiwan's government will also make a presentation.

Sun was instrumental in creating the World Vegetable Center, the principal international center for vegetable research and development in the world. Its mission is to reduce poverty and malnutrition in developing countries through improved production and consumption of vegetables. Sun will present a seminar on the World Vegetable Center as part of the event.

For more information on the Distinguished Leadership Award for Internationals see [www.international.umn.edu/awards/leader/leader.html](http://www.international.umn.edu/awards/leader/leader.html). □

**What:** October is Scholarship Month - Update on U of M Scholarship Drive  
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### U of M scholarship drive helping 1,043 more students in first two years

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (10/5/2005)--After two years of fund raising as part of the University of Minnesota Scholarship Drive, 1,043 more students are receiving scholarships and fellowships than before the drive started. The drive, the largest effort ever undertaken by the university to raise gifts for student support, has a goal of increasing the number of students being helped by 50 percent. The drive is committed to increasing support for students at all levels and at every university campus and college.

In 2002-03, the academic year before the drive began, 4,865 students received scholarships and graduate fellowships funded through gifts to the U. In the 2004-05 academic year, the number was 5,908. The average amount of the scholarships and fellowships that students receive has also increased.

University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks said that increasing scholarship funding is important to the university's strategic positioning effort and in enriching the undergraduate experience, overall accessibility and expanding support and services. "A key goal for the university is to transform the educational experience for our students and improve graduation rates," he said. "Scholarships play a big part in this because they help make it possible for students to focus on academics and take advantage of the incredible opportunities here at the U. We know that students with scholarships graduate on time at a rate up to 35 percent higher than other students."

The university has been reaching out to alumni and friends with information about the need for increased scholarship aid and has declared October to be Scholarship Month on all campuses to help raise awareness about the scholarship drive. Through August of this year, 31,400 donors have given \$84 million toward the drive goal of \$150 million.

"We've made student support the U's top private fund-raising priority, and alumni and friends are responding very generously," said Bruininks. "With Scholarship Month, we're trying to draw more attention to this critical need and get out the message to more people who want to help our students succeed."

Scholarships are also important for attracting and keeping talented students in Minnesota. "The university is a prime source of talent for Minnesota," Bruininks said. "But every year we lose far too

many of our top students because schools in other states offer larger scholarships.” The University of Minnesota offered merit scholarships to 15 percent of entering freshmen in 2004, placing it near the bottom in the Big Ten.

The \$84 million raised so far is for all forms of student support, including scholarships for undergraduate and professional students and fellowships for graduate students. It includes gifts for both need- and merit-based scholarships.

A major emphasis of the scholarship drive has been to increase the number of endowed scholarships, which provides reliable, long-term funding for student support. To encourage new endowment gifts, the university created a matching fund called the President’s Scholarship Match that doubles the impact of endowed scholarships by matching the payout. For example, a gift of \$100,000 in endowment would generate about \$5,000 a year for one student. With the match, two students a year could be helped at that level. So far, 232 gifts, for a total value of \$29 million, have been approved for the President’s Scholarship Match.

A similar matching program, called the 21st Century Graduate Fellowship Endowment, is in place for new gifts for graduate fellowships. This program also doubles the impact of donors’ gifts by matching the payout on the endowment. It was created to help the university attract students who are being recruited by top schools across the nation, often in very competitive graduate programs. Since the U of M Scholarship Drive began, 74 gifts valued at \$6 million were approved for this match.□

**What:** Graduate and Professional School Day 2005  
**When:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12  
**Where:** Great Hall, Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis  
**Contacts:** Mark Cassutt, University News Service, (612) 624-8038

### **More than 100 graduate and professional programs to be represented at U of M's Graduate and Professional School Day**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (10/5/2005)--More than 100 graduate school and professional programs from across the country will be represented at the University of Minnesota's Graduate and Professional School Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12, in the Great Hall of Coffman Memorial Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis.

This event, sponsored by the Career and Community Learning Center, will provide students with opportunities to speak with college and university representatives from law, business, education, health sciences and a variety of other graduate and professional programs. It also features workshops on "How to Apply to Graduate and Professional School" (President's Room, 10:15 a.m. and 1 p.m.) and "Funding Graduate and Professional School" (President's Room, 11:30 a.m.).

No registration is required. Admission to Graduate and Professional School Day is free and open to the public.

For more information, including a list of participating programs, go to <http://www.cclc.umn.edu/GSD>. If you have any additional questions, contact Lisa Murphy Filhart at [lmurp@class.cla.umn.edu](mailto:lmurp@class.cla.umn.edu) or (612) 626-9847. □

**The U.S. Supreme Court has just agreed to review a case involving tax incentives to be discussed at this conference.**

- What:** Legal scholars examine use of tax incentives for economic development in conference
- When:** 9:30 a.m to 3:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7
- Where:** Room 40, Law School, 229 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis
- Contacts:** Professor Kristin Hickman, Law School, (612) 624-2915  
Patty Mattern, University News Service, (612) 624-2801

**Legal scholars examine use of tax incentives for economic development in conference**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (10/6/2005)--Legal scholars will examine the city and state use of tax incentives, tax credits and exemptions to attract economic development during a conference Friday at the University of Minnesota Law School. The conference comes a week after the U.S. Supreme Court said it will review a case dealing with those issues. In *Cuno v. DaimlerChrysler*, a federal appeals court declared that an Ohio incentive tax credit provision is unconstitutional as an impermissible, discriminatory interference with interstate commerce.

"A Tax Policy Conference: State Tax Incentives for Economic Development" runs from 9:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7, in Room 40, Law School, 229 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis. The conference is sponsored by the Law School and the The Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies.

State governments routinely utilize tax incentive programs, credits and exemptions to attract economic development, said conference organizer and Associate Professor of Law Kristin Hickman. While the *Cuno* parties await U.S. Supreme Court review, Congress considers demands for federal legislation regulating the scope of state tax competition for economic development. Meanwhile, copycat litigation ensues challenging tax incentive laws in other states, including Minnesota's Job Opportunity Building Zones ("JOBZ") and Biotechnology and Health Sciences Industry Zone programs, on federal and state constitutional grounds, Hickman said.

A U.S. Supreme Court ruling in the *Cuno v. DaimlerChrysler* case could have a large impact on states, Hickman said.

"If the Supreme Court agreed with the Sixth Circuit, virtually all states would have to go back and look at their tax incentive programs, and in many places the programs would be considered unconstitutional," Hickman said.

During Friday's conference, leading legal scholars from around the nation will consider:

- Was Cuno rightly decided?
- What are the implications of Cuno for state tax policy and economic development efforts?
- Are tax incentive programs, credits and exemptions to attract economic development good policy or a destructive "race to the bottom"?
- What, if anything, should the federal government do to regulate these state policies?

The conference costs \$15 for members, \$20 for nonmembers and is free for students. □

**What:** Enrollment data on U of M 2005 freshman class  
**Contacts:** Daniel Wolter, University News Service, (612) 625-8510, (651) 485-3214 (cell)

### U of M outlines profile of 2005 freshman class

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (10/6/2005)--The quality of the incoming freshman class at the University of Minnesota continues to improve, according to enrollment data released by the university today. Of this year's freshman on the Twin Cities campus, 73.8 percent came from the top 25 percent of their high school class - up from 55.8 percent in 1995.

"Although the academic profile of our incoming class is around the middle of the Big Ten universities, these numbers show excellent improvement and progress in attracting students who are prepared for the academic challenges of a major research university," said Provost Tom Sullivan in a presentation to the Board of Regents Educational Planning and Policy Committee.

In addition, Sullivan pointed out:

- The percentage of new freshman on the Twin Cities campus graduating in the top 5 percent of their high school class continued to increase, reaching 19.1 percent this year versus 17.2 percent last year.

- The average ACT composite score continued a 15-year trend of improvement, reaching 25.14 this fall, up from 22.2 last year.

- The percentage of students of color on the Twin Cities campus increased to 18.5 percent this year (18.3 percent in 2004).

- Applications to the Twin Cities campus for the fall 2005 freshman class increased to 20,576 - up more than 2,000 from 2004.

- Over the past decade, freshman applications to the Twin Cities campus have increased by more than 70 percent, while the number of high school graduates in Minnesota has increased by only 20 percent. "These application numbers show students recognize the unique opportunities offered by the state's only public research university," Sullivan said. "That includes a wide range of areas in which to major, the opportunity to study with top faculty and, in many cases, to be exposed to research experiences as part of their undergraduate education."

- Enrollment of National Merit Scholars increased this year to 58, compared to 51 in 2004, and 38 in 2002.

- Total student enrollment this year on the Twin Cities campus is 51,175, a slight increase over 2004. System-wide enrollment is 65,489, also a slight increase over last year.



Freshman enrollment was down on all campuses, Sullivan said. Both the Twin Cities and Duluth campuses took intentional, strategic actions to enhance and maximize student support and access to on-campus housing. The Twin Cities campus, for example, had a freshman class last year of nearly 300 students over targeted goals, and this year the class size goal of 5,305 stayed on target.

“As part of our strategic positioning initiative to become one of the three best public research universities in the world, improving the student experience ranks as a top priority, and this step was very much part of that,” Sullivan said. □

**What:** Alumni Leadership Summit and awards ceremony  
**When:** 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7  
**Where:** Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E. , Minneapolis  
**Contacts:** Evelyn Cottle Raedler, (612) 626-4856, raedl001@umn.edu  
 Mark Cassutt, University News Service, (612) 624-8038

### Alumni Leadership Summit to honor top volunteers

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (10/7/2005)--The University of Minnesota Alumni Association (UMAA) will recognize its top alumni, faculty, staff and student volunteers at a reception and awards ceremony during the annual Alumni Leadership Summit beginning at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7, at the Campus Club in Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis.

"This is an opportunity for the UMAA to say 'congratulations' and 'thank you' to those who play an invaluable role in helping us achieve our mission -- to provide a lifelong connection between alumni and the U," said Margaret Sughrue Carlson, chief executive officer of the UMAA. "We consider a volunteer's commitment of time and talent crucial to the strength and vitality of our organization, and we honor them annually at this event."

The volunteer awards will be presented by Carlson and Robert Stein, UMAA national board president. Awards and winners are:

- National Volunteer of the Year – Jim du Bois, College of Liberal Arts Alumni Society
- Rising Star Award – Jenny Anderson, College of Human Ecology Alumni Society
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- Program Extraordinaire Awards – "Access Minnesota," College of Liberal Arts; "Fall Fest 2004," Colleges of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences, Biological Sciences, Human Ecology, Natural Resources and Veterinary Medicine; "Lecture Series," St. Croix Valley Alumni Chapter; "Lunch n' Learn," College of Pharmacy; and "National Public Health Week," School of Public Health
- Legislators of the Year – Sen. Keith Langseth (DFL) District 9; Sen. Richard Cohen (DFL) District 64; Sen. Lawrence Pogemiller (DFL) District 59; and Rep. and House Speaker Pro Tempore Ron Abrams, (R) District 43B
- Grand Gold Award – College of Human Ecology Alumni Society
- Chapters of the Year – Rochester Area Alumni and Friends of the University of Minnesota (RAAFUM) and Southwest Florida Chapter

- Alumni Society of the Year – Institute of Technology Alumni Society
- Alumni Service Awards – Jerry Noyce, past president, UMAA, and Mervyn DeSouza, College of Biological Sciences Alumni Society

This event is free and open to the public but reservations are suggested. Make reservations by visiting [www.alumni.umn.edu/summit](http://www.alumni.umn.edu/summit) or calling 1-800-UMALUMS or (612) 626-4496. □

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**What:** 'University of Minnesota Moment' links for the week of Oct. 10.

**Contacts:** David Ruth, University News Service, (612) 626-1720

### U of M Moment feature links for the week of Oct. 10

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (10/7/2005)--"University of Minnesota Moment" radio features for the week of Monday, Oct. 10, are available to Minnesota radio stations for free.

The features are as follows:

- Monday, Oct. 10. "Veterans Transition Center"

Fully produced: [http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Comfort\\_for\\_Courage.mp3](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Comfort_for_Courage.mp3)

Raw audio: [http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Comfort\\_for\\_Courage\\_raw.mp3](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Comfort_for_Courage_raw.mp3)

- Tuesday, Oct. 11. "Ear Plugs"

Fully produced: <http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/earplugs.mp3>

Raw audio: [http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Ear\\_Plugs\\_raw.mp3](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Ear_Plugs_raw.mp3)

- Wednesday, Oct. 12. "Wind Turbine"

Fully produced: [http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Wind\\_Power.mp3](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Wind_Power.mp3)

Raw audio: [http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Wind\\_Power\\_Raw.mp3](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Wind_Power_Raw.mp3)

- Thursday, Oct. 13. "Recess"

Fully produced: <http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Recess.mp3>

Raw audio: [http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Recess\\_raw.mp3](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Recess_raw.mp3)

- Friday, Oct. 14. "Migrant Workers"

Fully produced:

[http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Migrant\\_Workers.mp3](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Migrant_Workers.mp3)

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[http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Migrant\\_Workers\\_raw.mp3](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Migrant_Workers_raw.mp3)

University Relations will be adding an affiliates page on the U of M Moment blog site in the upcoming weeks. Radio stations are encouraged to let the university know they are airing the feature so the university can promote the stations internally and externally.

These features will be posted the day for which they are scheduled at

<http://blog.lib.umn.edu/urelate/radio/> .□

**What:** Daily produced U of M radio feature  
**When:** Beginning Monday, Oct. 17  
**Contacts:** David Ruth, University News Service, (612) 626-1720

### **MNN to distribute 'U of M Moment' to its 80 affiliates**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (10/11/2005)--Beginning Monday, Oct. 17, Minnesota News Network (MNN) will begin distributing via satellite the "University of Minnesota Moment" to its 80 affiliates statewide.

U of M Moment highlights university experts commenting on a broad arrange of topical, informational and educational issues in a news-style report. The University of Minnesota office of University Relations, working with colleges throughout the university, produces the 90 second radio feature available to all Minnesota radio stations for free.

"The University of Minnesota is delighted that a radio network with MNN's reach and respect will be running our 'Minnesota Moments,'" said Linda Thrane, vice president for university relations. "These vignettes let us share stories about the education, research and public service that the university does every day on behalf of all Minnesotans. This work is important to our lives and livelihoods, and it makes for some darn good radio."

"The Minnesota News Network is pleased to expand our relationship with the university by offering these programs to our network of stations," said Penny Meier, director of Network Services for MNN. "The U of M is one of the leading research and educational institutions in the country and we are proud to be a vehicle to help educate people across the state on how the University is improving the quality of life of all Minnesotans."

MNN affiliates will have the option to pick up the feature Monday through Friday at 4:10 p.m. via satellite, on the MNN Web site or on the university's Web site (<http://blog.lib.umn.edu/urelate/radio/>). □

**Former U.S. Representatives to give an insider's perspective on the current congressional response**

- What:** Concord Coalition conference on fiscal challenges, including Social Security
- When:** 9 a.m. – noon Monday, Oct. 17
- Where:** Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis
- Who:** David Walker, comptroller general of the United States; Isabel Sawhill, senior fellow at the Brookings Institution; and Brian Riedl, Grover M. Hermann Fellow in Federal Budgetary Affairs at the Heritage Foundation.
- Contacts:** Jamie Proulx, Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, (612) 625-9436  
Mark Cassutt, University News Service, (612) 624-8038

**U of M Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs conference to address the fiscal challenges facing the United States**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (10/11/2005)--The Humphrey Institute Policy Forum and the Concord Coalition will co-host a conference titled "Leadership and the Fiscal Future of the United States" from 9 a.m. to noon Monday, Oct. 17, at the Humphrey Center, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis. National speakers will present different ideological perspectives on the fiscal challenges facing the United States, such as balancing the financial responsibilities of entitlement programs like Social Security with other obligations like the war in Iraq and rebuilding the Gulf Coast. Several former congressional leaders will comment on what action policy makers are—or should be—taking in response to these challenges.

"Current deficits will only be exacerbated by the entitlement demands of baby boom retirees. If today's Congress doesn't act soon to correct our fiscal course, future taxpayers will pay an enormous price," says Tim Penny, co-director of the policy forum and a member of the Concord Coalition's board of directors. "We hope that those in attendance will learn more about our nation's fiscal challenges and why Washington is so slow to act."

Featured speakers on the first panel include David Walker, comptroller general of the United States; Isabel Sawhill, senior fellow at the Brookings Institution; and Brian Riedl, Grover M. Hermann Fellow in Federal Budgetary Affairs at the Heritage Foundation.

A second panel will feature several former congressional leaders who will offer perspectives on decision making in Washington and the political issues surrounding the debate over spending priorities.



They include Minnesota Court of Appeals Judge and former U.S. Rep. David Minge, former U.S. Rep. Tim Penny and former Sen. David Durenberger.

The event is free and open to the public, but registration is requested by contacting Ellen Tveit at (612) 625-8330 or [etveit@hhh.umn.edu](mailto:etveit@hhh.umn.edu). More information is available at [www.hhh.umn.edu/centers/policy-forum](http://www.hhh.umn.edu/centers/policy-forum).

The Concord Coalition is a nationwide, non-partisan, grassroots organization that advocates fiscal responsibility and works to ensure that Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid are secure for future generations. It was founded in 1992 by the late former Sen. Paul Tsongas (D-Mass.), former Sen. Warren Rudman (R-N.H.), and former U.S. Secretary of Commerce Peter Peterson. □

**What:** Program with Crown Prince Haakon of Norway  
**When:** 10-11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19  
**Where:** Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Institute, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis  
**Who:** Crown Prince Haakon and Ambassador Knut Vollebaek of Norway  
**Contacts:** Linda Pederson, Royal Norwegian Consulate General, (612) 332-3338, LP@MFA.NO  
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### **Norway's Crown Prince to visit the University of Minnesota Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs Oct. 19**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (10/12/2005)--His Royal Highness Crown Prince Haakon of Norway will visit the University of Minnesota Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19, in Cowles Auditorium, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis. The program will feature a lecture by Norwegian Ambassador Knut Vollebaek on the "Opportunities and Challenges in the High North: Energy Resources and the Environment." The visit from the crown prince is presented in partnership with the Minnesota International Center (MIC), the Royal Norwegian Consulate General and the Norsemen's Federation.

Following brief remarks from the crown prince, Ambassador Vollebaek will discuss the opportunities and challenges facing Norway and the High North, which have significant potential for petroleum development. Increased economic activity in this area poses particular challenges with regard to the fragile environment. Ambassador Vollebaek will outline how Norway seeks to safeguard its national interests, support political stability, and encourage sustainable development in this area through international co-operation.

This program is part of a three-day visit the crown prince will make to the Twin Cities Oct. 18-20 as part of Norway's centennial anniversary program in the United States. There is no cost to attend this event, but space is limited and advanced registration is required. To register, visit MIC online at <http://www.micglobe.org> or call (612) 625-4421. □

**University of Minnesota media tip sheet**  
**University News Service**  
**10/12/05**

**What leads children to kill parents?**

University of Minnesota Associate Professor of social work **Edward Taylor** is available to comment on what may lead a child to kill his or her parents as in the Hastings' case where Matthew Nedere is accused of murdering his parents. Taylor studies issues involving mental health in children, teens and young adults. He also studies severe violence involving young people.

**Contact Taylor at (612) 624-1250. During the early evening, he can be reached at (651) 765-6053.**

**Actual court expert witness for women miners of "North Country"**

University of Minnesota Professor Eugene Borgida of the psychology department is available to comment on the upcoming movie "North Country." Borgida was an expert witness for the women miners both at the actual class certification stage and in federal court.

**Contact Borgida at (612) 625-3381 or borgi001@umn.edu.**

**Local Pakistani community to help those impacted by quake**

University of Minnesota student Zeeshan Syedain, of the Pakistani Student Association, is available to speak about the impact of the earthquake on Pakistani students and how the Minneapolis Pakistani community will help those impacted by the earthquake.

**Contact Syedain at (814) 571-3888.**

**University News Service contact, Patty Mattern, (612) 624-2801.**

**What:** U of M marks capitol centennial with symposium  
**When:** 1 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 15  
**Where:** Auditorium, Ralph Rapson Hall, 89 Church St. S.E., Minneapolis  
**Contacts:** Nancy Miller, symposium coordinator, (612) 625-4169  
 Patty Mattern, University News Service, (612) 624-2801

### U of M marks capitol centennial with symposium

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (10/12/2005)--The College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture (CALA) is holding a symposium from 1 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 15, about the Minnesota State Capitol building and its architect, Cass Gilbert in the auditorium, Ralph Rapson Hall, 89 Church St. S.E., Minneapolis. The symposium is part of a year-long celebration of the capitol's centennial.

The symposium, "Capitol Views: Building, Public Life and Culture," aims to generate new thinking about the historical and contemporary significance of the capitol. The symposium, co-sponsored by the Minnesota Historical Society, is free and open to the public. During the symposium, University of Minnesota faculty and graduate students will address the history, life and culture of the capitol building, from its construction and labor history to its representation in souvenirs and other imagery. A panel discussion will examine the capitol in public life today. A reception will follow.

Symposium presentations include:

- "Cass Gilbert and the State Capitol: Regional and National Perspectives" by Katherine Solomonson, associate professor, department of architecture.
- "The Large and Small of It: The Many Forms of Minnesota's Capitol" by Leigh Roethke, doctoral candidate, department of art history.
- "Minnesota Malls: Cass Gilbert, the Capitol and the University" by Lance Neckar, associate dean, CALA.
- "The State Capitol and Rural Minnesota" by Dewey Thorbeck, adjunct professor, department of architecture.
- "The State Capitol in the American Social Imaginary" by Anthony Arrigo, doctoral candidate, department of rhetoric and scientific and technical communication.
- "The New State Capitol and the New Century: Minnesota Enters the Modern Industrialized World" by Hy Berman, retired professor, department of history.

The symposium includes the panel discussion “The State Capitol in Public Life” and will be moderated by Kristine Miller, assistant professor, department of landscape architecture.

Panel members are:

- Hy Berman.
- Thomas Fisher, dean, CALA.
- Carolyn Kompelien, Capitol site manager, Minnesota Historical Society.
- Phillip Koski, AIA, Principal, Inland Office for Tomorrow's Architecture.
- Nancy Stark, executive secretary, Capitol Area Architecture and Planning Board.

The panel will be followed by a reception.

