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Sesquicentennial planning was the topic when Regents Professor Ellen Berscheid met with the Faculty Consultative Committee (FCC) Dec. 17. Berscheid and vice provost Robert Jones are cochairs of the sesquicentennial committee. "We are in the process of planning, and we do need help. We particularly need help from faculty," Berscheid said. Events will be from late August 2000 through late May 2001. Committee wants suggestions about "events that you think the faculty would enjoy or want." To offer ideas, go to Web site at <http://www.umn.edu/sesqui/>.

One important goal of the sesquicentennial will be to have fun, Berscheid said; President Yudof warned against a series of lectures. Fred Morrison suggested that departments set up historical displays featuring "significant people who have taught here and significant discoveries that have been made here." Sara Evans said similar information could be made available on departmental Web pages, linked to the sesquicentennial page.

Stanford Lehmborg, professor emeritus of history, and Ann Pflaum, associate dean of U College, are writing a sequel volume to James Gray's centennial history of the U, based in part on interviews conducted by history professor emeritus Clarke Chambers. Book will be published in time for the sesquicentennial in 2000-01.

V. Rama Murthy gave a progress report on a joint AAUP-FCC project to form small focus groups for tenure-track faculty. Each group would be small, with maybe 2 senior faculty and 4 tenure-track faculty from different departments, and the topics would include concerns of tenure-track faculty and advice from senior faculty. "We want to make it very personal" and "introduce the communal aspect of our life here very early on," Murthy said. First group might meet in middle or late winter quarter. Concerns that emerge would be brought to the FCC. Judith Martin suggested that the program be coordinated with the Bush Faculty Development Program.

Norma Allewell, vice provost for research and graduate/professional education and professor of biochemistry, has been named associate VP for sponsored programs and technology licensing at Harvard U, starting in early January. "Norma has made outstanding contributions [to the U] in research, teaching, and University-wide leadership," Provost Bruininks said. "She has played a key leadership role in the successful innovations taking place under the biological sciences reorganization, and her contributions to this process will be missed."

Use of plus-minus grades in 1997-98 was reviewed by Senate Committee on Educational Policy in December. For 1xxx, 3xxx, and 5xxx courses enrolling 10 or more students, proportion of sections using plus-minus grades by campus was 74.3% TC, 81.4% UMD, 72.4% UMM, 28.6% UMC. 1997-98 was first year for widespread use of plus-minus grades on all campuses except Duluth. There was little difference in overall GPA. For 1xxx, 3xxx, and 5xxx courses, GPAs by campus for 1997-98 (compared to 1996-97) are: UMC 2.706 (2.636); UMD 2.836 (2.855); UMM 3.009 (3.171); TC 3.094 (3.132). Change at Morris may reflect the reinstatement of F grade and associated decline in use of N grade. More information available at <http://www.irr.umn.edu/graderep/>.

Nomination deadline for the John Tate Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Advising is March 12. Up to 4 faculty and professional advisers will be selected for the \$1,500 awards. Information will be sent to deans and department chairs, or call Karen Linqvist (612) 624-9817 for information and nomination forms. Nomination guidelines may also be found at the following Web site: <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/awards/>.

Top long-term goal of the Civil Service Committee for 1998-99 is to "improve employee benefits for all civil service employees (retirement, tuition, health, and flexible benefits)." To that end a Benefits Subcommittee chaired by Gavin Watt (gdw@tc.umn.edu) and Tom Stark (starkt@fm.facm.umn.edu) is being formed. Second general meeting will be Jan. 8, 1-2 p.m., in 2 Magrath Library (formerly St. Paul Central Library).

Office for University Women, formerly the Commission on Women, invites proposals from faculty, staff, and students on all 4 campuses for projects that further the goal of improving the campus climate for women. For more information or an application packet call (612) 625-2385 x 3.