For further information, please contact the symposium coordinator Nancy Miller at [nmiller@umn.edu](mailto:nmiller@umn.edu). □

- What:** U of M American Indian students to host Ethel Curry Fall Welcome Feast and Pow Wow
- When:** 5-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14
- Where:** St. Paul Student Center, 2017 Buford Ave. St. Paul
- Who:** U students, faculty, staff and community members
- Contacts:** Carly Beane, American Indian Student Cultural Center, (612) 968-7598  
Bob San, University News Service, (612) 624-4082

### **U of M American Indian students to host Ethel Curry Fall Welcome Feast and Pow Wow**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (10/13/2005)--The University of Minnesota American Indian Student Cultural Center will honor its scholars at the annual Ethel Curry Fall Welcome Feast and Powwow from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14, in the St. Paul Student Center, 2017 Buford Ave., St. Paul. The feast will start at 5 p.m., with the Grand Entry at 7 p.m.

A group of singers from the Red Lake Reservation will be the host drum, and they will be joined by three other drum groups. The event is free and open to the public, and all dancers are welcome.

The event is named for the university alumna who donated \$1 million to the University of Minnesota and \$1 million to the Minnesota State Board of Education for scholarships for American Indians. At the university, her gift was used to create the Ethel Curry Native American Scholarship Fund for full-time students. The state board included her gift in its Indian Scholarship Program, which makes about 800 awards annually. Interest from the gift provides about eight additional scholarships each year.

Curry graduated from the university in 1914 with a bachelor of science degree in biology and mathematics. She worked for the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., for 40 years. She died in 1995 at the age of 107.

At the powwow, about 30 past and present Ethel Curry scholars will be recognized.



- What:** U of M to host screening of film about reconciliation in Rwanda after 1984 genocide
- When:** 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18
- Where:** Room 25, University of Minnesota Law School, 229 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis
- Contacts:** Patrick Finnegan, Human Rights Center, (612) 626-0041  
Patty Mattern, University News Service, (612) 624-2801

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MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (10/14/2005)--A screening and discussion of the documentary "In Rwanda, We Say ... The Family That Does Not Speak Dies" will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18, in Room 25, University of Minnesota Law School, 229 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis. The screening is free and open to the public.

The University of Minnesota Human Rights Center, in conjunction with the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program, the department of history, the university's Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies and the International Leadership Institute, is sponsoring the screening.

The documentary addresses the reconciliation process in Rwanda after the 1994 genocide. Filmed in 2004, it tells the story of a man accused of genocide who is released from prison after several years in detention. As he tries to reintegrate into his community, the relatives of his victims must confront their feelings about his release and the concept of reconciliation. This film was directed by award-winning filmmaker Anne Aghion, who also co-produced the film with Laurent Bocahaut.

The screening will be followed by a panel discussion with: Michele Wagner, associate professor of history at the University of Minnesota; Florian Ukizemwabo, a Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow and the executive secretary of the Rwandan League for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights; Paul Corbit Brown, 2005 Upper Midwest Human Rights Fellow and photographer and Franklin Reed, 2005 Upper Midwest Human Rights Fellow, staff attorney at the Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis, and adjunct faculty at the university's Law School.

The film screening is part of the Human Rights Center's 2005-2006 film series. Through screenings and panel discussions, the Human Rights Center brings experts and community members together to raise awareness, promote discussion, and take action on issues affecting the human rights community in Minnesota, the United States and the world. □

**What:** 'Dear Dr. Fisch' performance  
**When:** 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23  
**Where:** Ted Mann Concert Hall, 2128 4th St. S., Minneapolis  
**Who:** Holocaust survivor Robert Fisch, U of M Health Sciences Orchestra,  
**Contacts:** Kelly O'Brien, College of Liberal Arts, (612) 624-4109,  
 obrie136@umn.edu  
 Mark Cassutt, News Service, (612) 624-8038  
 For tickets, call (612) 624-2345

### U of M program features art and thoughts of Holocaust survivor

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (10/14/2005)--Dr. Robert O. Fisch, noted U of M pediatrician, artist and Holocaust survivor, will be featured in a multi-media event at 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, at Ted Mann Concert Hall, 2128 4th St. S., Minneapolis. The program focuses on the positive influence of hope and caring as a cathartic power on the lives of those who have experienced violent and traumatic upheaval.

"Dear Dr. Fisch" will feature the artwork of Dr. Fisch, music by the U of M Health Sciences Orchestra and readings by area high school students who take part in English Language Learning and English as a Second Language (ELL/ESL) courses. The performance is presented by the U of M's Center for Austrian Studies.

Fisch is a native of Budapest, Hungary, and a survivor of a Nazi concentration camp located in Austria. After WWII, he returned to Hungary and completed medical school. In 1956, he participated in the revolution and in 1957 escaped to the United States and continued his medical studies as a pediatric intern at the University of Minnesota. He stayed on at the university, where in 1987 he became a professor of pediatrics. Fisch is known worldwide for his innovative discoveries in the prevention of the genetic disease PKU (phenylketonuria).

In Hungary and in Minnesota, Fisch studied art and created a second career for himself as a visual artist. He has written and illustrated three books related to the Holocaust. Following the publication of "Light From the Yellow Star," he visited with students at 71 schools across Minnesota to talk about his experiences; in return the students wrote him letters sharing their thoughts about his life and the Holocaust. These letters inspired the creation of more art and were included with the new works in the book "Dear Dr. Fisch: Children's Letters to a Holocaust Survivor" and a solo exhibition at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts in 2004.



In his presentation to students, Fisch describes his experiences in concentration camps to present his positive philosophy, “the beauty of love which survives in time.” His objective is to show how people learn from horror. Many of the children of the new immigrant population arriving in the Twin Cities are themselves victims of abuse and torture and share experiences with Fisch.

“What I would like to be remembered is not the horror but the beauty created by human virtue and enlightened by the spirit created by suffering ... ,” said Fisch. “The message that I would like to send is: Remain human – even in inhuman circumstances.”

Fisch is available for pre-performance interviews. For more information and scheduling, contact Kelly O’Brien at (612) 624-4109 or [obrie136@umn.edu](mailto:obrie136@umn.edu). □

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**'U of M Moment' feature links for the week of Oct. 17**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (10/14/2005)--"University of Minnesota Moment" radio features for the week of Monday, Oct. 17, are available to Minnesota radio stations for free.

The features are as follows:

- Monday, Oct. 17. "Stem Cells and Cancer Research"

Fully produced :90 feature: [http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Stem\\_Cells.mp3](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Stem_Cells.mp3)

Raw audio: [http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Stem\\_Cell\\_raw.mp3](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Stem_Cell_raw.mp3)

- Tuesday, Oct. 18. "Family Time, Less Sports"

Fully produced :90 feature: [http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Family\\_Time.mp3](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Family_Time.mp3)

Raw audio: [http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Family\\_Time\\_raw.mp3](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Family_Time_raw.mp3)

- Wednesday, Oct. 19. "Bird Flu"

Fully produced :90 feature: [http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Bird\\_Flu.mp3](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Bird_Flu.mp3)

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- Thursday, Oct. 20. "Norman Borlaug"

Fully produced :90 feature: <http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Borlaug.mp3>

Raw audio: [http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Borlaug\\_raw.mp3](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Borlaug_raw.mp3)

- Friday, Oct. 21. "Bankruptcy Laws"

Fully produced :90 feature: <http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Bankruptcy.mp3>

Raw audio: [http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Bankruptcy\\_raw.mp3](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Bankruptcy_raw.mp3)

University Relations will be adding an affiliates page on the U of M Moment blog site in the upcoming weeks. Radio stations are encouraged to let the university know they are airing a feature so the university can promote the stations internally and externally.

These features will be posted the day for which they are scheduled at

<http://blog.lib.umn.edu/urelate/radio/> .□

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                  **David Ruth, University News Service, (612) 626-1720**

## **U of M to host former 'High Times' editor and 25-year DEA agent debate on marijuana legalization**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (10/13/2005)--The Great Hall in Coffman Union on the University of Minnesota's East Bank campus will host "Heads vs. Feds," a debate on the controversial issue of marijuana legalization, at 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 17.

The debate features former High Times Magazine editor Steve Hager and 25-year New York City DEA veteran Robert Stutzman. Tickets are free for U of M students with valid U Cards and \$5 at the door for the public. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Hager will hold a book signing for "Adventures in the Counterculture: From Hip Hop to High Times" after the debate.

Featured at college campuses across the nation, Heads vs. Feds has received praise for the speakers' ability to examine the issues articulately from multiple vantage points. Hager was the editor of the counterculture publication High Times for 16 years and also created the Cannabis Cup, the "Academy Awards" of marijuana, which is held every year in Amsterdam. Stutzman is responsible for more than 15,000 arrests during his 25-year tenure with the DEA. He has received numerous law enforcement awards nationally and was called "the most famous NARC in America" by the New York Times.

The Minnesota Program and Activities Council (MPAC) is hosting Heads vs. Feds, along with sponsorship from The Onion. MPAC allows students to plan and program entertainment and educational activities for fellow students at the University of Minnesota. MPAC has also hosted other noteworthy speakers, including liberal activist Michael Moore, Public Enemy's Chuck D and actor/writer/director Kevin Smith.

Both speakers will be available to the media prior to the debate at 7 p.m. In addition, Stutzman and Hager can be interviewed in advance of Monday. Contact Kate McMillan at (612) 625-8269 for more information or to set up an interview in advance of the event. Advance footage of previous debates is also available by request. □

**What:** U of M Al-Madinah Cultural Center to host Ramadan Fast-A-Thon  
**When:** Wednesday, Oct. 19, fasting, 6:15 a.m.-6:20 p.m.; feast 6:30-8 p.m.  
**Where:** Great Hall, Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis  
**Who:** U students, faculty, staff and community members  
**Contacts:** Al-Madinah Cultural Center, (612) 624-8922  
 Bob San, University News Service, (612) 624-4082

### U of M Al-Madinah Cultural Center to host Ramadan Fast-A-Thon

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (10/17/2005)--Fast for one day and feed many needy.

That's what students at the University of Minnesota's Al-Madinah Cultural Center are hoping to achieve at its Ramadan Fast-A-Thon Wednesday, Oct. 19. Al-Madinah is encouraging students, staff and faculty to fast from 6:15 a.m. to 6:21 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 19. For every person who fasts that day, a local business will donate \$1 to the American Refugee Committee. At sunset, from about 6:30 p.m-8 p.m. fasters will join Al-Madinah members at the Great Hall of Coffman Union for a feast.

"We are encouraging community people to pledge for one day of fasting, feel the suffering of those who starve, not because they choose to but because they have to," said Al-Madinah president Abdul Basit. "Make a difference by fasting because you can choose. Fast and motivate others to do the same on Oct. 19. Form groups and motivate others to form groups."

The group that gets the highest number of fasters will receive a special gift.

For more information or to fill out a pledge, contact Khalid Yousif at [yousi004@umn.edu](mailto:yousi004@umn.edu). Pledges can also be filled out in person at Al-Madinah in room 217 Coffman Union.



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**What:** U of M to host Student Parent Day Oct. 19  
**When:** Noon to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19  
**Where:** Northrop Mall, 84 Church St. S.E., Minneapolis  
**Who:** U students, faculty, staff and community members  
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### U of M to host Student Parent Day Oct. 19

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (10/17/2005)--The University of Minnesota Student Parent Association and the Student Parent HELP Center are co-hosting Student Parent Day, from noon to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19, on the Northrop Mall. The purpose of the event is to increase the visibility of the successful men and women with children who are currently students of the University of Minnesota or alumni who were student parents.

Forty teen parents from AGAPE Alternative High School in St. Paul will be matched with University of Minnesota student parents to discuss selecting a college major and career selection. AGAPE students will be hosted at a pizza luncheon on the mall with their mentors following the presentations.

Speakers for the event include: Thong Somsawat, president, U of M Student Parent Association; Susan Warfield, director, Student Parent HELP Center; Robert Poch, assistant dean, General College; and Rebecca Trotsky-Sirr, U of M student, who will read from "Scaling the Ivory Tower with a Baby on my Back," from *You Look Too Young to be a Mom*, (Deborah Davis, ed., Perigee Books, 2004).

All students, staff and faculty members are welcome to attend. The event is sponsored and funded by the U of M-Coca Cola Partnership Grant Program.

The Student Parent Association is a newly formed U of M student group serving both graduate and undergraduate students with children. For more information visit [www.tc.umn.edu/~umspa](http://www.tc.umn.edu/~umspa)

The Student Parent HELP Center, 24 Appleby Hall ([www.gen.umn.edu/programs/help\\_center/](http://www.gen.umn.edu/programs/help_center/)), serves all undergraduate student with children at the university. Housed in General College, the HELP Center also helps prospective students who are parents to apply to the university. The center administers grants for childcare assistance as well as offering several programs to aid student retention and promote academic success.

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### **The Aurora Center for Advocacy and Education awarded \$298,524**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (10/19/2005)--The Aurora Center for Advocacy and Education, a unit of Student Affairs on the Twin Cities campus was recently notified by the Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women that they were selected to receive a \$298,524 funding award from the Grants to Reduce Violent Crimes Against Women on Campus.

The Grants to Reduce Violent Crimes Against Women on Campus Program provides a unique opportunity for institutions of higher education to establish multidisciplinary consortia to combat violent crimes against women on campuses. These comprehensive efforts are designed to enhance victim services, implement prevention and education programs, and develop and strengthen security and investigation strategies in order to prevent and respond to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking crimes on campuses.

The University of Minnesota campus and community partners will use the continued funding to: improve the campus response to sexual assault, relationship violence and stalking by providing legal advocacy services to victims of relationship violence, sexual violence and stalking. They will also provide services to women with disabilities and immigrants or international women on campus by continuing to cross-train with staff from disability services, working with the International Student Center and the Commonwealth Terrace Cooperative (a family housing complex on campus), and improve and continue to implement a research-based violence awareness and prevention program and improve their violence prevention curricula, "The Green M&M Project," which is an educational presentation facilitated by The Aurora Center student volunteers in classrooms, trainings, athletic orientations, and fraternity/sorority houses.

For more information, visit the Aurora Center online, <http://www1.umn.edu/aurora/>. □

- What:** Reading and book signing
- When:** 2 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 3, 2005
- Where:** University of Minnesota Bookstore, 300 Washington Ave. S.E.,  
Minneapolis
- Who:** Author Betty Wilson
- Contacts:** Kari Erpenbach, University of Minnesota Bookstore (612) 625-6564,  
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**Betty Wilson, former political reporter and author, will discuss her new book 'Rudy! The People's Governor' at the U of M Bookstore at Coffman Union, Nov. 3**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (10/19/2005)--Betty Wilson, a former political reporter with the Star Tribune, will discuss her new book "Rudy! The People's Governor" at the U of M Bookstore at Coffman Union located at 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis, at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 3.

Wilson explores the roots of Rudy Perpich's dedication to education and family life in his childhood on the Iron Range, and describes his rise from Hibbing dentist to Minnesota governor. As the longest serving governor in Minnesota history, Perpich dealt with many major crises and lent his prestige to projects ranging from the mega mall to the World Trade Center in St. Paul. He worked for economic vitality in depressed areas of the state, brought women into his administration and promoted Minnesota to the world. Rudy! The People's Governor chronicles his rise, defeat and triumphant return in a compelling political drama.

Wilson will sign copies of her book following the discussion. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, or to order a signed copy visit [www.bookstore.umn.edu/genref/authors.html](http://www.bookstore.umn.edu/genref/authors.html). □



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### **U of M Board of Regents chair to take temporary leave from leadership post**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (10/19/2005)--Anthony Baraga, chair of the University of Minnesota Board of Regents, announced he is taking a leave of absence as chair, effective immediately, until January 1, 2006. The leave allows him time to focus on his wife's health-related issues.

Vice Chair Patricia Simmons will assume the duties of chair in his absence.

The next meeting of the Board of Regents will be Nov. 10 at the McNamara Alumni Center on the U of M's Twin Cities campus.

The 12-member Board of Regents is the governing body of the University of Minnesota. More information about the Board of Regents can be found at <http://www1.umn.edu/regents/>. □

**What:** U of M book uses traditional Hmong storytelling to help farm safety

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### U of M book uses traditional Hmong storytelling to help farm safety

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (10/19/2005)--A unique illustrated storybook designed to teach farm safety to Hmong children in a culturally appropriate manner has sprung from research conducted by the University of Minnesota Department of Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering.

After comparing differences between Hmong and American farming practices, university researchers Michele Schermann and John Shutske concluded the best way to provide safety and health information to Hmong farming families is to use traditional storytelling methods.

“Introducing safety information to Hmong farmers is a unique challenge,” Schermann said. “In addition to the language barrier, Hmong farming practices are vastly different from those of other U.S. farmers. Many Hmong farmers use sharp knives and rototillers instead of combines and tractors, for instance.”

Schermann and Shutske formed a team of researchers — half of whom were Hmong — to explore the need and offer a solution. The team confirmed that Hmong use stories to instruct their children, so a similar approach would be the most effective teaching method.

The result of this effort is a part-folktale, part-safety storybook titled, “Orphan Boy the Farmer (Tub Ntsuag, Tub Ua Teb).” Hmong playwright Cha Yang wrote the book, with Hmong artist Kao Lee Thao serving as illustrator. It is written in both English and in the most common dialect of the Hmong language.

University research also revealed that colors and graphics commonly used to highlight farm safety topics in the United States represent different tasks and potential hazards to the Hmong. Thao carefully illustrated the book using colors that would be more appropriate to the Hmong farm families.

Initial reaction to the book, which was piloted via live dramatic presentations, has been highly favorable among Hmong audiences in Minnesota and Wisconsin. “We couldn’t be more pleased with

the outcome of this book. It has already had a positive impact on the Hmong children of this region,” Schermann said.

The 90-page, soft-cover book makes effective use of familiar Hmong characters, such as Orphan Boy the Farmer and Yer Shao the King of the Sky. In addition to teaching knife and rototiller safety, the book addresses safety issues for children selling at markets. Each chapter ends with a concise overview of the farm safety messages embedded in the tale. The book is likely to be read aloud by Hmong families in a group setting.

“Orphan Boy the Farmer (Tub Ntsuag, Tub Ua Teb)” was funded by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health and by the Minnesota Rapid Agricultural Response Fund. It is available for \$18 plus tax and shipping from:

Hmong ABC, 298 University Ave., St. Paul, (651) 293-0019;

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University of Minnesota Extension Service Distribution Center, (800) 876-8636 or (612) 624-4900 – Order Item #08311.

For more information contact the University of Minnesota Agricultural Safety and Health Program at (612) 624-7444 or [safety@umn.edu](mailto:safety@umn.edu).

Editor’s Notes:

View PDF page samples of “Orphan Boy the Farmer” at [www.extension.umn.edu/distribution/cropsystems/DC8311.html](http://www.extension.umn.edu/distribution/cropsystems/DC8311.html)

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**What:** U of M to host Lincoln Commission Forum on study abroad

**When:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25

**Where:** McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St. S.E., Minneapolis

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### U of M to host Lincoln Commission Forum on study abroad

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (10/19/2005)--The University of Minnesota will host one of five regional forums of the Bipartisan Commission on the Abraham Lincoln Study Abroad Fellowship Program from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 25, at McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St. S.E., Minneapolis. University presidents, chancellors, provosts and academic leaders from 10 states will convene at the forum to discuss ways to support study abroad at the undergraduate level of American institutions of higher education.

The commission, created by Congress in 2004, will present in December a set of recommendations to expand United States participation in study abroad, including a major funding request for fellowships. A major goal of the commission is to boost the numbers of American undergraduate students who study abroad each year from the current participation rate of less than 1 percent, or approximately 175,000, to 1 million, by the year 2017.

The University of Minnesota was chosen as a regional hearing site due to its national leadership in study abroad, including highly successful efforts to integrate study abroad into the curriculum, and President Robert Bruininks' strong support for study abroad and international education.

Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education Craig Swan will open the conference, Bruininks will speak, and Associate Vice President for International Programs C. Eugene Allen will deliver the keynote address.

The university's Office of International Programs and the Learning Abroad Center are the hosts of the forum. For more information on the Abraham Lincoln Study Abroad Fellowship Program, see [www.nafsa.org/public\\_policy.sec/commission\\_on\\_the\\_abraham](http://www.nafsa.org/public_policy.sec/commission_on_the_abraham)

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### **U of M comments on MnSCU announcement**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (10/20/2005)--The following is a statement from University of Minnesota Senior Vice President for System Administration Robert Jones in response to the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) system's announcement on Thursday:

"The University of Minnesota was surprised at MnSCU's announcement today regarding the creation of a Center for Integrated Health Science Education and Practice. While we had no input into their plan, we're eager to learn whether it complements or competes with the work of the Rochester Higher Education Development Committee and the proposal we presented to the committee several weeks ago for an allied health programs center.

"We've partnered with MnSCU in serving the Rochester region and are now actively engaged with the committee to meet the community's requests for much needed additional higher education offerings.

"Next week, President Bruininks will be presenting to the committee the University of Minnesota's vision for meeting the urgent and growing demands of this health science and technology hub. We're strongly committed to the Rochester Higher Education Development Committee's work and look forward to working with them to chart a future for higher education in Rochester." □

- What:** Panel to talk about protecting Title IX from emerging threats
- When:** 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24
- Where:** Mississippi Room, Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis
- Who:** Title IX experts
- Contacts:** Mary Jo Kane, Tucker Center director, (612) 625-7327  
Patty Mattern, University News Service, (612) 624-2801

### Experts to speak about protecting Title IX in fall Tucker Center Lecture

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (10/21/2005)--The U of M Tucker Center for Research on Girls & Women in Sport Fall 2005 Distinguished Lecture "Protecting Title IX From Emerging Threats: What's Fact vs. Fiction Got To Do With It?" will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24 in the Mississippi Room, Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis.

A panel of experts will examine recent developments that threaten to reverse the unprecedented progress and achievements that have occurred in the wake of Title IX. Title IX is the landmark 1972 federal legislation requiring gender equity in education and athletics.

Panel members will be:

- Rayla Allison, a Title IX attorney from Minnesota State University, Mankato.
- Deborah Larkin, a nationally known expert on and advocate for Title IX and former executive director of the Women's Sports Foundation.
- Mary Jo Kane, a nationally known scholar who has published extensively on the social and political implications of Title IX. Kane is also director of the Tucker Center.
- Nicole LaVoi, a sport psychologist and the Tucker Center's new associate director, who will moderate the discussion.

Panel members will address legal issues that have had a major impact on Title IX compliance; the numerous myths and misrepresentations surrounding Title IX, such as the myth that Title IX forces schools to drop men's sports; and recent guidelines from the U.S. Department of Education that undermine female athletes by making them prove they are interested in playing a particular sport in order to receive that opportunity. Specific strategies to safeguard Title IX will also be presented.

This panel presentation is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Tucker Center at (612) 625-7327 or e-mail the center at [info@tuckercenter.org](mailto:info@tuckercenter.org). □



- What:** Celebration to mark U of M institute that has helped people with disabilities for 20 years
- When:** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27
- Where:** Great Hall, McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St. S.E., Minneapolis
- Contacts:** Connie Burkhardt, ICI, (612) 626-8675  
Patty Mattern, University News Service, (612) 624-2801

### University of Minnesota Institute on Community Integration to mark 20th anniversary

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (10/21/2005)--The University of Minnesota's Institute on Community Integration (ICI) will mark its 20th anniversary with a celebration from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, in the Great Hall, McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St. S.E., Minneapolis.

ICI is a national center designed to improve community services and social supports for people with disabilities and their families.

University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks, who founded ICI in 1985 and served as its director until 1991, will welcome people to the anniversary celebration. Current ICI Director David Johnson will speak about the past, present and future of ICI. The celebration will be emceed by David Hancox, executive director of the Metropolitan Center for Independent Living, and will include a screening of a new video about the ICI and a live performance by the Interact Center for the Visual and Performing Arts.

Reflecting on the establishment of the institute, Bruininks recalled that the founding vision was to bring people together from across the different fields of the university.

"We wanted to have people from health sciences, education, psychology, social work and many other fields come together in a way that would create a center of academic strength to push the frontiers of knowledge, but also to connect the knowledge and the development of ideas to the needs of people with disabilities, their families and their communities," Bruininks said.

The ICI's work has had a far-reaching impact, according to Johnson.

"It has included participation in successful efforts to move individuals with developmental disabilities out of state institutions and into local communities," Johnson said.

The ICI has also provided assistance to those communities by giving needed support for individuals with disabilities, Johnson said.

"We have had ongoing efforts to remove barriers to social inclusion in community organizations,

neighborhoods, and school classrooms,” Johnson said.

During its 20 years, the institute has grown from fewer than 20 staff and students to more than 160 affiliated faculty, academic staff, support personnel, and research assistants from more than a dozen departments and programs at the university. With the support and collaboration of more than 300 community partners around Minnesota and the nation, it addresses disability-related issues across the lifespan and enhances the capacity of communities to support and fully include people with developmental and other disabilities.

For more information about the event, contact Connie Burkhardt at burkh021@umn.edu or (612) 626-8675. □

**What:** U of M Director of Office of Disability Services receives Access Award  
**When:** 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27  
**Where:** Four Points Sheraton Hotel, 400 Hamline Ave., St. Paul  
**Who:** Bobbi Cordano  
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 Bob San, U of M News Service, (612) 624-4082

### U of M Director of Office of Disability Services receives Access Award

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (10/26/2005)--Bobbi Cordano, director of the Office of Disability Services at the University of Minnesota, will receive an Access Award from the Minnesota State Council on Disabilities at an award luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27 at the Four Points Sheraton, 400 Hamline Ave., St. Paul.

The Access Award recognizes the creative and outstanding design solutions that eliminate or reduce employment barriers within the community for individuals living with a disability. Recipients have completed extensive renovations or new construction on facilities that make a building or program fully accessible to people with disabilities.

Under Cordano's leadership, the Office of Disability Services at the University of Minnesota is a recognized leader in promoting accessible teaching, learning, working, service and social environments through the use of principles of universal design.

"Bobbi has made innumerable contributions to the disabled community," said Matt Entenza, the Minnesota House DFL Leader who nominated Cordano for the award. "Her impeccable academic credentials, coupled with growing up in a deaf household, prepared her for a life of service to Minnesotans with disabilities. Bobbi brings a wealth and breadth of hands-on experience and support to the disabled community matched by few. Her tireless work as Director of the Office of Disability Services at the University of Minnesota has put her in contact with every corner of our state. In this role she has been an unflagging advocate for universally designed courses, programs, facilities, services and activities for the disability community. This includes the promotion of campus access for the disabled—both physical and attitudinal. Her innovative contributions in this area have directly improved the educational experience of thousands of students during the five years of her directorship. As part of the university's land-grant mission, Disability Services has established a highly active community

outreach program. Under Bobbi's guidance and supervision, the office disseminates information throughout the state on cutting-edge research, service and information about disability and higher education.”

“I am deeply honored and touched to be receiving this award with the full recognition that no one receives an award like this without the participation and collaboration of all the people with whom we work with in the community and at the university,” Cordano said. “So this is an award I share with the communities of people with disabilities and allies.

Prior to her current position, Cordano was a prosecutor at the Minnesota Attorney General’s Office for 10 years. As an assistant attorney general, she also served as a member of the Minnesota Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Court Interpreters from 1994-2004, which worked to increase access to the courts for deaf, hard of hearing and non-English speaking people.

Cordano is one of the founding members of Metro Deaf School, a pre-K – 8 bilingual-bicultural charter school for deaf and hard of hearing children in St. Paul. She is also a founding board member of Minnesota North Star Academy, a bilingual-bicultural charter high school, which opened in Fall 2004.

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### **Public forums set for U of M Twin Cities campus accreditation**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (10/26/2005)--A peer review team from the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools will hold a series of open forums on Tuesday, Nov. 1, for the general public as well as students, faculty and staff of the University of Minnesota's Twin Cities campus to offer public comment on the quality of the university and its academic programs.

The once-every-decade re-accreditation process by the university's regional accrediting agency provides quality assurance to the U.S. Department of Education and enables the university to continue to receive federal funds.

The peer review team from the commission will visit the Twin Cities campus from Oct. 30 to Nov. 2, 2005.

The forums are as follows:

St. Paul campus-Tuesday, Nov. 1

St. Paul Student Center, 2017 Buford Ave., St. Paul

Staff: 9-9:45 a.m., Room 202

Students: 10-10:45 a.m., Room 202

Faculty, staff, students, general public: 11-11:45 a.m., Minnesota Commons Room

Minneapolis campus-Tuesday, Nov. 1

Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis

Staff: 2:45-3:30 p.m., Room 324

Students: 2:45-3:30 p.m., Room 319

Faculty, staff, students, general public: 3:45-4:30 p.m., Room 324

For more information on the accreditation process and the university's institutional self-study report, see [www.academic.umn.edu/accreditation](http://www.academic.umn.edu/accreditation). □

- What:** Special Cafe Scientifique to benefit the Mississippi chapter of the Nature Conservancy
- When:** 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1
- Where:** Varsity Theatre, 1308 Fourth St. S.E., Minneapolis
- Contacts:** Nina Shepherd, Bell Museum, (612) 624-7389  
David Ruth, University News Service, (612) 626-1720

### U of M Bell Museum to host hurricane benefit

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (10/27/2005)--Join University of Minnesota climatologist Mark Seeley and nationally known science policy expert Ken Keller at "Climate Change and Public Policy," a special Cafe Scientifique, at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1, at the Varsity Theater in Minneapolis. The Café is a benefit for the Mississippi Chapter of the Nature Conservancy.

Seeley, a frequent contributor to Minnesota Public Radio's Morning Edition, and Keller, director of the university's Center for Science, Technology and Public Policy, will talk about the latest research into weather phenomena and tracking systems, and the impact of global climate change on people, the environment and public policy.

Participants will have a chance to ask questions, as well as contribute to the Nature Conservancy's latest efforts to save the fragile wetlands of the Gulf Coast. Coastal wetlands serve as a natural hurricane buffer, reducing storm surge and absorbing wind and wave energy. More than one million acres of these coastal wetlands--or 1,900 square miles--have been lost since 1930.

Café Scientifique is a monthly series produced by the University of Minnesota's Bell Museum of Natural History. It brings expert-led discussions on provocative science topics out of the labs and into pubs, coffee shops and restaurants throughout the state. For a list of scheduled cafés, visit [www.bellmuseum.org](http://www.bellmuseum.org). The Bell Museum is part of the University of Minnesota's College of Natural Resources. □



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## **University of Minnesota names John Finnegan dean of School of Public Health**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (10/27/2005)--University of Minnesota Senior Vice President for Health Sciences Frank Cerra has named John R. Finnegan Jr. as the new dean of the School of Public Health. The appointment will be up for approval at the Board of Regents meeting in November.

Finnegan has served as interim dean for the past year at the school, which is ranked among the top 10 schools of public health in the country.

"We are pleased to name John Finnegan as dean of the School of Public Health," said Cerra. "He possesses the necessary skills to move the school forward as a national leader in public health policy, as well as in obesity prevention, infectious disease and preparedness issues."

As part of his role as dean, Finnegan has been appointed assistant vice president and public health officer for preparedness and emergency response for the University of Minnesota. The public health officer provides campuswide coordination and planning for emerging public health issues such as avian influenza, other infectious disease outbreaks or bioterrorism.

"I believe that the School of Public Health is extremely well positioned to take a major step forward in national and international prominence," Finnegan said. "I look forward to the opportunity to continue to work to enhance the prestige and impact of the School of Public Health and the University of Minnesota."

Finnegan, who joined the School of Public Health faculty in 1986, has developed a research and teaching program focusing on public health and the mass media. Today he is a recognized scholar and researcher in the field. He serves on National Institutes of Health (NIH) panels and is a frequent national and local speaker on public health topics.

In 1998 he was appointed associate dean for academic affairs in the School of Public Health by then-Dean Edith Leyasmeyer and was reappointed by Mark Becker, who took over as dean in 2001.

Finnegan also served recently as principal investigator of the Rapid Early Action for Coronary Treatment (REACT) study, an NIH-funded trial to reduce patient delay time in seeking care for heart attack symptoms, and as principal investigator of the Midwest Center for Lifelong Learning in Public Health, a federally funded public health workforce training center.

Finnegan grew up in Richfield and St. Paul. He graduated from the College of St. Thomas (now the University of St. Thomas) in 1972. He began graduate studies in mass communication at the University of Minnesota while pursuing a professional career as a journalist in St. Paul. As a doctoral student in mass communication, he joined the University of Minnesota School of Public Health in 1980 as a research assistant. There, he led a professional media staff in developing communication strategies for the Minnesota Heart Health Program (MHHP), a major national community trial in heart disease prevention led by Henry Blackburn, M.D., and Russell Luebker, M.D. □

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### **Bruininks: U of M prepared to take lead in Rochester**

ROCHESTER, MINN. (10/28/2005)--Speaking to the Rochester Higher Education Development Committee (RHEDC) today, University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks said the university is ready to take the lead in higher education in Rochester.

"The U has had a long and productive partnership with the Rochester community, but now it's time to take it to the next level," Bruininks said. "There are a number of questions and issues to be resolved, including how to fund an expanded higher education entity in Rochester, but my message to you today is that the University of Minnesota is ready to take the lead."

The first step of an expanded university presence in Rochester, Bruininks said, should come in the form of a Health Sciences Center for Allied Health Programs that would enable the community to meet some of its pressing health workforce needs. The new center would develop on the existing University of Minnesota, Rochester campus and involve partnerships between the university, Mayo Clinic and selected Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) institutions.

The new center could be financed with \$2 million of existing legislative funding to the RHEDC. In the next biennium, the university would present the Legislature with a funding proposal to develop the center into a new statewide Minnesota School for the Allied Health Professions.

In addition to creation of the new health professions center, Bruininks recommended the creation of a Rochester branch of a new Office of Academic/Corporate Relations, which would focus on fostering relationships between the university and regional businesses. The new office could be funded with \$350,000 from the existing legislative appropriation to the RHEDC.

"The knowledge-based economy requires a strong and growing university presence in Rochester," Bruininks said.

Bruininks said the university already has a significant commitment to the region. That includes the University of Minnesota Rochester, which was established in 1966; a partnership with the Mayo Clinic in biotechnology and medical genomics research; the Hormel Institute, which conducts research and provides graduate education in the biological sciences with applications in medicine and agriculture; the largest regional Extension Service office in the state; and a number of other collaborations.

Bruininks outlined several points critical to the success of higher education in Rochester:

- The University of Minnesota should have management and degree-granting authority for all upper division, graduate and professional courses.

- The growth of higher education in Rochester must be funded with additional state support and without compromising existing university programs.
- Building or other capital expansion should be based on program needs and come after a suitable operating model has been established.

“When talking about the future growth of higher education in Minnesota, Rochester and southeastern Minnesota are a critical part of the equation,” Bruininks said. “The University of Minnesota is ready and willing to roll up its sleeves with the people of this region and start realizing this future today.” □

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### U of M Moment radio feature links for the week of Oct. 31

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (10/28/2005)--"University of Minnesota Moment" radio features for the week of Monday, Oct. 31, are available to Minnesota radio stations for free.

The features are as follows:

- Monday, Oct. 31. "Halloween"

Fully produced :90 feature: <http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Halloween.mp3>

Raw audio: [http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/halloween\\_raw.mp3](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/halloween_raw.mp3)

- Tuesday, Nov. 1. "Deer Hunting"

Fully produced :90 feature: <http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Deer.mp3>

Raw audio: [http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/deer\\_raw.mp3](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/deer_raw.mp3)

- Wednesday, Nov. 2. "Health Insurance, Open Enrollment"

Fully produced :90 feature: [http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Health\\_Insurance.mp3](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Health_Insurance.mp3)

Raw audio: [http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Health\\_Insurance\\_raw.mp3](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Health_Insurance_raw.mp3)

- Thursday, Nov. 3. "Cheese and High Blood Pressure"

Fully produced :90 feature: <http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Cheese.mp3>

Raw audio: [http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/cheese\\_raw.mp3](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/cheese_raw.mp3)

- Friday, Nov. 4. "Emergency Preparedness"

Fully produced :90 feature: [http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Emergency\\_prepare.mp3](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/Emergency_prepare.mp3)

Raw audio: [http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/emergency\\_prepare\\_raw.mp3](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/urelate/radio/emergency_prepare_raw.mp3)

University Relations will be adding an affiliates page on the U of M Moment blog site in the upcoming weeks. Radio stations are encouraged to let the university know they are airing a feature so the university can promote the stations internally and externally.

All of the features will be posted the day for which they are scheduled at

<http://blog.lib.umn.edu/urelate/radio/>□

- What:** Exhibit and lecture commemorate war crimes trials at Dachau and Nuremberg
- When:** 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1
- Where:** Lockhart Hall of the law school, 229 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis
- Contacts:** Katherine Hedin, law library, (612) 625-7323  
Patty Mattern, University of Minnesota, (612) 624-2801

### University of Minnesota Law Library commemorates war crimes trials at Dachau and Nuremberg

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (10/31/2005)--The University of Minnesota Law School Library and the U of M Human Rights Center is opening an exhibition and holding a lecture Tuesday, Nov. 1, to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the war crimes trials at Dachau and Nuremberg.

Photographs and documents collected by Horace R. Hansen, prosecutor of war crimes at Mauthausen, Buchenwald, Dachau and Flossenburg, are the centerpiece of the exhibition "Defending Human Rights: The Legacy of Dachau and Nuremberg." Hansen grew up in St. Paul, took preparatory classes at the University of Minnesota and graduated from the St. Paul College of Law (William Mitchell College of Law) in 1932. Hansen's family donated the Horace R. Hansen Archives to the University of Minnesota Law Library in May.

William Schabas, a professor of human rights law and director of the Irish Centre for Human Rights at the National University of Ireland, Galway, will give the lecture "Dachau to Darfur: Arresting Impunity with International Justice" at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1, in Lockhart Hall of the Law School, 229 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis.

A reception will be held in the Riesenfeld Rare Books Research Center where people can view the exhibition. University Regent Frank Berman will speak during the reception.

The exhibit contains photographs taken by Hansen during World War II including the Army's discovery of a barn near Gardelegen, Germany, where Nazis had burned alive more than 1,000 slave laborers to prevent them from falling into enemy hands. The Germans' plan to incinerate the remains of the bodies was stopped by the advance of the 102nd Infantry Division in which Hansen serviced. The exhibit also contains his photos and notes from the Dachau war crimes trial including a photograph of 40 defendants with his handwritten note, "These are the bastards now on trial." The exhibit runs through February in the Law Library and is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. □

**What:** U of M Center for Transportation Studies lecture on the cost of free parking

**When:** 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3

**Where:** Radisson Metrodome Hotel, 615 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis

**Contacts:** Patty Mattern, University News Service, (612) 624-2801

### Expert on economics of parking to speak at the U of M about the cost of free parking

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (10/31/2005)--You have heard there is no such thing as a free lunch. Well, there is no such thing as free parking either, according to Donald Shoup, who is the Center for Transportation Studies fall luncheon speaker. The fall luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3 at the Radisson Metrodome Hotel, 615 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis.

In his talk, Shoup, a UCLA professor who focuses his research on public finance, transportation and the land market, will explain that the average parking space costs more than the average car. Shoup will also describe how parking distorts transportation choices, warps urban form and degrades the environment.

“Parkers pay for required parking, but soon tenants do, and then their customers do and so on until the cost of parking has diffused through the economy,” Shoup said.

During his presentation, Shoup will propose new ways for cities to regulate parking such as charging fair market prices for curb parking. Then cities can use the resulting revenue to pay for service in the neighborhoods that generate the money and remove zoning requirements for off-street parking.

“Doing this will make parking easier and driving less necessary,” Shoup said.

In the book, “The High Cost of Free Parking,” Shoup recommends that cities remove the off-street parking requirements for all land uses such as housing, restaurants and offices.

“If somebody wants to build an apartment house with only one parking space per apartment, for example, and people want to rent these apartments, the city should stop preventing them from doing it,” Shoup said.

This doesn’t mean the cities won’t have parking, Shoup said.

“I’m just saying that cities should not force anyone to provide more parking than people are willing to pay for,” he said.

Shoup has a background in economics, engineering and planning. He has studied the issue of parking as a key link between transportation and land use -- a link that has important consequences for

cities, the economy and the environment. Shoup's research on employer-paid parking led to the passage of California's parking cash-out law and to changes in the Internal Revenue Code that encourage cash out.

For more about his research, visit Donald Shoup's Web page at <http://shoup.bol.ucla.edu/>.

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- What:** Second annual research symposium of the Initiative for Renewable Energy and the Environment
- When:** 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29
- Where:** Cowles Auditorium and Atrium, Humphrey Center, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis
- Who:** Gov. Tim Pawlenty, keynote
- Contacts:** David Ruth, University News Service, (612) 626-1720

### **'Renewable Energy - The Next Generation' conference set for Nov. 29**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (11/1/2005)--The second annual Initiative for Renewable Energy and the Environment's (IREE) research symposium, "Renewable Energy - The Next Generation," is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 29, at the University of Minnesota's Cowles Auditorium and Atrium, Humphrey Institute, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis.

The event begins at 9 a.m. with a brief overview of IREE's accomplishments during the past year. Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty will then give the keynote address.

The conference is an opportunity for University of Minnesota faculty and researchers to showcase groundbreaking new work in the areas of renewable energy and the environment. The event also presents a chance to review the previous year's accomplishments. In fiscal year 2005 alone, IREE awarded nearly \$11.5 million to renewable energy research and demonstration projects at the University of Minnesota. These funds were used to support 67 projects and leveraged an additional \$9.3 million from state, federal and business and industry partners.

The conference will include presentations related to the following IREE research projects:

- Solar Energy and Advanced Energy Efficient Roof Systems.
- Transition Roadmap Toward a Carbon-Neutral Energy System for the Upper-Midwest Region.
- Development of Commercially Transferable Thermochemical Conversion Technologies for Creating Biofuels.
- Renewable Hydrogen Energy for the Farm.
- Biocatalysis for Detoxifying Nitrogenous Waste and Producing Gasoline-type Fuels.

The external partners portion of the program will feature David Zutler, founder and CEO of BIOTA Spring Water - the world's first bottled water/beverage packaged in a commercially compostable plastic bottle, and Eric Jarvis, senior scientist, Department of Energy, National Renewable Energy Laboratory.

For more information about IREE and the conference, visit [www.iree.umn.edu](http://www.iree.umn.edu).

IREE addresses the urgent need to reduce our state's and nation's dependence on non-renewable, fossil fuel-based sources of energy and products and to improve the health and sustainability of our global ecosystems.

Since its inception in 2003, IREE has funded more than 100 renewable energy-related projects involving over 225 faculty, research scientists and students at the University of Minnesota. These researchers are spread across seven colleges on the Twin Cities' campus, three out-state campuses, and three research and outreach centers. □

**What** Stem cell expert to speak at U of M Distinguished Women Scholars  
Lecture Series

**When:** 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 15

**Where:** Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Institute, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis

**Who:** Stem cell expert Dr. Catherine Verfaillie

**Contacts:** U of M Office for University Women, (612) 625-6039  
U of M Academic Health Center Communications, (612) 624-5100

### **Stem cell expert to speak at U of M Distinguished Women Scholars Lecture Series**

MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL (11/1/2005)---University of Minnesota professor and stem cell researcher Dr. Catherine Verfaillie will deliver the inaugural University of Minnesota Ada Comstock Distinguished Women Scholars Lecture at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 15, at the Humphrey Institute, 301 19th Ave. S. Minneapolis.

The free lecture series, held twice during the school year, honors the exceptional research, scholarship and leadership contributions of female University of Minnesota faculty who are recipients of prestigious honors such as the Distinguished Women's Scholar Award, the Regents Professorship and the McKnight Distinguished Professorship. Verfaillie is a professor of medicine, director of the University of Minnesota Stem Cell Institute and winner of the 2003 Distinguished Women's Scholar Award. In her talk, titled *Caught in Cultural Crosswinds: The Promise and Pitfall of Stem Cell Research*, she will speak about conducting controversial and groundbreaking scientific research while tactfully navigating the unsettled moral and ethical terrain of criticism by members of the political and religious right.

Verfaillie is a member of American Federation for Clinical Research, American Society of Gene Therapy, American Society of Hematology, American Society of Stem Cell and Bone Marrow Transplantation, International Society for Hematotherapy and Graft Engineering, International Society of Experimental Hematology, International Bone Marrow Transplantation Registry and Autologous

Bone Marrow Transplantation Registry. Her research centers around hemopoietic stem cells, the parent cells of the blood and bone marrow, as well as mesodermal stem cells, the parent cells that form tissues such as muscle, nerve cells, bone and cartilage. In December 2000, Verfaillie was named one of the top 10 innovators for 2001 by U.S. News and World Report.