Test of English for International Communication (TOEIC) will be offered on the TC campus starting in February; next closest site is Madison. The TOEIC is used around the globe as a measure of English proficiency in real-life situations. More than 7 million people in 2,000 companies, universities, and other organizations use this test each year. Upcoming test dates are Feb. 25, May 20, and Aug. 5. Call the Minnesota English Center at (612) 624-1503.

CROOKSTON--Ardis Thompson, executive secretary in development, received the Outstanding Employee of the Quarter Award from the United Staff Association.

DULUTH--Linda Kinnear began Nov. 30 as coordinator of UMD development data management and research. She was previously education coordinator for the Miller-Dwan Foundation in Duluth.

Honors: Michael Lalich, director of Natural Resources Research Institute, received a Distinguished Service Award from the U of Wisconsin-Madison's College of Engineering. Diane Dorland, professor and head of the Department of Chemical Engineering, has been elected one of 4 directors of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers.

MORRIS--About 50 students attended Morris city council meetings this fall to voice concerns about Morris rental housing. As a result, a 7-member ad hoc committee will prepare a housing inspection form by February. A 2nd committee, to be named by Morris mayor Carol Wilcox, will serve as mediators between renters and landlords.

A campuswide food drive effort, coordinated by Campus Compact intern Kelly Klosterman, Maple Grove, collected 720 pounds of food for the Stevens County Food Shelf.

TWIN CITIES--Gift of \$1 million from Cornelia Ooms Beck will establish the Robert Holmes Beck Chair of Ideas in Education. Chair, in memory of former Regents Professor Robert Beck, is the first in the country dedicated to scholarly study of the concepts underlying critical issues in education.

Legislative briefing to bring U supporters together at the start of the 1999 legislative session to become effective advocates will be Jan. 13, 5:30 p.m., at the Humphrey Center. President Yudof and other U leaders will describe the 1999 request and how you can help. For information call Les Heen at (612) 626-0913.

Grants: U.S. Agency for International Development has given \$4.9 million to fund a 3-year Humphrey Institute Center for Nations in Transition project to strengthen management education in Ukraine. Project is intended to produce a new generation of public and private sector managers capable of working through the economic transition and whose efforts will eventually lead to a more sustainable economic environment, said Zbigniew Bochniarz, Center for Nations in Transition director. National Institutes of Health awarded \$5 million to launch the Drug Addiction Research Center in Molecular and Cellular Biology. Center brings together researchers who study drug-induced changes in single nerve cells to better understand how addiction to such drugs as marijuana, nicotine, caffeine, and opiates occurs. "If we can understand how addiction works on the cellular or molecular level, we can understand the nature of addiction," said Horace Loh, center director and head of the pharmacology department.

Field ornithologist David Parmelee died Dec. 16 of cancer. He was a faculty member in ecology, evolution, and behavior and director of the Lake Itasca Forestry and Biological Station from 1970 until 1986, then was a professor and curator of birds at the Bell Museum of Natural History until his retirement from the U in 1992.

Announcements: Nominations for newly established University Outstanding Community Service Award are due Jan. 29. Award recognizes faculty, staff, or community members who have made enduring contributions to the community and to improving public life and the well-being of society. Approximately 5 awards will be given this year for the TC campus. Awards given to faculty or staff will carry a recurring salary augmentation of \$1,500 annually. For more information, contact Linda Blake at (612) 626-7730. Office of Human Resources will begin holding information sessions on the job application process for anyone interested in applying for civil service/represented bargaining unit positions at the U. They will be held every other Wednesday beginning Jan. 6, 5:15-6:15 p.m. in 170 Donhowe Building. Sign-up to attend is not required. For more information on these sessions, call 625-2000 to speak to a representative. Tandem Language Partner Program matches students studying English as a 2nd language at the U with Americans for a conversation exchange. Especially needed are people interested in meeting a student from an Asian country. Contact Andrea Poulos at 626-9581 or e-mail poulo002@tc.umn.edu. Application deadline for winter quarter is Jan. 13, and there is a mandatory orientation Jan. 20 at 5 p.m.