The lecture series is named after Comstock, a university alumnae and former assistant professor and dean at the university. Comstock left Minnesota in 1912 to become the dean of Smith College and later president of Radcliffe. She is one of the few people in the world to have residence halls named after her at three institutions-Minnesota, Smith and Radcliffe. Comstock Hall, the second of Minnesota's two residence halls for women, salutes her as a distinguished member of the Minnesota faculty.

The lecture series is sponsored by the university's Graduate School, the Office for University Women, the Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs and the University of Minnesota Libraries.

**What:** Civilian deaths in Iraq and Republic of Congo lecture  
**When:** 12:15 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7  
**Where:** Rm 50 Willey Hall, 225 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis  
**Who:** Les Roberts, director of health policy, International Rescue Committee  
**Contacts:** Sue Banovetz, College of Liberal Arts, (612) 624-1359,  
banovetz@umn.edu  
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### **Iraqi War civilian death toll to be examined at University of Minnesota lecture**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (11/2/2005)--The number of Iraqi civilians killed in the Iraq war will be the focus of a lecture given by Les Roberts, director of health policy, International Rescue Committee, the lead researcher of a study on the Iraqi civilian mortality rate at 12:15 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7, in room 50 Willey Hall, 225 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis.

According to the study, "Mortality Before and After the 2003 Invasion of Iraq: Cluster Sample Survey," about 100,000 Iraqi civilians died following the invasion of Iraq by the United States and coalition forces.

"The risk of death from violence in the period after the invasion was 58 times higher than in the period before the war," the 2004 study reported. "Making conservative assumptions, we think that about 100,000 excess deaths, or more, have happened since the 2003 invasion of Iraq."

Violence was the cause of the majority of the deaths, with much of it resulting from U.S. air strikes on towns and cities, the study concluded. Most of those killed were women and children. "What we have is evidence of the use of air power in populated urban areas and the bad consequences of it," said Roberts.

The report, published in *The Lancet*, one of the world's top medical journals, on Oct. 29, 2004, was designed and conducted by Roberts and other public health experts from the John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, the Columbia University School of Nursing and All-Mustansiriya University in Baghdad.

Gilbert Burnham, a study investigator and associate professor of international health at the Bloomberg School of Public Health and director of the Center for International, Disaster and Refugee Studies, said in a Reuters interview shortly after the study's release that the researchers were not expecting the level of deaths from violence that they found.

The researchers criticized the failure of coalition authorities to attempt to assess for themselves the scale of the civilian casualties. The Geneva Conventions have clear guidance about the responsibilities of occupying armies to the civilian populations they control. This survey shows that with modest funds, four weeks, and seven Iraqi team members willing to risk their lives, a useful measure of civilian deaths could be obtained.

In addition to the study, Roberts will discuss in his lecture the difficulties of communicating complex scientific findings through the press. When first released, the Iraqi civilian survey received almost no press attention or response from the U.S. government, according to Roberts. In contrast, results from a similar series of mortality surveys in the Democratic Republic of Congo between 2000 and 2003 received widespread attention in the press and inspired dramatic responses by the United Nations and the U.S. government.

The study's figures were based on surveys done by the researchers in Iraq in September 2004. They compared Iraqi deaths during the 14.6 months before the March 2003 invasion and 17.8 months after it by conducting household surveys in randomly selected neighborhoods throughout Iraq.

The researchers and The Lancet acknowledge the limitations of the study, including the researchers' reliance on people's memories for some information and a relatively small sample of violent deaths that were examined directly. However, according to an editorial by The Lancet's editor, Richard Horton, that accompanied the study's publication, the report was "extensively peer-reviewed, revised, edited."

Roberts is an associate with the Bloomberg School of Public Health and also has worked with the International Rescue Committee; the Refugee Health Unit, National Center for Environmental Health; and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta. He worked in 1994 as an epidemiologist for the World Health Organization in Rwanda during its civil war.

This event is sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts' Minnesota Population Center. It is free and open to the public. The study can be found at:

[www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140673604174412/fulltext](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140673604174412/fulltext)

A Washington Post article on the study can be found at:

[www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dvn/articles/A7967-2004Oct28](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dvn/articles/A7967-2004Oct28). □

- What:** U of M sets public forums for four vice president for access, equity and multicultural affairs finalists
- When:** Nov. 9, 17, 21, 28
- Where:** Radisson University Hotel (formerly Radisson Hotel Metrodome), 615 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis
- Who:** Four finalists
- Contacts:** Kate Stuckert, Office of the President, (612) 625-8844  
Dan Wolter, University News Service, (612) 625-8510

### **U of M sets public forums for four vice president for access, equity and multicultural affairs finalists**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (11/2/2005)--The University of Minnesota is inviting community members to attend open forums to meet the four finalists for the position of vice president for access, equity and multicultural affairs. The open forum topic will be "The Role of Diversity and Multiculturalism in a 21st Century Research University: A Vision and Strategies for Achieving Excellence."

The vice president for access, equity and multicultural affairs will develop and implement a systemwide strategic plan for access, equity and multicultural affairs consistent with the university's strategic positioning efforts. The plan is expected to include a systemwide vision, clear communication of relevant university values and goals and development of accountability measures and benchmarks to underscore that diversity, inclusiveness and access to success at the University of Minnesota is a responsibility of all campuses, colleges and units.

The public forums for the four finalists, in order of their campus visit, will be held in the Nolte Room (second floor) in the Radisson University Hotel, 615 Washington Avenue S.E., Minneapolis, as follows:

Njeri Nuru-Holm, vice president for student affairs and minority affairs and professor, Cleveland State University. Public forum: 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9. Reception from 4-4:30 p.m.

Roberto A. Ibarra, associate professor of sociology, University of New Mexico. Public forum: 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17. Reception from 4-4:30 p.m.

Robert Hampton, special assistant to the chancellor and professor, City University of New York (CUNY). Public forum: 3 p.m. Monday, Nov. 21. Reception from 4-4:30 p.m.

Mrinalini Rao, vice provost for faculty affairs and professor, University of Illinois at Chicago. Public

forum: 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 28. Reception from 3-3:30 p.m.

Further information, including a copy of the position description and the candidates' vitae, is available at <http://www.academic.umn.edu/system/vpsearch/>. Copies of their vitae and evaluation forms will be available at each of the forums. □



- What:** U of M offers class on educating learners in mid-life and beyond
- When:** Class starts January 2006
- Where:** U of M St. Paul campus
- Who:** Educators, seniors, students
- Contacts:** Janet Jacobson, College of Education and Human Development, (651) 772-4268, (651) 690-0483
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### U of M offers class on Educating Learners in Mid-Life and Beyond

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (11/3/2005)--The University of Minnesota is offering a course on older adult learning during the spring semester of 2006. The course, Educating Learners in Mid-Life and Beyond, is designed for students and professionals who are interested in providing educational opportunities for older adults in a variety of settings such as academic institutions, community education, assisted living facilities and employment/training programs.

Topics covered in the course include lifelong learning and vital aging, physical and cognitive changes in older adults, theories of learning related to older adult education, the do's and don'ts of program planning and teaching strategies that encourage tapping the expertise and wisdom of older adults. Experienced educators and resource people from the university and the metropolitan area will facilitate each session.

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Discussion, reflection and practical experience will be emphasized throughout the course. Course participants will have the opportunity to interview older learners and observe and analyze programs designed for the older adult learner. As a final project, students may choose to design an educational program for older adults, study a particular approach to teaching older learners, or investigate an issue of

interest in the field of older adult education.

Educating Learners in Mid-Life and Beyond will meet Saturday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the St. Paul campus. Sessions run from January 21 through April 8, with no classes on March 18 and March 25. The course is open to both degree and non-degree seeking students and carries three credits.

For information on cost and registration procedures, visit the College of Education and Human Development Web site: <http://education.umn.edu/>, or call Mary Gupta at 612-624-1221.

For additional information about the course, contact Jacobson at [janet.jacobson@usa.net](mailto:janet.jacobson@usa.net) or 651-772-4268 (day) or 651-690-0483 (evening); or Hively at [hivel001@umn.edu](mailto:hivel001@umn.edu).

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**When:** 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6  
**Where:** McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak Street S.E., Minneapolis  
**Who:** Richard Pettingill, president and CEO of Allina Hospitals & Clinics  
**Contacts:** Dawn Skelly, Carlson School of Management, (612) 624-8770  
**Registration Contact:** (612) 624-0554, [fristtuesday@csom.umn.edu](mailto:fristtuesday@csom.umn.edu)

### **President and CEO of Allina Hospitals & Clinics Richard Pettingill to speak at U of M on revolutionizing health care**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (11/3/2005)--Richard Pettingill, president and CEO of Allina Hospitals & Clinics, will speak at the University of Minnesota Carlson School of Management's "First Tuesday" luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, at the McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St. S.E., Minneapolis.

As Minnesota's largest health care organization, Allina is continually challenged to understand, innovate and lead change within the industry. To meet these challenges, Pettingill has set his sights on transforming Allina--taking it from a defeated, decentralized holding company to a high-performing organization, poised to be a national model for quality and low-cost health care.

Pettingill has a diverse background that includes several years in a premiere academic medical center, a district and community hospital system. Prior to joining Allina in 2002, he worked at California-based Kaiser Permanente, one of the nation's largest integrated health care systems. Pettingill was previously executive vice president/chief operating officer of Kaiser Foundation Health Plans and Hospitals, president and chief executive officer of Kaiser's California division and senior vice president/service area manager of Kaiser Foundation Health Plan and Hospitals. He served as president and chief executive officer of Camino Healthcare in California, and held executive positions with El Camino Hospital and the El Camino Hospital District.

Co-sponsored by U.S. Bancorp, each month the First Tuesday luncheon draws around 300 local business leaders, Carlson School alumni, students and educators, who hear from the leading business voices on today's economy.

Advance registration by Dec. 1 is \$23 and \$28 after that. The fee includes lunch and parking in the Washington Avenue Ramp. Register by calling (612) 624-0554, visiting [www.carlsonschool.umn.edu](http://www.carlsonschool.umn.edu), or by e-mail at [fristtuesday@csom.umn.edu](mailto:fristtuesday@csom.umn.edu). □

- What:** Lecture on auto safety pioneer James Ryan to connect the lessons of the past to current research
- When:** 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15
- Where:** Coffman Union Theater, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis
- Contacts:** Rhonda Zurn, Institute of Technology, (612) 626-7959  
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### U of M Institute of Technology hosts lecture on legacy of auto safety pioneer James 'Crash' Ryan

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (11/3/2005)--Safety belts save lives, and no one knew that better than the legendary James "Crash" Ryan, a professor of mechanical engineering at the University of Minnesota from 1931 to 1963.

Ryan's legacy and its connection to current auto safety research is the focus of a lecture by Max Donath, mechanical engineering professor and director of the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Institute, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, in the Coffman Union Theater, 300 Washington Ave. S.E. Minneapolis. ITS is part of the U's Center for Transportation Studies. The event is free and open to the public.

A national advocate for automotive safety, Ryan was responsible for improvements in shock-absorbing hydraulic bumpers, recessed dashboards, collapsible steering columns and seat belts. In 1963 he obtained a patent for the first automatic retractable safety seat belt. Ryan earned his nickname "Crash" by using himself and his graduate students as subjects in numerous crash tests conducted on campus.

Years earlier, Ryan also developed the first aircraft "black box" flight recorder, a purely mechanical unit that recorded flight data as impressions on metal film. Today the descendants of his device are required equipment on all commercial and military aircraft.

Donath will narrate the compelling story of Ryan's pioneering research and advocacy for transportation safety. The program includes footage from vintage film and TV programs.

Donath will also connect the past to current research. The University of Minnesota Center for Transportation Studies recently was awarded a \$16 million grant over five years from the U.S. Department of Transportation to conduct a wide array of transportation research. The research includes efforts to reduce crashes at rural intersections, use of Global Positioning System (GPS) devices to prevent run-off-the-road crashes and measures to prevent rear-end crashes.

This lecture is sponsored by the Institute of Technology Alumni Society (ITAS). For more information about the lecture, call (612) 626-8282. □

- What:** A grant from the 3M Foundation to the U of M's Institute of Technology aims to increase the number and diversity of engineering and science graduates
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### **3M Foundation funds initiative to increase the number and diversity of engineering students**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (11/3/2005)--The University of Minnesota's Institute of Technology, the college of engineering, physical sciences, and mathematics, has received a grant from the 3M Foundation to fund a new effort to increase the number and diversity of engineering students. The \$93,000 grant, which is renewable for up to three additional years, has a special focus on retaining women and members of underrepresented populations.

The 3M Foundation Retention Initiative provides financial support for new components of existing programs offered by the Institute of Technology Program for Women, Academic Programs for Excellence in Engineering and Science (APEXES) and the Institute of Technology Center for Educational Programs.

New components include:

- A 10-week summer bridge program for 20 incoming Institute of Technology freshmen starting summer 2006.
- A summer career exploration program for high school girls being piloted for one week in summer 2006 in which the girls can learn about four different research areas including chemistry, computer science/robotics, earth surface dynamics and nanotechnology.
- Development of an elective course for Institute of Technology freshmen that introduces them to the field of engineering which will be offered for the first time spring semester 2006.
- Involvement in Project Lead the Way, an innovative engineering curriculum for high school and middle school students that currently is being taught in 42 states.

"Women and people of color have been underrepresented in the fields of engineering and physical sciences throughout our country's history," said Roberta Humphreys, Institute of Technology associate dean for Academic Affairs. "As our country faces enormous challenges in these areas in the future, we need to foster the development of the best and brightest from our entire population. By offering more opportunities earlier in students' education, we can help them overcome barriers and achieve success."

“We’ve seen the news about the decrease in overall engineering graduates in our country, and we think we can do something about that problem,” said Barbara Kaufmann, manager of education giving at the 3M Foundation. “The first step is to draw more students into the field in the early years and then make sure they’re successful. We think the programs funded by this grant do just that.”□

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**What:** University of Minnesota Board of Regents November meeting  
**When:** Thursday, Nov. 10, 2005  
**Where:** McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St. S.E., Minneapolis  
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### U of M Board of Regents to hear presentation on future of UMore Park

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (11/7/2005)--The University of Minnesota Board of Regents will hold its November meeting beginning at 8 a.m. Thursday at the McNamara Alumni Center in Minneapolis. The board will hold a work session to hear a presentation from Chuck Muscoplat, senior vice president and dean of the College of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences, about UMore Park, the university's outreach, research and education park in Rosemount.

"As one of the largest pieces of undeveloped land in a metropolitan area, UMore Park is a unique asset to the University of Minnesota," said President Robert Bruininks. "But with growth in surrounding communities closing in on UMore, we need to develop a comprehensive, long-term plan that allows us to control the destiny and realize the potential of this property."

In other action, the board will review and act on a supplemental state budget request. The proposed request includes \$6.3 million in one-time funds, \$8.3 million in recurring funds for increases in fuel costs and \$8.1 million in one-time funds to meet critical equipment needs at the School of Dentistry and College of Veterinary Medicine.

The schedule for the meeting is as follows:

9:30 - 11 a.m. Faculty, Staff and Student Affairs Committee, East Committee Room. The committee will act on the appointment of John Finnegan as dean of the School of Public Health. In addition, action will be taken on the collective bargaining agreement with Teamsters Local 320. The committee will also receive its annual report on the diversity of faculty and staff.

1:30 - 2:45 p.m. Board of Regents work session, East Committee Room. Presentation on UMore Park and "Financing Strategies for University Assets."

3 - 5 p.m. Board of Regents meeting, boardroom. Bruininks will include in his monthly report a discussion of the university's efforts on energy efficiency and renewable energy. The board will also act on the 2006 state capital bonding request, a six-year capital plan and a 2006 supplemental state budget request.

More information on the Board of Regents meeting can be found at [www.umn.edu/regents](http://www.umn.edu/regents). □

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### **New expanded vision for UMore Park needed, Board of Regents told**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (11/10/2005)--The University of Minnesota needs to move quickly to develop a new expanded vision for UMore Park, the university's outreach, research and education park in Rosemount, Minn., a university committee told the Board of Regents today. External pressures combined with the university's obligation to responsibly manage its assets necessitate a plan to maximize the academic and economic of the property that spans 12 square miles in Dakota County.

"There is no academic institution in the country that has this kind of opportunity," said Charles Muscoplat, university vice president and dean of the College of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences. "UMore Park is the largest plot of undeveloped land owned by any university in a major metropolitan area in the United States. The size is comparable to Golden Valley or Edina and has potential to greatly enhance the university's mission. It's a major asset to the university and has the potential to play a critical role in our academic and economic future as well as enhance the public good."

Muscoplat heads a steering committee commissioned by university President Robert Bruininks to inventory the UMore assets, examine market and external pressures impacting the property and develop a plan for the future of the land. In October, the university issued a request for proposals for a strategic vision for UMore Park. Selection of a firm is expected in early 2006.

"UMore Park used to be far outside of the Twin Cities, so its varied uses made sense," Muscoplat said. "But the area has rapidly become one of the fastest growing parts in the metro area, putting pressure on us to find a more complete purpose for UMore Park."

UMore Park is 7,686 acres that was deeded to the university by the U.S. military in 1947. It currently is home to some of the university's research in agriculture, architecture, landscape architecture, biological sciences and veterinary medicine. Much of the land is also leased out to tenants for purposes that range from a broadcast tower for Minnesota Public Radio to a police gun range.

In other action, the Board of Regents:

- Approved the appointment of John Finnegan as dean of the School of Public Health;
- Approved a \$269.1 million state capital budget request, \$206.1 million which would come from the state of Minnesota;
- Approved a supplemental state budget request of \$14.4 million in one-time funds for unexpected fuel cost increases and critical equipment needs at the School of Dentistry and College of Veterinary

Medicine, and \$8.3 million in reoccurring funds for energy assistance.

The next meeting of the Board of Regents will be Dec. 8-9, 2005. More information on the board can be found at [www.umn.edu/regents](http://www.umn.edu/regents). □

- What:** University of Minnesota center to recognize schools that improve reading skills
- When:** 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 17
- Where:** Theater, St. Paul Student Center, 2017 Buford Ave., St. Paul
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### University of Minnesota center recognizes schools that improve reading skills

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (11/11/2005)--The University of Minnesota College of Education and Human Development Center for Reading Research will hold a ceremony to recognize Minnesota elementary schools that have improved and been removed from the Minnesota Department of Education's 2005 "low performance in reading" list on Thursday, Nov. 17. The "School Progress in Teaching Reading Celebration" will be held in the St. Paul Student Center Theater, 2017 Buford Ave., St. Paul.

The ceremony to honor the schools will be held from 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. It is designed to recognize and encourage teachers and administrators in those schools that were once on the state list of low performing schools and because of their hard work are no longer on the state watch list in reading, said Jim Ysseldyke, who co-directs the center with Barbara Taylor.

"We are holding this celebration to recognize the hard work and accomplishments of these teachers and their school communities," Ysseldyke said. "They have enabled groups of struggling readers to be successful."

Schools have worked hard to improve.

"There are multiple reasons for the success of these schools," Taylor said. "Some, for example, are part of the federally funded Reading First Program and have benefited from the intensive services in that program."

In conjunction with the event, P. David Pearson, dean of the graduate school of education at the University of California, Berkeley, will speak from 10 to 11:15 a.m. During his lecture, "Assessing Reading Comprehension and Vocabulary Development: What we know and what we need to learn," Pearson will take a historical look at the progress or lack of progress in assessing both comprehension and vocabulary development. He will also lay out an agenda for future research in both areas. □

- What:** University of Minnesota Libraries launch Undergraduate Virtual Library; it's the first of its kind in the nation
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## University of Minnesota Libraries launch first Undergraduate Virtual Library in the nation

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (11/14/2005)--University of Minnesota Libraries is launching an online library for undergraduate students this fall. The Undergraduate Virtual Library (UGVL) is the first of its kind in the nation.

Creation of the UGVL is part of a growing national trend at colleges and universities to address the unique research needs of undergraduate students, who increasingly demand constant access to library and information resources, said University Librarian Wendy Pradt Lougee. UGVL provides easy access to the basic research tools undergraduates need, she said.

"The university has long offered students and faculty online access to library resources, but the UGVL uniquely combines content, tools, and services targeting the undergraduate community. Offering a core collection of content selected from the more comprehensive resources the libraries offer," Lougee said.

The UGVL's straightforward Web site features a single, "Google-like" search box. The UGVL allows users to search for information across hundreds of the university's licensed databases, with results presented in a single, unified list.

Unlike Google, the UGVL helps students focus their searches more narrowly on relevant information--a skill that many undergrads lack and one that is increasingly important in many professions.

"The University of Minnesota's Undergraduate Virtual Library is unique," Lougee said. "It gives students access to effective research tools in a time of information overload."

The University of Minnesota is not alone in efforts to address trends involving undergraduate students' need for constant access to library resources. For example, Harvard University recently announced plans to keep its undergraduate libraries open 24 hours a day. However, the University of Minnesota is the first to develop an online tool like the UGVL.

In addition to the single search box feature, the UGVL provides several powerful tools for students, including:

- The "Assignment Calculator," an online tool that helps students complete course assignments on

time.

- “Quick Start,” a research tool that allows students to choose a topic area to research and then complete a unified search using only the databases that support that topic area. This “distilled” approach helps students narrow their search to include only the information relevant to their search.

- A customized area (called “My Library”) that tracks each student’s searches, results, overdue items, preferences and more.

New technology made it possible for the University Libraries to develop the UGVL.

“Under the hood, the [UGVL] is an amalgamation of the latest in library technology,” said John Butler, director of the university’s Digital Library Development Lab, which created the UGVL. “The design resulted from in-depth analysis, market research and usability testing involving the Millennials -- the new and future students heading to the university.”

University Libraries staff members have worked extensively with faculty to teach them about the UGVL’s tools and features. Staff have encouraged faculty to share the UGVL with their students as classes ramped up this fall.

The University of Minnesota Libraries is one of the university’s and the state’s greatest intellectual and capital assets. Housed in 14 facilities on the three Twin Cities campuses, the University Libraries’ collections contain 6.2 million print volumes and nearly 37,000 serial subscriptions, making it the 16th largest research library collection in North America.□

**What:** University of Minnesota ranks seventh in study abroad participation

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**(Note: Balkcum and Anderson will be attending a conference Nov. 14-18. They will be responding to voice mail messages. Media may also call Jennifer Schulz, Office of International Programs, at (612) 624-0557 for immediate assistance.)**

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MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (11/14/2005)--A report released today by the Institute of International Education (IIE), ranks the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities campus among the top schools in sending students to study abroad. According to IIE's Open Doors report, the university ranks seventh with 1,644 students studying abroad in 2003-04, moving up from 14th place in 2002-03, when 1,294 students studied abroad—a 27 percent increase. Nationwide, study abroad participation increased 9.6 percent.