Events: Memories of the Holocaust, Armenian genocide, Native American genocide, and genocide in the former Yugoslavia and Africa are explored in the exhibit "Absence/Presence: The Artistic Memory of the Holocaust and Contemporary Genocide," at the Katherine Nash Gallery Jan. 7-Feb. 25. Opening reception is scheduled for 6-8:30 p.m. Jan. 7 at the gallery. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. M-W and F, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Th, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sa. Gallery is located on the lower concourse of Willey Hall. "Governor Ventura: Minnesota's Gubernatorial Election and Its Implications for THE BODY Politic," Humphrey Institute Policy Forum public seminar, Jan. 14, noon-5:30 p.m., Humphrey Center, \$25, (612) 625-8330.

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Omnibus spending bill passed by Congress in October includes language requiring federal agencies to ensure that all data produced under research grants "be made available to the public through the procedures established under the Freedom of Information Act." Federal relations director Tom Etten told the Faculty Consultative Committee (FCC) Jan. 7 that the language was "hidden away in a 4,000-page bill," and "now we have a mess on our hands." Faculty members across the country are saying the law would impede their ability to do research.

Inability of researchers to guarantee confidentiality of data is one major concern. "This would wipe out my discipline," said anthropology professor Stephen Gudeman. Researchers could not get into any country if confidentiality could not be assured. Others talked about how research in this country would be blocked.

Immediate focus is on the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), which may modify the language after a 60-day period for comment. Etten encouraged faculty to send comments about "where you think your research would be vulnerable." Nils Hasselmo, president of the Association of American Universities, has written to OMB director Jacob Lew. At the U, the Research Committee has passed a resolution opposing the law and will take it to the U Senate in February. Etten said it would be good to "inundate" the OMB with expressions of concern.

Long-term goal is to get the law repealed. Etten said he will work to get every member of the House from Minnesota to cosign the bill to rescind the law. "This is a crummy way to start a congressional session," Etten said, but "here's the fire and it has to be put out."

Improving higher education opportunities for students from the TC metro area was one topic when Provost Bruininks met with the FCC. President Yudof and Minnesota State Colleges and Universities chancellor Morrie Anderson have met "to explore the possibility of establishing at least a consortium or a work group," he said.

Primary focus is on underprepared students. Dropout rate in urban high schools is growing, and percentage of high school graduates who go on to higher education has declined. Idea is not for the U to become an open-access institution, he said, but there are things the U can do in working with high schools and state colleges.

Revised animal care policy, approved by Research Committee, will go to regents. Current policy was passed in 1978 and is "20 years behind in a very dynamic area," David Hamilton told FCC; revised policy reflects current practice. Resolution says the Board of Regents "affirms the appropriate use of animals in research and adopts and continues its commitment to the highest standards for the humane care and use of laboratory animals."

Possibility of at least selective exemptions from nonresident tuition rates, to increase the U's ability to recruit students from across the country and to pull brainpower into the state, was discussed at FCC meeting with President Yudof Dec. 30. It would be important not to reduce opportunities for Minnesotans. FCC saw this as an idea worth pursuing, and it was agreed that the Committee on Educational Policy would take it up.

Yudof and the FCC then touched upon the first-year student seminars. The students need to be surveyed to find out what they got out of them, the president said. He also said it is not true that U faculty are uninterested in undergraduate education. The faculty do want real courses and students with whom they can interact--not 400 students in a class--and they know how to teach undergraduates and enjoy it.

Public forums for candidates for VP for University services began Monday with presentation by Mohammed Qayoumi, vice chancellor for administrative services at U of Missouri-Rolla. Presentation by interim VP Eric Kruse will be Jan. 14, noon-1 p.m., 317-318 Donhowe Building. President's office sent e-mail invitations to both forums last week.

All TC campus telephone numbers, including those in St. Paul, still have the 612 area code. Five-digit dialing still works on campus for 624, 625, 626, and 627 numbers. People dialing from off campus in St. Paul must add the area code. To dial the dial-in modem number from St. Paul, edit the dial-in script and add the area code 612. For more info about the 612 and 651 area codes in the TC metro area, see Web page at <http://www.nts.umn.edu>.

Deadline for nominating TC and nonrepresented UMD faculty candidates for the Senate Consultative Committee is Jan. 19. Nominations should be forwarded to the Senate Office, 427 Morrill Hall, (612) 625-9369, fax (612) 626-1609, e-mail senate@mailbox.mail.umn.edu. Include service and qualifications. Current members whose terms continue beyond this year are Linda Brady, Mary Dempsey, David Hamilton, Fred Morrison, V. Rama Murthy, and Matthew Tirrell. Members whose terms expire June 30 are Sara Evans and Roberta Humphreys. Faculty should look for a nomination form in their mail this week.

CROOKSTON--Student Success Fair is today (Jan. 13, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.), in Sahlstrom Conference Center lobby. The fair is sponsored by Student Activities/Service Learning Office.

UMC Teambackers Fun Night will be Jan. 23, 6-11 p.m., in the Crookston National Guard Armory. Proceeds go to UMC Athletic Scholarships. Tickets are \$35 and include dinner.

DULUTH--UMD Safety Awareness Fair will be in the Kirby Student Center Ballroom B, Jan. 26, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Programs ranging from safety to health issues include back health and safety, ergonomic health, and tips on slips, trips, and falls. Neck and shoulder chair massages, plus a demonstration site for keyboards and office chairs, will also be available. Watch for intercampus mailing and flyers posted around campus in January.

Joseph Gallian, professor, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, has been named codirector of Project NExT (New Experiences in Teaching), a program for new and recent Ph.D.'s in mathematical sciences that focuses on the teaching and learning of undergraduates. The program is sponsored by the Mathematical Association of America.

MORRIS--In celebration of Women's Week, the Humanities Fine Arts Gallery will present "A Stitch in Time: Minnesota Quilts Past and Present." The exhibit, Jan. 11-Feb. 5, will feature unique contemporary works from artist and quilt expert Helen Kelley and antique quilts of various traditional patterns from Stevens County and surrounding communities. Public opening at 7 p.m. Jan. 11 in the gallery. Quilt/Art Show and Tell at 8 p.m. Jan. 26 in the Alumni Room. Gallery hours: M-F 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Su 1-5 p.m.

TWIN CITIES--"Living the Dream," a concert celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., will be Jan. 17, 2 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. Program is presented in partnership with the Minnesota Dance Alliance.

Seminar on Building Blocks of Anti-Bias and Multicultural Practices in Early Childhood Education will be Jan. 23, 8-noon, in Earle Brown Continuing Education Center. Opening remarks will be by Tonya Moten Brown, President Yudof's chief of staff, and keynote address will be by Verna Simmons. Sponsored by U of M Child Care Center, a program of the College of Education and Human Development, with support from the Office of U Women. Seminar is free, but advanced registration is requested. Call (612) 627-4014.

New members of the Academic Health Center Faculty Consultative Committee are Timothy Wiedmann, pharmacy; Stephanie Valberg, veterinary medicine; Patricia Ferrieri, medicine; Kathie Krichbaum, nursing; Judy Garrard, public health; and Frederic Hafferty, Duluth. David Hamilton, Medical School, and Muriel Bibeau, School of Dentistry, are returning members. Bibeau will chair the new committee.

Visitors: Min-Zhan Lu, Endowment Professor of the Humanities at Drake U, is the winter 1999 speaker of the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies of Writing. She is nationally known for her work on multiculturalism and literacy. She will speak on "Redefining the Literate Self: The Politics of Critical Affirmation" Jan. 28, 7:30 p.m., Radisson Hotel. Poet Naomi Shihab will visit the Creative Writing Program Jan. 29. She will lead conversation on "Larger Lives: The Writing Devotion" at a reception Jan. 29, 3:30 p.m., 207a Lind Hall. Open to the public.