#### Top institutions by total number of students

1. New York University 2,475
2. Michigan State University 2,269
3. University of California-Los Angeles 2,034
4. University of Texas at Austin 2,011
5. Penn State University Park Campus 1,874
6. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill 1,657
7. University of Minnesota-Twin Cities 1,644
8. University of Wisconsin-Madison 1,609
9. University of Georgia 1,595
10. University of Arizona 1,591

Much of the university's success can be attributed to its major study abroad curriculum integration initiative, which started in 2000 with the financial support of grants from the Bush Foundation and the



Fund for Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE). The university has made a broad effort to incorporate international education into the undergraduate experience by encouraging the integration of study abroad across the curriculum. Due to these innovative efforts, the university and the Learning Abroad Center are considered leaders in the field of education abroad.

“Our curriculum integration initiative has definitely helped us increase our numbers and increase the profile of the university nationwide,” says Al Balkcum, director of the Learning Abroad Center, the university’s comprehensive resource for study, service learning, intern, volunteer, work, and travel experiences worldwide. “But our success can be attributed to an entire package—a combination of the high quality of our programs, informed advising, excellent communication materials, and the curriculum integration process. All of these areas work together to help ensure that students have a good experience from start to finish.”

The university is working to increase its study abroad participation even further, aiming to involve more than 50 percent of each graduating class. Currently, the Twin Cities campus is half-way to this goal. Estimates show that the university’s numbers will continue to increase, with 1,842 students studying abroad in 2004-05—a 12 percent increase since 2003-2004.

“Study abroad opportunities are extremely valuable learning experiences for students,” says Craig Swan, vice provost for undergraduate education. “Students gain a deeper understanding of the country in which they study but also of the United States. This global awareness will be of even greater importance in the world in which our graduates will live and work.”

Open Doors is an annual statistical analysis of academic mobility between the United States and other nations of the world. It is a comprehensive national data and information resource on foreign students studying at U.S. institutions of higher education, foreign scholars who teach and conduct research at U.S. doctoral granting institutions, intensive English language program students in the United States, and U.S. students studying abroad. More information is available at <http://opendoors.iienetwork.org/>. □

- What:** U of M Pakistani Student Association celebrates end of Ramadan
- When:** 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19
- Where:** Coffman Union Great Hall, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis
- Who:** U of M students, staff and faculty, community members
- Contacts:** Zeeshan Syedin, U of M Pakistani Student Association, (814) 571-3888  
Faraz Sahukat, U of M Pakistani Student Association, (612) 408-4452

### U of M Pakistani Student Association celebrates end of Ramadan

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (11/16/2005)--The University of Minnesota Pakistani Student Association (PSA) will host an Eid Celebration at 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at Coffman Union Great Hall, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis.

Eid is the Muslim festival to celebrate the end of Ramadan. "Though our event is a week after the actual Eid day, celebrations can run for a few weeks," said PSA member Zeeshan Syedin.

The celebration will feature an hour of stand-up comedy from the famous Muslim comedian Azhar Usman, cultural themes (henna), student performances and Pakistani food.

Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for general public. Children 5 and under are admitted free of charge. For tickets and other information, contact [psa@umn.edu](mailto:psa@umn.edu) or call Zeeshan Syedain at (814) 571-3888 or Faraz Sahukat at (612) 408-4452. Also visit the PSA website at [www.umn.edu/~psa](http://www.umn.edu/~psa) for flyer and additional information. □

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**What:** University of Minnesota hires director of systemwide GLBT Programs Office

**Contacts:** Patty Mattern, University News Service, (612) 624-2801

### University of Minnesota hires Anne Phibbs as director of systemwide Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender (GLBT) Programs Office

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (11/16/2005)--Anne Phibbs has been named director of the systemwide programs, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Programs Office at the University of Minnesota. Phibbs will report to the associate vice president for Multicultural and Academic Affairs and will begin her new job Jan. 3.

As director, Phibbs will play a key role in supporting the university's commitment to improving the campus climate for GLBT people and fostering a university community and campus environment that values and actively supports inclusiveness and diversity. The GLBT Programs Office director position has been expanded from a Twin Cities campus position to a position with systemwide responsibilities.

"I plan to continue the important and excellent work that has gone before me here in the GLBT Programs Office," Phibbs said. "One of my goals is to increase the visibility, acceptance and support for all GLBT and allied students, staff, faculty, alumni and visitors on every campus in the University of Minnesota system."

Phibbs has worked as the GLBT Student Services director at Metropolitan State University for the last eight years. She received a bachelor's degree in philosophy and women's studies at the University of Massachusetts-Boston in 1986 and a doctorate in philosophy with a feminist studies minor at the University of Minnesota in 2000.

In her new position, Phibbs will educate and consult with constituents on all the university's campuses about the needs and issues of GLBT people. She will also advocate for and support those who experience harassment and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identification.

"Anne will provide the kind of leadership and support needed to deal effectively with GLBT issues throughout our five campuses," said Geoffrey Maruyama, interim associate vice president of Multicultural and Academic Affairs. "We need a system GLBT director like Anne who can work effectively with different groups and consistently advocate on behalf of GLBT campus issues."

Successfully serving the needs of students, faculty and staff is extremely important as the university remakes itself as one of the top three public research universities, Maruyama said.

“The groups that Anne will be supporting are those that unfortunately still face discrimination and prejudice,” he said. “Aligning her work with the broader university goals will ensure that the GLBT Programs Office can help shape campus attitudes and behaviors, creating a place that respects all members of our community.” □

**Who:** Frank Bates, Distinguished McKnight University Professor and head, department of chemical engineering and materials science

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## U of M's Frank Bates elected fellow by the American Association for the Advancement of Science

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (11/16/2005)--The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) has awarded the distinction of fellow to the University of Minnesota's Frank Bates, Distinguished McKnight University Professor and head, department of chemical engineering and materials science, for outstanding contributions to the development of new polymeric materials, especially those based on multi component block copolymers.

Bates received his bachelor of science degree in mathematics from SUNNY Albany in 1976 and master's and doctoral degrees in chemical engineering from MIT in 1979 and 1982, respectively. Before joining the University of Minnesota as an associate professor, Bates was a member of the technical staff at AT&T Bell Laboratories from 1982 and 1989. He was promoted to professor in 1991 and named a Distinguished McKnight University Professor in 1996.

Bates conducts research on a range of topics related to polymers, with a particular focus on the thermodynamics and dynamics of block copolymers and blends. In 1988 Bates was named a Distinguished Member of the Technical Staff at Bell Labs. He received the Dillon Medal (1989) and the Polymer Physics Prize (1997), both from the American Physical Society, where he is a fellow. He won the 2004 David Turnbull Lectureship Award from the Materials Research Society. In 2002 Bates was elected to the National Academy of Engineering.

This year 376 members have been awarded this honor by AAAS because of their efforts toward advancing science applications that are deemed scientifically or socially distinguished. New fellows will be presented with an official certificate and a gold and blue (representing science and engineering, respectively) rosette pin on Saturday, Feb. 18, at the Fellows Forum during the 2006 AAAS Annual Meeting in St. Louis, Mo. This year's AAAS fellows were announced in the AAAS News & Notes section of the October issue of Science.

The tradition of AAAS fellows began in 1874. Currently, members can be considered for the rank of fellow if nominated by the steering groups of the association's 24 sections, or by any three fellows who are current AAAS members (provided two of the three sponsors are not affiliated with the nominee's institution), or by the AAAS chief executive officer. □

**What:** Freeman Lecture on 'Globalization and U.S. Farm Policy'  
**When:** 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9  
**Where:** Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, Cowles Auditorium, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis  
**Contacts:** Jamie Proulx, Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, (612) 625-9436

### U of M to host international experts to discuss global trade dilemmas facing farmers in Minnesota

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (11/17/2005)--A group of international experts and congressional leaders will discuss "Globalization and U.S. Farm Policy," at the second annual Freeman Lecture from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, in Cowles Auditorium at the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis.

Acting on a complaint by Brazil, a World Trade Organization dispute panel in 2004 found that United States cotton program subsidies violate the United States' own trade obligations as agreed upon by Congress in 1994. In 2007, Congress must reauthorize agriculture legislation, but how will the new Farm Bill differ from present policy that is in conflict with our global partners?

The Freeman Lecture will shed new light on how Minnesota farmers and producers can compete in a global economy. Speakers include Pedro de Camargo Neto, the former Brazilian trade negotiator who led the successful challenge to U.S. cotton subsidies, along with professor Daryll E. Ray, an agricultural economist who builds new policy ideas upon those that former Minnesota Governor and U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman proposed for supply management half a century ago. Members of Minnesota's Congressional delegation who serve on the House and Senate agriculture committees that will craft new agriculture legislation have been invited to provide their perspectives at the conclusion of the program. Sen. Mark Dayton (D-Minn.) and Rep. Colin Peterson (D-Minn.) are confirmed participants.

The event is free and open to the public, with a nominal charge for lunch (\$10 for the general public; no charge for high school and college students). Seating is limited, so pre-registration for the program and lunch is required. Please register by Dec. 1 at [www.freemanforum.org](http://www.freemanforum.org). Questions can be directed to (651) 645-9403.

The Freeman Lecture is hosted by the University of Minnesota in honor of Orville L. Freeman, Minnesota's first Democratic-Farmer-Labor governor. Freeman also served as Secretary of Agriculture in the cabinets of Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson. For more information on past

speakers, visit the Freeman Forum website at [www.freemanforum.org](http://www.freemanforum.org). □

**What:** Federal Reserve Bank executive to speak at U of M China Center lecture  
**When:** 4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6  
**Where:** U of M Coffman Union Theater, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis  
**Who:** Arthur Rolnick  
**Contacts:** Joan Brzezinski, China Center, (612) 624-1002  
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MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (11/17/2005)--Arthur Rolnick, senior vice president and director of research at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, will deliver the University of Minnesota China Center's 2005 Bob and Kim Griffin "Building U.S.-China Bridges" Lecture at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, in the Coffman Union Theater, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis. It is free and open to the public.

Rolnick, also an associate economist with the Federal Open Market Committee, will speak on, "Dollars vs. RMB: What Does a Devaluation of the Chinese Currency Mean for the U.S. Economy?" Rolnick will discuss the impact of recent and future devaluations of the Chinese RMB on jobs, trade, and the prices we pay for the things we need. He will also explore the implications for other Asian currencies and U.S. economic relationships in Asia and the strategies businesses need to hedge against this change.

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**Who:** Dave Wildung, professor, U of M North Central Research Center

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### Patent for U of M's newest apple named after Dave Wildung

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (11/17/2005)--The patent for the University of Minnesota's newest apple has been named in honor of Dave Wildung, longtime horticulturist at the North Central Research and Outreach Center in Grand Rapids.

The apple that will be patented under the name Wildung will be known to consumers as Snowsweet. The name comes from its characteristics, having flesh white as snow and being very sweet and late maturing like its parent apple, Fireside.

University of Minnesota apples are known for their winter hardiness and Wildung's work has played a major role in developing that reputation. "Dave is a great collaborator with our plant breeders and really is an anchor for cold hardiness research because of the climate in Grand Rapids," said Tom Michaels, head of the department of horticultural sciences.

Wildung has researched small fruits, woody ornamental plants, chrysanthemums, annual flowers and other plants for more than 35 years. He started working for the University of Minnesota in 1969 as a horticulturist after completing graduate studies here. Wildung has created six new varieties of blueberries and four new varieties of strawberries. Some of his most recent work includes developing a manual for high tunnel vegetables, which came out last winter.

Wildung enjoys working in Grand Rapids because of its unique location, "We are the coldest research station in the lower 48 states, which gives us the unique climate to do a lot of research with cold hardiness," Wildung said.

The university is no stranger to the fruit breeding scene. Since 1908 university horticulturists have developed 98 new fruit varieties. Some of its most famous apple successes include the Honeycrisp apple which debuted in 1991, and also the Haralson apple which was developed in the earlier years of plant breeding here. Around 80 percent of the apples produced in Minnesota are varieties that were developed at the University of Minnesota.

Note: A photo of Wildung and University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks and can be found at [www.coafes.umn.edu/wildungapple](http://www.coafes.umn.edu/wildungapple). □

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**Live shots/taping of the event may be done throughout the day at Coffman Union. For more information on satellite truck parking, contact Patty Mattern at (612) 624-2801.**

- What:** University of Minnesota students aim to collect 10,000 pieces of warm clothing in annual drive
- When:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1
- Where:** Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis
- Contacts:** Patty Mattern, University News Service, (612) 624-2801

### University of Minnesota students make annual push to collect warm clothing for others

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (11/18/2005)--The third annual University of Minnesota Fill the Bus! event, a campus and community clothing drive, will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, at Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis. A short program with speakers will begin at 3 p.m. Susan Hagstrum, wife of university President Robert Bruininks, will speak at 3:30 p.m.

The goal of Fill the Bus! is to collect clothing for families and children in need. Although warmer clothing such as winter coats, mittens and hats is preferred, clothing for any season will be accepted. Pillsbury United Communities, a Twin Cities nonprofit organization, will distribute the clothing throughout the metro area.

The first 400 people to donate at least 15 clothing items on the day of the event will receive a free Chipotle gift certificate. Additional gift certificates from other businesses will be handed out throughout the day. Along with the collection area in front of Coffman, a clothing collection point will be set up behind Coffman, so that people driving by can drop off their donations. Students can also donate clothing at collection bins in residential halls on campus until 7 a.m. Dec. 1.

The idea for the Fill the Bus! clothing drive came about in 2003 when two university students, John Barber and Surbhi Madia, were in chilly downtown Minneapolis on one of their first dates. As a result of their conversations and after months of intense planning, they launched the Fill the Bus! campaign and filled five buses with more than 10,000 pieces of clothing.

Other U of M students have continued the annual clothing drive after witnessing families in need.

“Driving around the Twin Cities you see people who do not have warm coats for the winter and you just know that you must do something to help them,” said Bailey Smuhl, a member of the committee coordinating the effort.

For more information, visit [www.fillthebus.org](http://www.fillthebus.org). □

- What:** Human Rights Center to screen film about a Peruvian city's struggle for justice after gold mine spill
- When:** 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6
- Contacts:** Patrick Finnegan, Human Rights Center, (612) 626-0041  
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### University of Minnesota Human Rights Center to screen 'Choropampa: The Price of Gold'

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (11/18/2005)--The University of Minnesota Human Rights Center will screen the documentary film "Choropampa: The Price of Gold," followed by a panel and community discussion, from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, in Room 45, University of Minnesota Law School, 229 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis. The event is free and open to the public.

Through films like this, the center aims to raise awareness about human rights issues affecting local, national, and international communities.

In "Choropampa: The Price of Gold," the town of Choropampa, Peru struggles to win compensation from the Yanacocha gold mine after a mercury spill results in an outbreak of serious illness in the town and the surrounding area. The mine is jointly owned by a Peruvian company, the Newmont Mining Corp. of Colorado and the World Bank. This documentary follows the resulting political and social struggle over a two-year period after the spill. The film is by Ernesto Cabellos and Stephanie Boyd.

The film screening is part of the Human Rights Center's 2005-2006 film series. Through screenings and panel discussions, the Human Rights Center brings together experts and community members to raise awareness, promote discussion and take action on issues affecting the human rights community in Minnesota, the United States and the world. □

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## **University of Minnesota Foundation elects new chairman and members to board of trustees**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (11/21/2005)--The University of Minnesota Foundation Board of Trustees elected a new chairman and 12 new members at its annual meeting Nov. 12.

Elected as chairman was Fred R. Friswold, chairman and CEO, Tonka Equipment Co. Friswold, a 1958 graduate of the Carlson School of Management, has served on the UMF board since 1988, most recently as vice chairman. Other officers who were reelected are Marilyn Carlson Nelson, chairwoman and CEO, Carlson Companies, Inc., as vice chairwoman; Stanley S. Hubbard, chair, Hubbard Broadcasting, Inc., as secretary; and B. Kristine Johnson, principal, Affinity Capital Management, as treasurer.

The 12 new members elected for three-year terms on the board are:

- Jon R. Campbell, CEO, Minnesota Region, and Vice President, Wells Fargo Bank
- Martin E. Davis, CEO, Cambria, and Manager, Davisco Foods International Inc.
- Judith K. Dutcher, president, Minnesota Community Foundation
- Deborah L. Hopp, vice president, MSP Communications, and publisher, Mpls. St. Paul Magazine
- Robert M.A. Johnson, Anoka County Attorney
- Lynn Nagorske, president and COO, TCF Financial Corporation
- William E. Pedersen, Jr., partner, Kohn Pedersen Fox Associates
- Jörg A. Pierach, founder and president, Fast Horse, Inc.
- Robert C. Pohlada, chairman and CEO, PepsiAmericas Inc., and associate, Pohlada Companies
- Lois E. Quam, CEO, Ovations—A UnitedHealth Group Co.
- E. Thomas Sullivan, senior vice president for academic affairs and provost, University of Minnesota
- Simon KaWo Wong, group chairman and managing director, Kampery Group, China

“I am very excited to welcome these new members to our board,” said Gerald Fischer, president and CEO of the University of Minnesota Foundation. “Our trustees are incredibly talented and respected individuals who will bring new ideas to our important work of engaging the resources of the private sector in support of the University of Minnesota.”

Several trustees were also recognized for their long and distinguished service on the board. Four who had previously served as board chairs were elected as life trustees. They are Russell M. Bennett, Marvin

Borman, James R. Campbell and Donald F. Wright. Elected as trustees emeriti were Dale L. Bachman, Burton D. Cohen, Richard F. McNamara, Linda J. Mona, H. Bryan Neel and Patricia B. Spence.

The University of Minnesota Foundation, an independent non-profit organization founded in 1962, raises and manages gifts from alumni and friends to build excellence at the University of Minnesota. In fiscal 2005, \$180 million in gifts and pledges were recorded from more than 92,000 donors. The foundation manages an endowment of about \$1 billion.

“Fiscal year 2005 was a good year, with progress made on our scholarship drive, gains in the number of alumni donors, and strong increases in our endowment,” said Fischer. “Growth in private support will be critical if the university is to become one of the world’s top three public research universities.” □

**Due to limited seating, members of the media are asked to RSVP in advance to Jamie Proulx at [jproulx@hhh.umn.edu](mailto:jproulx@hhh.umn.edu) or (612) 625-9436.**

- What:** Policy discussion on bringing democracy to the Middle East
- When:** 8:30 a.m.–noon Thursday, Dec. 8
- Where:** 301 19th Ave. S., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, Minneapolis
- Who:** Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright
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### **Madeleine Albright to speak on democracy in the Middle East at the U of M Humphrey Institute**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (11/21/2005)--Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright will join Humphrey Institute Senior Fellow Vin Weber for a policy discussion on democracy in the Middle East from 8:30 a.m. to noon Thursday, Dec. 8, at the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, 301 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis. This event also will be broadcast live via the web at [www.hhh.umn.edu](http://www.hhh.umn.edu).

In 2004, Albright and Weber co-chaired a bipartisan task force convened by the Council on Foreign Relations to answer the question of whether promoting democracy in the Middle East is in the best interest of the United States. This will be the first national public forum held to discuss the task force report, "In Support of Arab Democracy: Why and How."

The task force's foreign policy experts concluded that expanding democracy in the Arab world is a desirable goal, and the task force report details political, economic and social recommendations for achieving this goal.

Following remarks by Albright and Weber, other members of the task force and local respondents will join in a panel discussion on the role the United States can play and strategies it can use to bring political reform to the Arab world.

This event is co-sponsored by the Humphrey Institute Policy Forum and the Council on Foreign Relations. The Humphrey Institute Policy Forum, co-directed by former Minnesota Congressmen Weber and Tim Penny, is part of the Center for the Study of Politics and Governance at the Humphrey Institute. The Policy Forum organizes public conferences and leadership development activities related to current public policy issues.

The Council on Foreign Relations is an independent, national membership organization and a

nonpartisan center for scholars dedicated to producing and disseminating ideas so that individual and corporate members, as well as policy makers, journalists, students and interested citizens in the United States and other countries, can better understand the world and the foreign policy choices facing the United States and other governments.

Cooperating organizations include the Center of the American Experiment, the Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas, the Minnesota International Center and the Muslim American Society of Minnesota.

Seating is limited and advance registration is required by Friday, Dec. 2. Registration is \$30 and includes continental breakfast. Visit [www.hhh.umn.edu/centers/policy-forum](http://www.hhh.umn.edu/centers/policy-forum) or contact Ellen Tveit at (612) 625-8330 for more information. □



**Who:** Peter Snustad, professor of plant biology, College of Biological Sciences  
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## U of M's Pete Snustad elected fellow by the American Association for the Advancement of Science

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (11/22/2005)--The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) has awarded the distinction of fellow to the University of Minnesota's Pete Snustad, professor of plant biology in the College of Biological Sciences (CBS), for outstanding contributions to understanding how viruses control host cells and the genetic basis of proteins that underlie cell structure.

Snustad, who grew up on a farm in Bemidji, received his bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota and his master's and doctorate degrees from the University of California, Davis. Snustad joined the faculty of the University of Minnesota in 1965. He is co-author, with Michael Simmons, of "The Principles of Genetics," a textbook now in its fourth edition, that has been translated into several languages and is used by colleges and universities worldwide.

Snustad was elected for two distinct scientific achievements:

- Using genetic approaches to understand how a bacterial virus shuts off genes in a bacterial host cell and uses the cell's DNA to synthesize its own viral DNA and take control of the cell. These studies contributed to understanding how other viruses take control of the metabolic machinery of host cells. The research provides a foundation for developing ways to prevent and treat viral infections. (Some of this work was carried out in collaboration with Warner Huber, CBS associate dean for research.)
- Analysis of genes for tubulins, key proteins in the cytoskeleton (the shape-determining structure of plant and animal cells) that play important roles in the growth and development of all living organisms. In plants, tubulins are targets of important herbicides, and in animals, including humans, mutations in tubulin genes result in inherited disorders. (This research was carried out in collaboration with Carolyn Silflow, CBS professor of plant biology.)

"Pete has advanced genetics education and research at the University of Minnesota and throughout the world," says Robert Elde, dean of the College of Biological Sciences. "He is truly worthy of this recognition from the nation's preeminent scientific organization. We are very proud that he is a member of our faculty."

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**Who:** Diana Fu, student, College of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota  
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### U of M student named 2006 Rhodes Scholar

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (11/22/2005)--Minnesota resident Diana Xuan Fu, an honors student in the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, has been named a 2006 Rhodes Scholar. A Canadian citizen, Fu participated in the final round of the Canadian Rhodes competition Nov. 18-19 in Calgary, Alberta. She is one of 11 Canadians who have been named 2006 Rhodes Scholars.

Fu, who is majoring in global studies and political science, will graduate summa cum laude in May 2006.

The Rhodes Scholarship will enable Fu to study for two years at the University of Oxford, where she intends to earn a master of philosophy degree in development studies. She is the third University of Minnesota, Twin Cities student to win a Rhodes Scholarship since 2000.

Fu was born in mainland China and immigrated to Winnipeg with her family when she was 8 years old. Her parents' employment eventually led the family to settle in the Twin Cities. Fu graduated from Eden Prairie High School and began her studies at the University of Minnesota in 2002.

"We congratulate Diana on her spectacular achievement and, of course, take immense pride that she is a student in the College of Liberal Arts," said Steven J. Rosenstone, the college's dean. "Diana's high academic achievement, integrity of character and leadership ability distinguish her. She holds every promise of fulfilling, throughout her lifetime, the hope of the Rhodes Trust that its scholars will 'esteem the performance of public duties as their highest aim.'"

While at the university, Fu has been a regular opinion columnist at the Minnesota Daily, and her column is known for generating lively discussion on campus and nationally, most recently for her observations about forms of discrimination that she observed during a 2004-05 study abroad experience in Beijing. Fu was awarded the Society of Professional Journalists' Mark of Excellence Award for best collegiate journalism in 2004, and several of her columns have been reprinted in other newspapers. Her essay "Free or Filtered Press" was reprinted in the 2005 edition of the textbook America Now. She has also published short fiction and poetry. An accomplished dancer, Fu performed in the international debut of Chinese choreographer Shen Pei's "Sun and Moon" at the Southern Theatre in 2004.

While studying abroad at Beijing University last year, Fu interned with two Chinese nonprofit organizations, the Center for Women's Law Studies and Legal Services and the Migrant Women's Home. For her summa thesis, she conducted field research on the challenges faced by the millions of rural women who have migrated to China's cities over the past decade.

Her thesis, "A Cage of Voices: Producing the Dagongmei in China," was awarded the Sidney Devere Brown Prize for best original research paper at the 2005 conference of Midwest Association of Asian Affairs and will be presented at the national Association for Asian Studies conference this spring.

In recommending Fu for the Rhodes Scholarship, her professors emphasized her academic excellence, multiple talents and enduring commitment to human rights. "I gave her some guidance on searching Chinese databases; the next thing I knew Diana had left both me and the librarian in the dust," says Daniel Kelliher, a faculty member in the department of political science, who collaborated with Fu on a research project on China's interpretation of Western ideas of sexual harassment. "Her performance was spectacular. I was amazed by her resourcefulness."

Raymond Duvall, also a political science faculty member, describes Fu as an exceptionally impressive young person. "She is an absolutely outstanding student. She is actively and passionately engaged in artistic expression and practical activities related to her academic interests," he said. "Diana has superior intellectual abilities, the energy and enthusiasm, and the focused sense of purpose to succeed in her plans to make an appreciable impact."

Charles Sugnet, a faculty member in the department of English, describes the level of sophistication of Fu's summa thesis research as "astonishing" due to her meticulous fieldwork, the sensitivity with which she treats her subjects, her attention to verbal nuance and problems of translation, and her masterful application of theoretical approaches from several disciplines. □

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**Strategic positioning implementation task forces on College Design to hold public forums**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (11/23/2005)--Members of the university community will have an opportunity to preview new task force recommendations and a chance to offer public comment during events to be held by the University of Minnesota's strategic positioning implementation task forces in the next two weeks.

The Academic Task Force on College Design: GC/CEHD will host two public forums from 3:15 to 5:15 p.m. Monday, Nov. 28 and Tuesday, Nov. 29, in Room 102, Fraser Hall, 106 Pleasant St. S.E., Minneapolis.

The Academic Task Force on College Design: CHE/CEHD will host two public forums. The first will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday, December 5, in Room 33, McNeal Hall, 1985 Buford Ave., St. Paul. The second forum will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, in Room 102, Fraser Hall.

During the forums, the task forces will present proposed recommendations for the direction and vision of the new integrated college and to prepare community members to participate in the 30-day public comment period on the draft report. The session is open to the public. The task forces especially encourage members of the General College, the College of Education and Human Development and the College of Human Ecology to participate. □

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### **Beautiful U Day grants deadline extended to Jan. 27**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (11/23/2005)--The deadline to submit grant proposals for Beautiful U Day projects has been extended to Jan. 27.

Beautiful U Day Grants are available to University of Minnesota student groups and departments for Spring 2006 projects that relate to campus beautification, sustainability or clean-up projects.

These grants are startup funds for activities on or near Beautiful U Day. More than \$50,000 is available to fund projects that celebrate the university's beauty and commitment to sustainability. Projects may include cleanup or sustainability programs, art events, academic lectures or research.

In 2006, Beautiful U Day will include all campuses of the University of Minnesota. Events are already being planned in Crookston, Duluth, Morris, Rochester and the Twin Cities. During the last eight years, Beautiful U Day has involved more than 10,000 volunteers who have planted more than 80,000 flowering bulbs, removed 800 tons of unwanted materials from campus buildings, painted the Washington Avenue Bridge, explored ways to preserve and enhance the Sarita Wetlands and carried out countless other beautification efforts.

"The Beautiful U Day grants program helps to expand the scope of projects completed each spring, and engages a larger number of volunteers," said Lori-Anne Williams, Beautiful U Day coordinator. Student groups receive up to \$2,000 for their projects. Departments receive up to \$3,000, but must match the grants dollar-for-dollar.

Past grant projects have included the installation of a "friendship bench" to celebrate tolerance and understanding; an academic symposium on the Mississippi River; a new public art piece in Boynton Health Services and a research project on green roofs. Guidelines and applications for Beautiful U Day grants are available at [www.buday.umn.edu](http://www.buday.umn.edu). □

- What:** Vikings player to appear at U of M book drive to benefit African American Read-In
- When:** 4-6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29
- Where:** Cub Foods, 701 W. Broadway Ave. N., Minneapolis
- Who:** Vikings player Erasmus James
- Contacts:** Ezra Hyland, General College instructor, (612) 626-4780  
Laura Weber, General College communications director, (612) 625-6566  
Bob San, University News Service, (612) 624-4082

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MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (11/28/2005)--Erasmus James, the Minnesota Vikings' 2005 No. 1 draft pick, will appear at a University of Minnesota General College book drive and autograph signing from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29, at the Cub Foods store at 701 W. Broadway Ave., Minneapolis. Proceeds from the event will benefit General College's African American Read-In program.

The Read-In is a General College literacy initiative addressing the attainment of reading and writing skills in African American students and encouraging reading and writing across the curriculum.

"We are asking community members to share the gift of literacy this holiday season and donate a new or gently used book to the event," said African American Read-In coordinator Ezra Hyland.

James will sign autographs. It is not necessary to bring a book to get an autograph. □

- What:** U of M Graduate School celebrates centennial with special concert at commencement ceremony
- When:** 1-2:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2
- Where:** Northrop Auditorium, 84 Church St. S.E., Minneapolis
- Who:** Yoon-Hee Hwang, U alum and music professor at Seoul National University
- Contacts:** Karen Starry, director of graduate student services and programs, (612) 625-2851  
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Hwang came to the university as an international student from South Korea and received a doctoral degree in music composition in 1992. She currently teaches at Seoul National University, works for the Executive Committee of the Korean Composer's Association, Inc., and serves on the Council Committee of the Korean Culture and Arts Foundation. Music professor Tim Lovelace and graduate students Dana Donnay and Justin Knoepfel will perform Hwang's chamber music composition "When You and I Were Young" at the commencement.

Hwang will perform her piece at the Centennial Concert at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, at the Campus Club in Coffman Union. Music professor Alex Lubet, Hwang's adviser when she was a student at the university, will also perform. □



**When:** 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8  
**Where:** Room 125 Willey Hall, 225 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis  
**Who:** Philip Holmes, professor of mechanics and applied mathematics,  
Princeton University  
**Contacts:** Doug Arnold, Institute for Mathematics and Its Applications, (612)  
624-6066  
Mark Cassutt, News Service (612) 624-8038

### **Public lecture at U of M to look at using math to help understand how the brain works**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (11/30/2005)--As part of the University of Minnesota's Institute for Mathematics and Its Applications lecture series, Math Matters, Philip Holmes, professor of mechanics and applied mathematics at Princeton University, will talk about using math to help understand how the brain works. The event is at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8 in Room 125 of Willey Hall, 225 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis. It is free and open to the public.

The human brain contains about 100 billion neurons, each making about 1,000 synaptic connections with other neurons. This huge dynamical system communicates with itself and its environment via electrical impulses called spikes. How is incoming information turned into spikes and how do spikes create decisions and behaviors? Holmes will show how mathematics helps researchers model and analyze such questions, involving events from single neural spikes to decisions that change lives.

Holmes, a lively and personable speaker, has an extraordinarily wide-ranging intellect. He has developed mathematical techniques to explore phenomena as diverse as vibrating pipes and scampering cockroaches. He has also published four books of poetry, including one which won the Eric Gregory Award of the UK Society of Authors. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and an honorary member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. □

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**Where:** Room 1-114 Carlson School of Management, 321 19th Ave. S.,  
Minneapolis

**Who:** James McGregor, author of 'One Billion Customers: Lessons from the  
Front Lines of Doing Business in China'

**Contacts:** Rachel Johnson, School of Journalism and Mass Communication, (612)  
626-1723

### **U of M alumnus and author to speak about China's rise as a business power with practical lessons on how to do business there**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (11/30/2005)--University of Minnesota School of Journalism and Mass Communication alumnus James McGregor will present "Commonsense Talk About an Uncommon Country" at 12:15-1:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, at the Carlson School of Management, 321 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis.

McGregor, a journalist-turned-businessman, views China as being simultaneously the world's largest startup and the world's largest turnaround business entity. And his new book, "One Billion Customers: Lessons from the Front Lines of Doing Business in China," combines the story of China's rise as a business power with practical lessons on how to do business there. In this speech, McGregor will share his experiences in the Chinese business world while giving an insider's perspective on the politics, the people and China's changing place in the world.

Fluent in Mandarin, McGregor is widely respected in Chinese business, political and media circles. As The Wall Street Journal's China bureau chief following the 1989 Tiananmen Square Massacre, the chief executive of Dow Jones' China business operations during the 1990s, and a venture-capital investor during China's dot com boom, McGregor has negotiated nearly every avenue of the complex Chinese business world.

The event, which is open to the public, is hosted by GLOBE Student Association for International Business. The event is sponsored by Carlson School International Programs, the Minnesota Journalism Center and the China Center. Food and refreshments will be provided. □

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**Live shots/taping of the event may be done throughout the day at Coffman Union. For more information on satellite truck parking, contact Patty Mattern at (612) 624-2801.**

- What:** University of Minnesota students aim to collect 10,000 pieces of warm clothing in annual drive TODAY
- When:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1
- Where:** Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis
- Contacts:** Patty Mattern, University News Service, (612) 624-2801

### University of Minnesota students make annual push to collect warm clothing for others

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (12/1/2005)--The third annual University of Minnesota Fill the Bus! event, a campus and community clothing drive, will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, at Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis. A short program with speakers will begin at 3 p.m. Susan Hagstrum, wife of university President Robert Bruininks, will speak at 3:30 p.m.

The goal of Fill the Bus! is to collect clothing for families and children in need. Although warmer clothing such as winter coats, mittens and hats is preferred, clothing for any season will be accepted. Pillsbury United Communities, a Twin Cities nonprofit organization, will distribute the clothing throughout the metro area.

The first 400 people to donate at least 15 clothing items on the day of the event will receive a free Chipotle gift certificate. Additional gift certificates from other businesses will be handed out throughout the day. Along with the collection area in front of Coffman, a clothing collection point will be set up behind Coffman, so that people driving by can drop off their donations. Students can also donate clothing at collection bins in residential halls on campus until 7 a.m. Dec. 1.

The idea for the Fill the Bus! clothing drive came about in 2003 when two university students, John Barber and Surbhi Madia, were in chilly downtown Minneapolis on one of their first dates. As a result of their conversations and after months of intense planning, they launched the Fill the Bus! campaign and filled five buses with more than 10,000 pieces of clothing.

Other U of M students have continued the annual clothing drive after witnessing families in need.

“Driving around the Twin Cities you see people who do not have warm coats for the winter and you just know that you must do something to help them,” said Bailey Smuhl, a member of the committee coordinating the effort.

For more information, visit [www.fillthebus.org](http://www.fillthebus.org). □



- What:** Tickets are still available for tonight's Dashboard Confessional concert at Northrop
- When:** Doors open at 7 p.m. today, Dec. 1
- Where:** Northrop Auditorium, 84 Church St. S.E., Minneapolis
- Who:** Dashboard Confessional
- Contacts:** Kate McMillan, Twin Cities Student Unions, (612) 625-8269  
Patty Mattern, University News Service, (612) 624-2801

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MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (12/1/2005)--Tickets are still available for tonight's Dashboard Confessional Concert at Northrop Auditorium, 84 Church St. S.E., Minneapolis.

The University of Minnesota's Minnesota Programs and Activities Council (MPAC) presents a solo acoustic performance by Dashboard Confessional with special guest Aqualung today, Dec. 1 at Northrop. Doors open at 7 p.m., and Aqualung will begin at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 for balcony seating and \$20 for lower level for U of M students with a valid ID. For the general public, tickets are \$20 for balcony seating and \$25 for lower level. Tickets can be purchased from the Coffman Union Info Desk until 5 p.m. today and at the Northrop Auditorium Ticket Office starting at 5:30 p.m. Tickets must be purchased in person with either cash or credit card at the Coffman Info Desk, and only in cash at the Northrop ticket office. There is a two ticket limit per valid U of M student U Card when purchasing U of M student tickets, and no limit on general admission tickets. Alternative rock group Dashboard Confessional hails from Boca Raton, Fla., and is led by singer/songwriter Christopher Carrabba.

Fresh from Dashboard Confessional's eight-day support tour for U2, Carrabba will perform a solo acoustic show. This performance will be Carrabba's first return to the Twin Cities since June 2003. Marking his first solo effort with the release of "The Swiss Army Romance," Carrabba has since released "The Places You Have Come to Fear the Most" and "A Mark, A Mission, A Brand, A Scar." Working on his follow-up to "A Mark, A Mission, A Brand, A Scar," Carrabba scrapped an entire record's worth of tracks and teamed up with producer Daniel Lanius (U2 and Bob Dylan). According to Rolling Stone's Jenny Eliscu, "the new songs, such as the U2-ish 'Heaven Here,' rely less on anthemic guitar riffs than they do on heady sonic textures -- and ought to help Dashboard shake off the emo tag once and for all." The record is due out early next year.

The show is made possible by the generous collaboration of City Pages and Drive 105.

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MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (12/1/2005)--Sociologist and historian James Loewen will present his talk "Lies My Teacher Told Me" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, at the Great Hall in Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis. The event is sponsored by the University of Minnesota's Minnesota Programs and Activities Council. This event is free and open to the public. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Loewen's books will be available for purchase following the lecture. Loewen spent two years at the Smithsonian Institution analyzing 12 leading high school American History textbooks and is critical of what he learned. He found what he calls an embarrassing blend of bland optimism, blind nationalism and plain misinformation, weighing in at an average of 888 pages and almost five pounds.

In response, he wrote "Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything Your High School History Textbook Got Wrong." The book is in part a telling critique of existing textbooks, but also a gripping retelling of American history as it should, and could, be taught.

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### **Richard McNamara resigns from University of Minnesota Board of Regents**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (12/2/2005)--University of Minnesota Regent Richard "Pinky" McNamara has resigned from the university's Board of Regents due to health reasons, the university announced today.

"I am proud of my education and accomplishments as a University of Minnesota student and alumnus," McNamara said in a letter Thursday to acting Chair Patricia Simmons. "I am also deeply grateful for the opportunity to provide continuous service and contributions to the University of Minnesota, an institution that transformed my life and means so much to the state of Minnesota."

"We thank Regent McNamara for his service to the university. His concern has always been with students and whether the university is doing enough to help students succeed," Simmons said today. "He will be greatly missed."

"Regent McNamara has been a valuable asset to the University of Minnesota since he first became a student here more than 50 years ago," university President Robert Bruininks said. "His dedication and contributions to the university are an example for all of us. He has been a valued member of the Board of Regents, and he will remain an important part of the university community."

Former Gov. Jesse Ventura appointed McNamara to an at-large seat on the board in 2001, and McNamara was elected to the position in 2003. His involvement in the university, however, spans a lifetime. The native of Hastings graduated from the University of Minnesota's College of Liberal Arts in 1956. He earned an athletic scholarship and was a three-year letter-winner for the Golden Gophers football team.

McNamara, a successful entrepreneur, donated \$10 million to the university in 1998. The gift is one of the largest the university has ever received from a living alumnus and has been used to improve the undergraduate student experience in liberal arts and intercollegiate athletics. Of his gift, \$3 million went to help build the McNamara Alumni Center. In 1992 McNamara donated \$119,000 in honor of his two university advisers--Vivian Hower and Mabel Powers. The donation improved the advising program in the College of Liberal Arts, which included providing all its advisers with computer access to planning information, student records, online registration and class closure data.

McNamara is the chairman and owner of Activar Inc., which specializes in restructuring failing companies back to profitability. He serves on the board of directors for the University of Minnesota Foundation, University M Club, Dunwoody College of Technology, World Presidents' Organization and Council of Independent Managers. He is also a former member of the Young Presidents' Organization.

Under state law, Gov. Tim Pawlenty will appoint a replacement for McNamara, whose term expires in 2007. □

- What:** U of M Navy ROTC midshipman selected for prestigious overseas travel program
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MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (12/5/2005)--Andrew Ubbelohde, a midshipman of the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) Twin Cities Unit at the University of Minnesota, is one of 11 midshipmen out of a nationwide pool of over 4,500 selected to participate in the Olmsted overseas travel program. The Olmsted scholarship program is designed for students to participate in university-sponsored trips or university-approved study abroad programs for up to one semester.

Ubbelohde, born and raised in Red Wing and a 2002 graduate of Red Wing High School, is a senior at the University of St. Thomas and an NROTC Marine option at the University of Minnesota. He has a major in criminal justice and a minor in naval science. As a participant in the Olmsted program, he will be traveling to seven cities in India next year.

Midshipman Ubbelohde will be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps following his graduation in spring 2006. He will go on active duty and report to the Basic School in Quantico, Va. All Marine officers attend this six-month school to learn the fundamental principles of leading a Marine rifle platoon. After completing the Basic School, he will be assigned a specific job in the Marine Corps.

"I would like to thank those who have helped me to become a recipient of this award," said Ubbelohde. "Captain Jim Coulson of the U of M NROTC and his staff are constantly working to allow students in the NROTC battalion to have opportunities such as this. I believe the Olmsted Foundation creates an excellent opportunity for one to experience foreign regions. I look forward to studying in India, and I know the experience will develop in me a more diverse perspective of the world. This will certainly allow me to serve my country better in the years to come."

The Olmsted Foundation provides annual grants in support of Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) Overseas Travel. This travel must support the Olmsted mission to enhance development of future senior leadership of the armed forces of the United States by sending outstanding young officers

and officer candidates to study in foreign cultures. The program has rigorous requirements. Educational activities must occur in a non-English-speaking culture.

**What:** Board of Regents' December meeting this week  
**When:** Thursday, Dec. 8, and Friday, Dec. 9, 2005  
**Where:** 600 McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak Street S.E., Minneapolis  
**Contacts:** Daniel Wolter, University News Service, (612) 625-8510

### Board of Regents' December meeting this week

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (12/6/2005)--The University of Minnesota Board of Regents will hear an update on the university's efforts to strengthen partnerships with preK-12 schools at their meeting this week. Former St. Paul School Superintendent Patricia Harvey, now a distinguished fellow at the university, will take part in the presentation.

"We are ramping up our partnerships with early childhood, elementary and secondary schools to better prepare Minnesota students to succeed in their college years," said President Robert Bruininks.

In addition, the board will be updated on administrative reform efforts under way as part of the university's strategic vision of becoming one of the top three public research universities in the world.

The schedule for the meeting is as follows:

Thursday, Dec. 8

9:45 - 11:45 a.m. Educational Planning and Policy Committee, East Committee Room. Presentation on the university's efforts to enhance preK-12 partnerships.

9:45 - 11:45 a.m. Finance and Operations Committee, West Committee Room. State Economist Tom Stinson provides an update on the state budget forecast.

1:15 - 2:15 p.m. Board of Regents work session, East Committee Room. Gerald Fischer, president and CEO of the University of Minnesota Foundation, continues the "Financing the Mission" series, discussing private fund raising and support.

2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Faculty, Staff and Student Affairs Committee, East Committee Room. Dr. Ed Ehlinger, head of Boynton Health Services, discusses university initiatives to address student mental health issues.

Friday, Dec. 9

9 - 11:30 a.m. Board of Regents meeting, Boardroom. Vice President for Research Tim Mulcahy presents the annual report on the status of university research. Vice President for University Services Kathleen O'Brien gives an update on the strategic positioning administrative reform task force progress.

More information on the Board of Regents meeting can be found at [www.umn.edu/regents](http://www.umn.edu/regents). □



**Media note: Media interested in photos or video of the tree spraying should contact Patty Mattern at (612) 624-2801**

**What:** University of Minnesota sprays skunk scent to prevent theft of pine trees  
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### **University of Minnesota skunks pine tree thieves with disgusting scent**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (12/6/2005)--A stinky surprise awaits thieves who snatch pine trees from the University of Minnesota and try to use them as Christmas trees. Instead of smelling a freshly-cut pine scent, they will get a whiff of roadkill skunk.

University facilities management workers are spraying balsam fir, Scotch pine and any tree that looks like a holiday tree with skunk scent purchased from a West Virginia trapping store.

This is the third year the university has used the spray, and so far the efforts have skunked thieves, said Les Potts, grounds superintendent.

"Prior to 2003, university trees were prime targets of poachers who had been sawing down the trees at Christmas time," Potts said. "Since we started using the spray, we have seen a noticeable change in the number of trees tapped by thieves."

The spray, which is administered on still, rainless days, will cover the tops of 400 to 500 trees. Cold weather masks the skunky smell. But warm, indoor air releases it. □

**When:** 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10  
**Where:** McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak Street S.E., Minneapolis  
**Who:** Karen Schnatterly, Carlson School of Management assistant professor  
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### **U of M Carlson School of Management professor to discuss corporate crime and ethics**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (12/7/2005)--Karen Schnatterly, University of Minnesota Carlson School of Management assistant professor of strategic management and organization, will speak at the Carlson School's "First Tuesday" luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10 at the McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St., S.E., Minneapolis.

Schnatterly will discuss the prevalence of white collar crime, how to detect and prevent it and how to assess a firm's board of directors. She will also discuss recent reform efforts and whether they can prevent future fraud-related disasters.

Schnatterly received a doctorate in strategy from the University of Michigan in July 2000. Her research involves boards of directors, ownership structure, operational governance, firm-level drivers of fraud and CEO compensation. Her work is aimed at integrating finance and strategy.

Schnatterly teaches MBA students and executives in the area of strategy, and she has been interviewed frequently by the media regarding corporate crime and board performance. She is the author of "Increasing firm value through detection and prevention of white-collar crime" in the July 2003 Strategic Management Journal.

Co-sponsored by U.S. Bancorp, each month the First Tuesday luncheon draws around 300 local business leaders, Carlson School alumni, students and educators, who hear from the leading business voices on today's economy.

Advance registration by Jan. 5 is \$23, and \$28 after that. The fee includes lunch and parking in the Washington Avenue Ramp. Register by calling (612) 624-0554, visiting [www.carlsonschool.umn.edu](http://www.carlsonschool.umn.edu), or e-mailing [firsttuesday@csom.umn.edu](mailto:firsttuesday@csom.umn.edu). □

**What:** University Human Rights Resource Center in partnership with the state's Department of Human Rights launch new statewide curriculum

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### University Human Rights Resource Center launches new statewide curriculum

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (12/8/2005)--The University of Minnesota Human Rights Resource Center, in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Human Rights, has developed a new human rights education curriculum for schools just in time for Human Rights Day observances this week.

The curriculum, "This is My Home," is a statewide initiative that provides the necessary materials for educators to integrate human rights principles and practices into every facet of their school communities, said Kristi Rudelius-Palmer, co-director of the university Human Rights Center. "This is My Home" tool kit and the online curriculum resources are free to schools.

The new tool kit is being highlighted during an International Human Rights Day observance in St. Cloud. A town hall forum focused on Minnesota youth and human rights education will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, at St. Cloud City Hall, 400 Second St. S. The event is free and open to the public.

"'This is My Home' is the most comprehensive program available that illustrates simple and innovative ways to include human rights education in schools and it contribute immensely to students' educational, cultural and social development," Rudelius-Palmer said.

"This is My Home" aims to provide teachers throughout Minnesota with a comprehensive framework that follows a clear developmental scope and sequence for integrating human rights language, values, standards and practices into students' education, Rudelius-Palmer said.

The goal of the tool kit is to establish human rights education in K-12 schools statewide. Its primary objectives are to:

- Provide a K-12 human rights education framework in order to create a school community where all members can grow to their full potential with their human dignity and human rights upheld;
- Engage all students in the promotion and protection of human rights, enabling student achievement, development and performance to thrive; and
- Develop new tools for sharing and evaluating effective practices in human rights education throughout Minnesota.

The tool kit is available on the Web at [www.thisismyhome.org](http://www.thisismyhome.org). For further information, please contact the University of Minnesota Human Rights Resource Center at (612) 626-0041 or [home@umn.edu](mailto:home@umn.edu). □

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- What:** University of Minnesota president and his wife will lead off student dance marathon
- When:** 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9
- Where:** Great Hall of Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis
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### University of Minnesota president and his wife will lead off student dance marathon

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (12/9/2005)--University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks and his wife, Susan Hagstrum, will lead the first dance of a student dance marathon at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, in the Great Hall of Coffman Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis.

The dance marathon, "Life's a Dance-Dance for Life", is being sponsored by Students Today Leaders Forever and the Minnesota Student Association.

Organizers said this is not a contest to see who can dance the longest, but a night of dancing to raise funds for Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare. The marathon will run for 12 hours, until 8 a.m. Saturday.

The students' willingness to be involved in an effort like this one impresses Bruininks.

"It is good to see our students making a difference in the lives of others," Bruininks said. "In giving of their time and energy, they are also gaining valuable experience that will serve them well throughout their lives."

For more information about the dance marathon, go to [www.UDanceForLife.com](http://www.UDanceForLife.com) or call Jess Stewart at (701) 220-5800. □

**What:** Cross-country ski trails at UMore Park  
**When:** Ski trails opened  
**Where:** UMore Park, 1605 160th St. W., Rosemount, Minn.  
**Contacts:** UMore Park Administrative Office and Conference Center, (651) 423-2455

### Cross-country skiing now underway at UMore Park

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (12/9/2005)--The University of Minnesota's 7,500-acre research facility near Rosemount, UMore Park, has opened Lone Rock Trail to cross-country skiers. The trail was designed by professor Mel Baughman, an expert in recreational trail design with the University of Minnesota College of Natural Resources. Its design, utilization and maintenance are used as examples of good trail management in university classes.

On Lone Rock Trail, cross-country skiers can enjoy a scenic, rural experience on approximately 11 miles of groomed trails through gently rolling terrain, woodland and agricultural land. The trail consists of varied landscapes with frequent short hill climbs and descents. It requires intermediate skiing skills. The trail is groomed by the Dakota County Parks and Recreation Department through a cooperative agreement with UMore Park. Snowfall permitting, the trail is groomed for both classical and skate skiing styles.

For the most up-to-date information on trail conditions, call Dakota County's 24-hour information line at 651.GET INFO (651) 438.4636. Press 5 for trail information, then press 7 for conditions at UMore Park's Lone Rock Trail. Information is also available on Dakota County's parks and recreation trail conditions web page.

Skiers are required to observe trail courtesy by following the blue diamond markers and staying on the trail. The trails are one-way for skiers.

Parking fees (per vehicle) for trail users

- \$5 daily
- \$25 annual (April 1 through Mar. 30)

Passes can be purchased at the trailhead using supplied envelopes and drop box.

Off-road vehicles (4WD, ATV, motorcycle), snowmobiles, bicycles, pets, camping, campfires, hunting, trapping, guns and alcoholic beverages are prohibited.

The trail is open daily from 30 minutes before sunrise until 30 minutes after sunset.

To reach Lone Rock Trail:

UMore Park is located at the southeastern edge of the Twin Cities metropolitan area on County Road 46 (160th St.), just southeast of downtown Rosemount. To reach the trailhead from County Road 46, travel 1.8 miles south on Station Trail Road. (Station Trail Road is 1.3 miles east of State Highway 3 and one tenth of a mile west of the UMore Park office.) Signage for the trail is located along Station Trail Road at both 160th and 170th Streets. For a map of the trail location, visit [www.umorepark.umn.edu](http://www.umorepark.umn.edu).

There is a link to trail information on the main page.



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## **Competition for research dollars rising, U of M Regents told**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (12/9/2005)--The University of Minnesota's goal to become one of the top three public research universities in the world will depend greatly on its ability to attract research funding from an increasingly competitive pool, University of Minnesota Vice President for Research Tim Mulcahy told the Board of Regents Friday.

"As Minnesota's only public research university, the University of Minnesota brought in some \$563 million in research grants in 2005, which put us in the top ranks of research universities," Mulcahy said. "However, other institutions are competing with us for a tightening pool of research dollars, and we'll need to aggressively invest in our faculty and research facilities to maintain and increase our groundbreaking research in medicine, science and technology."

Mulcahy said Minnesotans benefit from the results of university research in the form of economic growth, better health and more vigorous communities.

Board of Regents acting Chair Patricia Simmons said the next several years will be critical. "The investments we make over the next decade will determine whether the University of Minnesota will be a world leader or fall behind," she said.

Vice President for University Services Kathleen O'Brien also presented the board with an update on the university's administrative strategic planning work. O'Brien stressed the importance of transforming administrative support operations at the university to provide maximum support for the university's academic mission. "Efficient, effective, innovative administrative support is critical to the success of our students and faculty and to our goal to become a top three public research university," she said.

"These administrative reforms are an essential part of showing taxpayers that we're good stewards of their tax dollars and a wise investment for Minnesota," said Regent David Metzen.

In other action, the board approved a clarification of the university's policy relating to classes on caucus nights, replacing a blanket prohibition of classes with guidelines that require individuals to be excused from classes to attend caucuses. Also, the board approved a change to the university's policies on openness of research.

The next meeting of the Board of Regents will be Feb. 9-10, 2006. More information on the board can be found at [www.umn.edu/regents](http://www.umn.edu/regents). □

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**‘U of M Moment’ feature links for the week of Dec. 12**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (12/9/2005)--“University of Minnesota Moment” radio features for the week of Monday, Dec. 12, are available to Minnesota radio stations for free.

The features are as follows:

- Monday, Dec. 12. “Sleep Disorders”

Fully produced :90 feature: [http://blog.lib.umn.edu/urelate/radio/sleep\\_disorders.mp3](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/urelate/radio/sleep_disorders.mp3)

- Tuesday, Dec. 13. “Schools and Obesity”

Fully produced :90 feature: [http://blog.lib.umn.edu/urelate/radio/schools\\_and\\_obesity.mp3](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/urelate/radio/schools_and_obesity.mp3)

- Wednesday, Dec. 14. “Holiday Greens”

Fully produced :90 feature: [http://blog.lib.umn.edu/urelate/radio/holiday\\_greens.mp3](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/urelate/radio/holiday_greens.mp3)

- Thursday, Dec. 15. “Frostbite”

Fully produced :90 feature: <http://blog.lib.umn.edu/urelate/radio/frostbite.mp3>

- Friday, Dec. 16. “Rhodes Scholar”

Fully produced :90 feature: [http://blog.lib.umn.edu/urelate/radio/rhodes\\_scholar.mp3](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/urelate/radio/rhodes_scholar.mp3)

All of the features will be posted the day for which they are scheduled at  
<http://blog.lib.umn.edu/urelate/radio/>. □

**What:** Robot show  
**When:** 2:30-4:30 p.m. Monday, Dec . 12  
**Where:** McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St. S.E., Minneapolis  
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Mark Cassutt, News Service, (612) 624-8038

### Student designed robots to 'do something interesting' at U of M robot show

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (12/12/2005)--A breakfast cereal server, golf ball washer, dancing alien and an automatic combination lock opener will be among the machines on display at the University of Minnesota Robot Show 2:30-4:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12, in the McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St. S.E., Minneapolis. The walk-through show is free and open to the public.

The show is the culmination of six weeks of work for 225 engineering students who created computer-controlled machines that "do something interesting." Students received a kit of parts, including the computer, to design a robot/machine and could add no more than \$30 worth of their own materials.

"That means the students had to be creative, prowling the back aisles of Target or looking in dumpsters," said mechanical engineering professor William Durfee, director of design education. "There are serious objectives to these limits, because in the real world, these future engineers will have to deal with cost constraints when they design things."

The robots must act for no more than 60 seconds and have at least one moving part, but it is up to the students whether the unique machines do something useful--such as crushing aluminum cans or scraping a windshield--or exist solely to amuse and delight--like the automatic cereal bowl filler.

For more information on this event, see [www.me.umn.edu/robotshow](http://www.me.umn.edu/robotshow). □

**What:** Dr. Apostolos Georgopoulos named Regents Professor  
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### **Dr. Apostolos Georgopoulos named Regents Professor**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (12/12/2005)-- The University of Minnesota Board of Regents has named Dr. Apostolos Georgopoulos a Regents Professor. The designation is the highest level of recognition given to faculty at the university. The Board of Regents approved the designation Friday, Dec. 9.

Georgopoulos is a professor of neuroscience, neurology, physiology and psychiatry in the department of neuroscience at the University of Minnesota Medical School.

One of the world's leading authorities on neural mechanisms underlying movement, Georgopoulos holds the American Legion Brain Sciences Professorship and is director of the Brain Sciences Center at the Minneapolis Veterans Administration Hospital.

"Apostolos Georgopoulos is a visionary world-class scientist who brings an active imagination to bear on some of the most important puzzles in neuroscience," said University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks.

In addition, Georgopoulos has recently been named the McKnight Presidential Chair in Cognitive Neuroscience at the university and been elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences.

Extending his study of movement into the cognitive domain, Georgopoulos is now at the forefront of unraveling the neural basis of conceiving and planning movements. He is also considered the "crown jewel" of a large, successful and highly interactive group of neuroscientists on this campus who study cognitive science and motor control. He is a vital part of the fabric of the neuroscience community at the University of Minnesota. □

**What:** 'The Future of Tax Reform' conference  
**When:** 4 p.m., reception to follow at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18  
**Where:** Hubert H. Humphrey Center, 301 19th Avenue S., Minneapolis.  
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**Registration:** Master of Business Taxation office, Carlson School of Management, 612-624-7511

### U of M Carlson School of Management to host tax reform conference Jan. 18

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (12/12/2005)--"The Future of Tax Reform: The Report of the President's Commission" will be the topic of a conference hosted by the master of business taxation program at the U of M Carlson School of Management from 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18, in the Cowles Auditorium Atrium, Hubert H. Humphrey Center, 301 19th Avenue S., Minneapolis.

Fundamental tax reform has become a major issue in the U.S. Congress. In January, President Bush established a nine-member bipartisan panel to study the federal tax code and to provide revenue-neutral tax reform options that are intended to be simple, fair and promote economic growth. A range of proposals were received, including some that would change the tax base from income to consumption or change the way income is taxed altogether. Other proposals would simplify the existing system.

Members of the general public and anyone who works with tax code issues are invited to attend the conference to learn more about which proposals would more likely be adopted. Speakers include:

Former U.S. Rep. Bill Frenzel, a key member of the President's Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform, who will serve as the keynote and present a behind-the-scenes look at the panel's recommendations and the prospects for fundamental tax reform. Frenzel, of Minnesota, retired from the U.S. House of Representatives in 1991 after serving for 20 years;

U.S. Rep. Jim Ramstad, first elected to the U.S. Congress in 1990 and currently a member of the House Ways and Means Committee and chairman of its Oversight Subcommittee, who will provide Capitol Hill's reaction; and

Gary Stern, president and chief executive officer of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, who will discuss the economic implications of tax reform.

The registration fee is \$25 per person. The registration deadline is Jan. 13. For more information, or to register, visit [carlsonschool.umn.edu/taxreform](http://carlsonschool.umn.edu/taxreform), or contact the Master of Business Taxation office, Carlson School of Management, (612) 624-7511. □

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Bruininks' schedule will be as follows:

8:45 - 9:40 a.m. Albert Lea Senior High School: Meet with school administrators about the pre K-12 initiative.

11:00 - 11:30 a.m. Hormel Institute: Visit with Dr. Zigang Dong and staff, and tour facility

12:45 - 1:15 p.m. Austin High School: Visit with student leaders and junior and senior students

3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Reception at Hormel Nature Center

Media wishing to interview Bruininks should contact Daniel Wolter, University News Service, (612) 625-8510 or wolter@umn.edu. □

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### **Baughner tapped to develop new opportunities for U of M with Mexico**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (12/13/2005)--Shirley Baughner, dean of the University of Minnesota's College of Human Ecology, was appointed by Provost Thomas Sullivan Tuesday to lead an effort designed to expand the university's work with higher education institutions in Mexico.

"Dean Baughner has provided strong leadership to the College of Human Ecology over the past five years and she has played a critical role during the transition underway," said Sullivan. "We are pleased she will continue to provide leadership for this important new initiative."

Expanding the university's international programs and scope is an important part of the strategic positioning process, he said. In addition, the number of Mexican nationals living in Minnesota has increased 175 percent in the last decade, compared with the average increase of 53 percent for the United States, he said.

In her new role, Baughner will work with the Office of International Programs and colleges across the university to develop a proposal for new programs and relationships in Mexico.

"This is an exciting opportunity at an exciting time for Minnesota," said Baughner. "Forging stronger international ties that result in the university being better able to serve students and enhance the student experience is a critical part of making this a dynamic international university."

As part of the university's strategic positioning process to become one of the top three public research universities in the world, the College of Human Ecology will be integrated into a new College of Design and an enhanced College of Education and Human Development. Sullivan will name an interim dean to lead the college through the final stages of transition.

Baughner is leaving the College of Human Ecology after serving as dean since June 2000. Accomplishments during her tenure as dean include: increasing sponsored grants and contracts, annual giving, graduate enrollment and the four-year graduation rate from 23 percent in 1999 to 42.6 percent in 2004.

Prior to becoming dean of the College of Human Ecology, Baughner was professor and chair of family and consumer sciences at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln from 1993 to 2000. She received bachelor's and master's degrees in guidance and counseling from Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman University) and a doctorate in education from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Baughner has also served as assistant director of the Minnesota Extension Service, and assistant dean for extension and international programs in the College of Human Ecology from 1983 to 1991. She



taught in public schools in Missouri and Texas, directed home economics education programs in the Missouri State Department of Education and taught at the University of Missouri. She also served as a deputy administrator in the Extension Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture from 1991-1993.

Baughner has extensive international experience, having studied and worked in Brazil, Mexico, Peru, Europe, the former Soviet Union, and recently in China, Thailand, France and Puerto Rico. □

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### **University of Minnesota receives \$500,000 gift from Boston Scientific Corporation for biomedical engineering fellowships**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (12/14/2005)--The University of Minnesota has received a gift of \$500,000 from Boston Scientific Corporation for the creation of the Boston Scientific Corporation Biomedical Engineering Fellowship Fund. The fund will help support new full-time biomedical engineering graduate students during their first semester.

"This gift from Boston Scientific is a critical first step in our goal to continue to attract top biomedical engineering graduate students to the University of Minnesota," said Bob Tranquillo, head of the department of biomedical engineering. "Graduate students are a vital part of the engine that drives our research. By offering fellowship support up front, we can attract students who will continue the university's legacy of breakthrough research in the medical device industry and help chart the frontiers of biomedical engineering."

"Boston Scientific is committed to aiding in the development of tomorrow's scientists, engineers and mathematicians," said Fred Colen, executive vice president and CEO at Boston Scientific. "These same students might some day develop medical technologies that could help save or improve the lives of patients around the world."

The contribution from Boston Scientific, which will be spread over five years, is a lead gift in a campaign to create an endowment designed to ultimately support the entire class of first-year biomedical engineering graduate students each fall. About a third of the contribution will be used immediately for graduate fellowships, while the remainder will be placed in an endowment to earn interest and fund fellowships over time. The goal over five years is to raise at least \$2 million for biomedical engineering fellowships. These funds will be matched by the University of Minnesota to generate an estimated \$200,000 per year to support 20 graduate students during their first semester.

"Biomedical engineering plays a pivotal role in our goal to build stronger ties among biology, medicine and engineering at the university, especially in the area of medical devices," said Steven Crouch, dean of the Institute of Technology. "This gift from Boston Scientific is not only important to the biomedical engineering department, but is important to the future of the entire Institute of Technology." □

**What:** The Transformational Leadership Program (TLP) curriculum

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### **Leading the transformation: 3M helps U of M staff become process improvement leaders**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (12/14/2005)--As part of the Strategic Positioning Initiative, more than 30 task forces are currently working to develop plans to help the University of Minnesota become one of the top three public research universities in the world. Once recommendations have been submitted and priorities decided, the university will need to bring all of its resources to bear in order to successfully execute this transformation.

In an unprecedented private enterprise higher education partnership between the University's Office of Service and Continuous Improvement (OSCI) and 3M, selected staff from a cross-section of colleges, units and campuses are learning how to methodically improve processes in a program known as the Transformational Leadership Program (TLP). TLP's curriculum is based on 3M's world-renowned process improvement techniques that have been customized for higher education and for the University of Minnesota in particular. OSCI's Matt Larson worked directly with 3M to customize the training.

"TLP is teaching participants how to examine the pieces of what we do at the university, determine whether they are being successfully accomplished, fix any gaps in performance and maintain improvements over time," Larson says.

During the next 18 months, participants in the program will complete three weeks of training and lead at least two strategically aligned process improvement projects.

Participants applied to the program in the fall of 2005 and were selected by a committee led by Vice President and Chief of Staff Kathy Brown and Vice President for Human Resources Carol Carrier. Many are alumni of the President's Emerging Leaders Program.

"The TLP program, led by OSCI, is developing a change management and process improvement skill set in a cohort of our emerging leaders. We are excited about the impact these leaders will have on the success of our goals," Brown said.

OSCI's mission is to support the university by serving as a catalyst and mentor for sustainable improvement, energizing and enabling a culture of continuous improvement and collaborating with university units to identify and realize sustainable improvements.

"3M is pleased to join the university in developing a program that helps improve efficiency, increase

service levels and build organizational capacity,” said Alex Cirillo, staff vice president, 3M Community Affairs. “The program will help establish continual improvement as part of daily operations. Improving processes will allow the university’s faculty and staff to continue to strengthen student programs and to produce even more top quality graduates.”

TLP participants will apply their newly acquired skills to improving performance in their own units until spring 2006 when strategic positioning decisions are made and many project implementation efforts are identified. □

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### **Transforming the U task forces release recommendations**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (12/15/2005)--Eleven of the 34 task forces charged with developing recommendations for how to transform the University of Minnesota into a top-three public research university within a decade released their preliminary recommendations Friday, Dec. 16.

The recommendations span a wide range of activities. Included are strategies to raise the profile of international scholarship at the university, improve undergraduate writing, enhance diversity and better partner with the PreK-12 community to ensure academic success for all students.

"The preliminary recommendations are thoughtful and visionary in scope, and present an excellent foundation for decisions about achieving our goal to become a top-three public research university," said Tom Sullivan, senior vice president for academic affairs and provost.

The recommendations also include strategies for creating three new academic collegiate units. The strategies are to create a new interdisciplinary college of design that will combine architecture, landscape architecture, interior design and other related fields; the College of Natural Resources, department of food science and nutrition and College of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences into a single new college; and integrating General College and two departments of the College of Human Ecology into an expanded, redesigned College of Education and Human Development.

"This is an important milestone on a journey that began in February 2005 with the release of the report of the Strategic Positioning Work Group and continued in June with the Board of Regents' overwhelming approval of the president's recommendations to transform the U," said Robert Jones, senior vice president for system administration. "The preliminary recommendations are a product of unprecedented consultation across the university, including numerous public forums and more than 225 focused discussions with individuals and groups."

The full text of the preliminary recommendations is available on the Transforming the U Web site at [http://www.umn.edu/transforming\\_the\\_u](http://www.umn.edu/transforming_the_u). The public is encouraged to review the documents and post their comments via the Web site. Copies of the recommendations in alternative formats can be obtained by calling (612) 624-6868. The public comment period will extend through Jan. 27.

A total of 113 faculty, staff, students and community leaders served on the 11 task forces. The remaining 23 task forces charged with helping transform the university will submit their recommendations in the first half of 2006. □

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## **U.S. Secretary of State Rice announces visiting journalist program; U of M School of Journalism one of six host institutions**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (12/16/2005)--The School of Journalism and Mass Communication (SJMC) at the University of Minnesota has been selected by the U.S. State Department to be one of six host institutions for the newly-announced Edward R. Murrow Journalism Program.

The program, which will enable up to 100 foreign journalists to study and examine U.S. journalistic practices, was announced by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice on December 13.

Rice said the program will emphasize the journalistic values -- "integrity and ethics and courage and social responsibility" -- practiced by Murrow, a leading broadcast journalist from 1935 to 1960, and head of the United States Information Agency from 1961 to 1963.

"We all know that the bedrock pillar of a free society is a free press," Rice said, "and that it is crucial for the foundation of any democracy."

Albert Tims, the director of the SJMC, traveled to Washington D.C. to meet with Rice and publicly announce the program.

"The Murrow Program is a marvelous opportunity for us to contribute to an international discussion about press freedoms and responsibilities in a changing world," Tims said.

Tims was joined by the deans and directors of the other five journalism schools that will participate in the program, which include: the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the University of Texas at Austin, the University of Southern California's Annenberg School, the University of Oklahoma and the University of Kentucky. The Aspen Institute will also hold a symposium for the international journalists.

The SJMC's selection to participate in this initiative illustrates the outstanding national reputation of the school's faculty and academic programs, according to Steven Rosenstone, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, the home college for the SJMC. "We are honored that the SJMC can play a leading role in our country and in the world at this important time in history."

As part of the Murrow Program, about a dozen foreign journalists will visit the SJMC in April 2006, participating in a week-long series of workshops and discussions related to journalistic practices in the United States. The Minnesota Journalism Center, the outreach arm of the SJMC, will design and run the program.

Each participating university will have autonomy in developing the programmatic activities for the

visiting journalists. The six schools and the Aspen Institute will host a total of more than 100 journalists.

The School of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Minnesota prepares students to be leaders in communication fields and to be thoughtful, productive citizens in their communities and in public life by promoting the advancement of knowledge about mass communication as it relates to the individual, community and society. □



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**'U of M Moment' feature links for the week of Dec. 19**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (12/16/2005)--"University of Minnesota Moment" radio features for the week of Monday, Dec. 19, are available to Minnesota radio stations for free.

The features are as follows:

- Monday, Dec. 19. "Deer Avoidance Project"

Fully produced :90 feature: [http://blog.lib.umn.edu/urelate/radio/deer\\_avoidance\\_project.mp3](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/urelate/radio/deer_avoidance_project.mp3)

- Tuesday, Dec. 20. "Holiday Overindulgence"

Fully produced :90 feature: [http://blog.lib.umn.edu/urelate/radio/holiday\\_overindulgence.mp3](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/urelate/radio/holiday_overindulgence.mp3)

- Wednesday, Dec. 21. "Ice Safety"

Fully produced :90 feature: [http://blog.lib.umn.edu/urelate/radio/ice\\_safety.mp3](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/urelate/radio/ice_safety.mp3)

- Thursday, Dec. 22. "Tree Care"

Fully produced :90 feature: [http://blog.lib.umn.edu/urelate/radio/tree\\_care.mp3](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/urelate/radio/tree_care.mp3)

- Friday, Dec. 23. "Immigrant Holiday Assimilation"

Fully produced :90 feature: [http://blog.lib.umn.edu/urelate/radio/immigr\\_holiday\\_assimilation.mp3](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/urelate/radio/immigr_holiday_assimilation.mp3)

All of the features will be posted the day for which they are scheduled at  
<http://blog.lib.umn.edu/urelate/radio/> □

**What:** Janice Hogan named interim dean for College of Human Ecology

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### **Provost names interim dean for College of Human Ecology**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (12/19/2005)--Janice Hogan has been appointed interim dean of the College of Human Ecology, University of Minnesota Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Thomas Sullivan announced today.

Hogan's appointment takes effect Jan. 1. Hogan replaces Shirley Baugher, who is taking on a new role working with the Office of International Programs and colleges across the university to develop a proposal for new programs and relationships in Mexico.

Hogan has served previously as both an associate dean and department head.

"Her leadership stands out as exemplary," Sullivan said.

Within the College of Human Ecology, Hogan has received the Outstanding Faculty Award and the Dean's Award for Outstanding. She also received the President's Distinguished Service Award in 2003.

Hogan's appointment runs until June 30, 2006. □

- What:** "The West Bank: Campus and Communities," an exhibition exploring the history of the Cedar-Riverside neighborhood
- When:** Dec. 21, 2005 – Jan. 27, 2006
- Where:** Elmer L. Andersen Library, 222 21st Ave. S., Minneapolis
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### Exhibit reveals history of U of M West Bank neighborhoods

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (12/20/2005)--The rich history of the communities surrounding the West Bank campus of the University of Minnesota will be explored in "Community/University: Students Explore West Bank History," an exhibition sponsored by the department of history and the University Libraries at the University of Minnesota. The exhibit features projects by undergraduate students enrolled in a public history course offered by the university. The exhibit opens Dec. 21, 2005 and runs through Jan. 27, 2006, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., in the exhibit gallery of Elmer L. Andersen Library, 222 21st Ave. S., Minneapolis. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

Among the projects on display are a multimedia installation on the Cedar-Riverside music scene, from folk to punk, that features a documentary film containing interviews with musicians and fans; an exhibit that traces the fascinating process of researching and developing Bedlam Theatre's musical, "West Bank Story," which is based on Cedar-Riverside history; and an installation on the history of Little Earth, a community of urban Indians from 48 tribes and the only non-profit corporation in the nation to provide urban Native-controlled housing. The Little Earth installation was developed in collaboration with students and Little Earth residents.

The class emphasized the ways in which historical knowledge enhances community viability and civic engagement, according to Kevin Murphy, the College of Liberal Arts history professor who taught the course. The students conducted primary and secondary research using interviews, published materials, and unique collections from the University Archives, which are also located in Andersen Library. Community-based learning and collaboration with community organizations were central to the course.

"Through the course, students put their academic skills to work to bring community history alive and to make connections between the university and the West Bank neighborhood," said M. J. Maynes, department of history chair. "This exhibit offers evidence of the exciting new opportunities available to

undergraduates, experiences that will be valuable for a whole range of future careers.”

The University Archives provided a unique intellectual resource for students in the course, said Elisabeth Kaplan, director of the archives. “Students made use of primary source materials,” Kaplan said, “including unique items like historic photographs of student protests, records on the growth of the Native American population on the West Bank, and original maps of the expanding West Bank campus. Without this kind of firsthand evidence, history is often impossible to reconstruct.”

The exhibit is made possible through Coca-Cola Academic and Community Initiative grants. □

**What:** Award-winning architect and former faculty member John Rauma dies  
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### **Award-winning architect and former faculty member John Rauma dies**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (12/20/2005)--John Rauma, a nationally recognized and award-winning architect who taught in the University of Minnesota's architecture department for 41 years, died Dec. 15. He was 79 years old and lived in Hopkins. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, at Unity Church Unitarian, Portland Avenue and Grotto Street, St. Paul.

Rauma received his bachelor's degree in architecture from the University of Minnesota in 1950 and his master's of architecture degree from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1952. He was a lecturer at the University of California, Berkeley, and came to the U of M in 1956 when appointed to the architecture faculty by Ralph Rapson, longtime head of the former School of Architecture. Rauma taught at the University of Minnesota until 1997.

In addition to teaching, he was a design manager at Thorshov and Cerny from 1954 to 1963. During this time, he designed the 1960 section of Rapson Hall, which houses the College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture. After Rauma founded his own firm with David Griswold in 1963, he designed many buildings for the University of Minnesota, among them Middlebrook and Wiley halls on the West Bank and classroom buildings on the St. Paul campus. All were designed in the understated tradition of Minnesota modernism.

Rauma became a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects in 1970. He was also a consultant to the Capitol Area Architecture Planning Board. He helped shape the Twin Cities landscape through his design work and as an adviser to the Capital Area Architectural and Planning Board, where he helped prompt redesign of the freeway corridor passing the State Capitol. He played a key role in the construction of the beautiful bridges over Interstate Highway 94. In 2000, the American Institute of Architects Minnesota awarded Rauma the Gold Medal, its highest honor.

As lead designer in the firm of Thorshov and Cerny, which dominated the Minneapolis architectural scene in the 1950s and '60s, Rauma worked on such landmarks as Metropolitan Stadium (now razed) and the terminal at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.

“John will be remembered by an entire generation of former students for his caring and thoughtfulness” said Thomas Fisher, dean at the College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture.

Rauma is survived by his wife of 55 years, Wanda; daughter, Ann (Phil) Laciura; sons, Peter (Lynn), Allan (Betty), and David (Mary Kay); eight grandchildren, Elizabeth, Michael, John, Natalie, Madeline, Allan John, Jeffrey and Genna. The family prefers memorials be given to the American Diabetes Association or University of Minnesota College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture. □

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Memorials to the University of Minnesota Foundation designated for the College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture can be sent to CALA, University of Minnesota, 89 Church St. S.E., Minneapolis, MN 55455. □



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### **U of M selects noted architects for ecology buildings**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (12/21/2005)--The architectural firm of Rafferty Rafferty Tollefson has been selected to design a \$5.5 million expansion of facilities at Cedar Creek Natural History Area in Bethel, Minn., that will add 22,300 square feet of research, education, outreach and housing space to the world-renowned ecological research site.

Established in 1961, the St. Paul firm has received more than 60 awards for design excellence. It specializes in design of educational, civic and religious structures that "lift the human spirit and respect the natural environment." Credits include the new Visitor's Center at the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in Chanhassen; a 63,000-square-foot science building at the University of Minnesota, Morris; Engel Hall and Sexton Commons at St. Johns University; and the Como Zoo Large Cat Exhibit.

The Cedar Creek project will complement Lawrence Laboratory, which was built in 1956 and is the main existing building at the site. Plans call for converting Lawrence Laboratory into administrative space and adding the following:

- A 12,000-square-foot Science and Outreach Center, with laboratories, classrooms, computer rooms, library, auditorium, meeting rooms and exhibit space.
- 10,300 square feet of new housing for researchers, visiting faculty, and student interns.

For the past 20 years, Cedar Creek has served as a living laboratory for David Tilman, Regents Professor of Ecology, whose long-term ecological experiments at Cedar Creek proved that biodiversity is essential for strong and healthy ecosystems. Tilman, a member of the National Academy of Sciences, is the most cited ecologist in the United States.

The number of faculty and students who work at Cedar Creek each summer has grown along with Tilman's federally funded research program from fewer than 10 in 1981 to more than 130 in 2005. Lack of space and adequate research facilities limits the number of people who can be accommodated and slows the progress of research.

The College of Biological Sciences has raised approximately \$750,000 of the \$5.5 million projected cost. For more information about Cedar Creek Natural History Area go to <http://www.lter.umn.edu/> or call (612) 624-0774. □

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**'U of M Moment' feature links for the week of Dec. 26**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (12/22/2005)--"University of Minnesota Moment" radio features for the week of Monday, Dec. 26, are available to Minnesota radio stations for free. Due to the holiday, this week's features are "best of."

The features are as follows:

- Monday, Dec. 26. "Wind Turbine"

Fully produced :90 feature: [http://blog.lib.umn.edu/urelate/radio/Wind\\_Power.mp3](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/urelate/radio/Wind_Power.mp3)

- Tuesday, Dec. 27. "Whole Grains"

Fully produced :90 feature: [http://blog.lib.umn.edu/urelate/radio/Whole\\_Grains.mp3](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/urelate/radio/Whole_Grains.mp3)

- Wednesday, Dec. 28. "Cheddar Cheese, Blood Pressure"

Fully produced :90 feature: <http://blog.lib.umn.edu/urelate/radio/Cheese.mp3>

- Thursday, Dec. 29. "Migrant Workers"

Fully produced :90 feature: [http://blog.lib.umn.edu/urelate/radio/Migrant\\_Workers.mp3](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/urelate/radio/Migrant_Workers.mp3)

- Friday, Dec. 30. "Winterizing"

Fully produced :90 feature: <http://blog.lib.umn.edu/urelate/radio/Winterizing.mp3>

All of the features will be posted the day for which they are scheduled at  
<http://blog.lib.umn.edu/urelate/radio/> □

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**U OF M AND TCF BANK EXTEND  
STADIUM NAMING RIGHTS AGREEMENT**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (12/22/05) --TCF Financial Corp. and the University of Minnesota announced today that they have extended the \$35 million agreement to name the university's proposed new on-campus football stadium TCF Bank Stadium. The original agreement was set to expire Dec. 31, 2005, and will now be extended to June 30, 2006. The extension was necessary because the Minnesota Legislature has not taken action on a bill to finance the state's portion of the stadium's \$249 million cost.

"The university very much appreciates TCF's willingness to extend this agreement and continue their commitment to bringing Gopher football back to campus," university President Robert Bruininks said. "Now we need the Legislature to do its part. There is broad bipartisan support for this stadium, so there's no reason for not passing the necessary legislation."

"TCF is proud to be a partner with the University of Minnesota in helping make this new stadium a reality, and we're willing to give the Legislature six more months to get their part of the job done," said William A. Cooper, TCF Financial Corp. board chairman and chief executive officer. "This stadium means a lot to the university, its students, alumni and the state. We hope TCF's renewed commitment to the project gives it the momentum we need to get TCF Bank Stadium built."

The university's plan for a 50,000-seat, on-campus stadium includes paying for 60 percent of the cost with nonstate dollars. A substantial portion of that cost is expected to come from private contributions and corporate sponsorships. Forty percent of the cost would be funded by the state. Legislation providing for the state's share had bipartisan support during the 2005 legislative session, but fell victim to the budgetary impasse that led to a special session this summer.

"The clock is ticking on this stadium project," Bruininks said. "Every day of delay drives the cost higher. We need the Legislature to take action in early 2006 if this is going to get done."

Bruininks said that the lack of legislative action has already delayed the stadium's opening by one year, to 2009, and added significant cost to the project.

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**What:** College in the Schools Political Science Field Day

**When:** 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 4

**Where:** Tate Laboratory of Physics, Room 150, 116 Church St. S.E., Minneapolis

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### Area high school students to debate hot political issues as part of U of M's College in the Schools program

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (12/28/2005)--More than 230 political science students from six area high schools will take a unique look at political decision-making in government from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 4, in Room 150 of the U of M's Tate Laboratory of Physics, 116 Church St. S.E., Minneapolis.

The students, all part of the university's College in the Schools (CIS) program, will hear arguments from panelists on both sides of some of the most controversial issues dividing today's lawmakers – a statewide smoking ban, teaching evolution vs. intelligent design and same-sex marriage/gay rights. The students will then form juries to discuss and develop common ground solutions on each issue. To conclude the day, students will present their recommendations to Sen. Sandra Pappas, president pro tem of the Minnesota Senate and chair of the Higher Education Budget Division of the Senate Finance Committee.

The annual College in the Schools Field Day is modeled after the citizen jury process developed in 1974 by Minnesota's Jefferson Center. This direct form of political decision-making is a stimulating experience, especially for some CIS participants who have yet to reach voting age.

“Not only are students empowered in the political sense,” explains Susan Henderson, director of College in the Schools, “but their field day experience – combined with their CIS courses – empowers them as students, preparing them for the demands of college academics and easing the transition from high school to college.”

#### About the Field Day Series

The Jan. 4 event is one in a series of field days, covering several subject areas, scheduled for 2006. Field days give students a taste of life on the University of Minnesota campus and complement the instruction they receive in class. On Jan. 13, the Applied Economics Field Day will follow the same

citizen jury format to address the government's role in reducing air pollution.

## About College in the Schools

The College in the Schools program works with selected high school teachers who receive training and ongoing professional development from University of Minnesota faculty. The teachers teach an introductory university class as part of their regular high school teaching load. Students in those classes earn both high school and U of M credits. By experiencing college courses – using the same, or comparable, texts and doing the same, or comparable, assignments as those done by students taking the same courses on campus – CIS students experience the fast pace, high academic standards and individual responsibility essential for college success.

College in the Schools (CIS) is administered by the University of Minnesota's College of Continuing Education and is accredited by the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP). For nearly two decades, CIS courses have been taught by specially-trained high school teachers at the students' own high schools. Subject areas include world and classical languages, American history, English composition and literature, political science and economics.

Students, parents, or school administrators can learn more about College in the Schools by visiting [www.cce.umn.edu/collegeintheschools](http://www.cce.umn.edu/collegeintheschools) or calling (612) 625-6361. □

**A photograph of Bruininks, McNamara and Warmath is available at [http://www1.umn.edu/urelate/newsservice/files/m\\_w\\_b.jpg](http://www1.umn.edu/urelate/newsservice/files/m_w_b.jpg), or by emailing Asim Dorovic at [dorovic@umn.edu](mailto:dorovic@umn.edu).**

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## **Gopher football legends named honorary co-chairs of stadium fundraising campaign; Richard 'Pinky' McNamara and Coach Murray Warmath to team up again**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (12/28/2005)--The University of Minnesota announced today that Gopher football greats Richard "Pinky" McNamara and Murray Warmath will serve as honorary co-chairs of the "Back to Campus" football stadium fundraising campaign. McNamara is also making a \$1.25 million gift to the campaign.

McNamara and Warmath will be joining overall campaign co-chairs John and Nancy Lindahl to raise private contributions for the new stadium.

"I am pleased and honored to announce that these two great Gopher legends have agreed to serve as honorary co-chairs for this campaign," said university President Robert Bruininks. "Coach Warmath and Pinky McNamara are teaming up for a victory, just as they did in the 1950's. This time it's to bring Gopher football back to campus where it belongs."

Warmath was head coach at the University of Minnesota for 18 seasons, from 1954 to 1971, more than any other coach except Henry Williams. He led the Gophers to a national championship in 1960, two Big Ten Championships in 1960 and 1967, and two back-to-back Rose Bowl appearances in 1960 and 1961. He coached nine first-team All-Americans and is considered one of the most beloved all-time coaches in Gopher sports history.

"The University of Minnesota will benefit a great deal from having a stadium back on campus," said Warmath. "It's about more than the football games. It's also about a great atmosphere for students and for fans. My memories from my years in Memorial Stadium are vivid to this day. I'll do whatever I can to help with this project and bring that experience to a new generation."

McNamara played for Coach Warmath from 1954 to 1956 as a halfback on offense and defense. He lettered all three years and played in the college football blue/grey all-star game in 1956. A College of Liberal Arts alumnus and successful businessman, McNamara served as a member of the Board of Regents from 2001 to 2005. In addition to the \$1.25 million stadium gift, McNamara contributed \$10 million in 1998 to help fund the McNamara Alumni Center and to support students and student-athletes in the College of Liberal Arts and intercollegiate athletics. In 1992 he donated \$119,000 to the College of Liberal Arts in honor of his two university advisers.

“I will never be able to repay the University of Minnesota for what it has meant in my life and my career,” said McNamara. “The university has made such a difference in so many lives as well as in the quality of life of this state. I am pleased to be of service to the university again, this time to bring Gopher football back to campus.”

The university’s plan to build a \$248 million, 50,000-seat campus stadium includes paying for 60 percent of the cost with nonstate dollars. A substantial portion of that cost is expected to come from corporate sponsorships and private contributions. The remaining 40 percent would be funded by the state. The fundraising campaign is responsible for raising the private gifts.

“Thanks to this commitment from Pinky and Coach Warmath, I’m more confident than ever that we can raise our share of the money,” said Joel Maturi, university athletics director. Many donors are waiting for the state to make its commitment before they make theirs. Now we need the Legislature to take action on our stadium bill early in 2006.” □



**What:** Seeking nominations for the 2006 Hubert H. Humphrey Public Leadership Awards

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### **U of M Humphrey Institute seeks nominations for the 2006 Hubert H. Humphrey Public Leadership Awards**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (12/28/2005)--The University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs in Minneapolis, Minn., seeks nominations for the 2006 Hubert H. Humphrey Public Leadership Awards. This awards program honors individuals and organizations that have made contributions to the common good through public leadership and service. Four awards are given annually: two awards to outstanding leaders (either emerging or established); one award to celebrate the work of the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs (to a faculty member, student, center, research project, etc.); and a Dean's Award given to a candidate selected by the Humphrey Institute dean. Past recipients of the Dean's Award include former Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright.

Nominations must be submitted in writing and should indicate how the nominee has contributed significantly to the common good through public leadership or service in elected office, the nonprofit/non-governmental sector, community service and/or the private sector. Such contributions could include altering the political landscape through a lifetime of public leadership, sustaining a major positive influence through a career of public service, fostering a sense of community, demonstrating social entrepreneurship, furthering active citizenship and/or demonstrating a significant act of courage in the face of opposition, pressure, or challenging circumstances.

Special consideration will be given to nominees who have blurred political boundaries--whether working across party lines, crossing geo-political borders or bridging other traditional divides. Nominees need not be from Minnesota. To nominate an individual, organization or project, please submit the following information:

- Name and contact information of nominee, including address, telephone, fax and e-mail.
- Name and contact information of nominator(s), including address, telephone, fax and e-mail.
- Resume or summary of accomplishments of nominee (not to exceed two pages).
- Letter of nomination describing how the nominee satisfies the criteria listed above (not to exceed one page).

Letters of recommendation and resumes must be submitted on 8 x 11 white paper for ease and quality of reproduction. Please do not submit clippings, brochures or other attachments; they will be discarded.

Letters of nomination must be postmarked no later than Jan. 31, 2006. Only letters with all contact information will be considered. Nominations may be submitted via regular mail, special delivery, e-mail or fax. The names of the nominees and nominators will be held in confidence.

Please send nomination materials to Camille J. Gage/Hubert H. Humphrey Public Leadership Award, Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, 301 19th Ave. S., Suite 307, Minneapolis, Minn., 55455, or via e-mail to [cgage@hhh.umn.edu](mailto:cgage@hhh.umn.edu) or fax to (612) 625-6351. For more information, contact Gage at (612) 625-5309. □