Community-University Health Care Center/Variety Children's Clinic is operating a reading program with funds from Reading Is Fundamental and Reach Out and Read. A book is given to every child at every visit; last year, 3,700 books were given away. Clinic also offers a reading program where volunteers come to the clinic and read to the children in the lobby while they are waiting for care. U staff are invited to volunteer to read for perhaps an hour a week or to assist parents with their own literacy. Clinic hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. M, W, F, and 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Tu-Th. Donations of children's books are also welcome. Call (612) 627-4774.

Minnesota Student Project for Amity Among Nations is seeking adviser applications and country proposals for summer 2000. Up to 6 countries may be chosen. Duties include recruiting students, facilitating country group meetings, helping with individual research projects, traveling to host country and being accessible to students for a minimum of 8 weeks, and grading completed projects. Candidates must have a master's degree, extensive knowledge of proposed country, and teaching and advising experience. Ph.D. is preferred. Two-year commitment begins spring 1999. Call (612) 626-1083, email Lspan@tc.umn.edu or visit Web site at <http://www.mnspan.org>.

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Academy of Distinguished Teachers was established at an inauguration and induction ceremony yesterday (Jan. 19). Goals are to ensure the continuation of world class instruction, honor exceptional teachers, and publicly recognize the importance of teaching. Seventy-five faculty members representing all U campuses were inducted.

Members of the academy will serve the U and their colleagues as mentors for new faculty, consultants on teaching improvement, spokespersons for teaching at the U, and advisers to the chancellors, provost, and president. Academy members will serve 5-year terms after receiving either the Morse-Alumni Award for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Education or the Award for Outstanding Contributions to Graduate and Professional Education. Members will also receive a permanent salary supplement, a professional development supplement, and use of the title Distinguished Teaching Professor during their careers at the U.

Thomas Etten, director of federal relations for 7 years, has been appointed executive director of government relations for the Johns Hopkins Institutions, a new position responsible for contact with federal, state, and local governments. He will begin work at Johns Hopkins March 1.

Issues of concern in the Academic Health Center (AHC) were discussed at a meeting of the all-U Faculty Consultative Committee (FCC), AHC senators, and the AHC FCC Jan. 14. Understanding at the meeting was that nobody would be quoted in the minutes or in Brief. Concerns were expressed about consultation at the collegiate level, centralization within the AHC, and communication. FCC and AHC FCC agreed to work together to improve consultation, and AHC FCC will do more to let faculty know when consultation does happen and how much it is taken into account. Meeting was followed by a meeting with AHC department heads, as part of the FCC's ongoing series of meetings with department heads throughout the U.

Legislative update was the topic when state relations director Donna Peterson met with the Senate Committee on Finance and Planning (SCFP) Jan. 5. Major competitor for funds this year will be tax rebates, she said; how that issue is settled will determine how much will be left over to spend. Some have criticized the U for asking for a biennial increase of \$198 million in a year that will be devoted to tax relief. The U response is that there will be money spent, even after tax relief, and the state is now reaping dividends from its previous investments in higher education and should reinvest some of those dividends to assure returns in the future.

Supply budgets were also discussed at the SCFP meeting. Julie Tonneson of the Office of Budget and Finance explained that there is no increase for supplies in the biennial request because the request has a strategic issues focus and supplies were not seen as likely to be funded. One SCFP member said supply funding may never be attractive to the legislature, but inflationary costs are real.

Other comments (from the meeting minutes): All units overspend their supply budgets. Telephone costs alone, including ethernet connections, consume the supply budgets in some departments. In the past, supplies meant items like chairs and pencils; now more of the expenses are programmatic. If the U wants "high tech teaching," it has to think about how to fund it. Supplies need to be moved out of an omnibus category so that programmatic elements can be considered differently. Tonneson agreed that this should be considered.

Problem occurred with benefits deductions on Jan. 13 paychecks, especially for employees who participate in the health care or dependent care reimbursement accounts. Deduction that was taken for these accounts was based on the 1998 election rather than the 1999 amount.

How this error will be corrected depends on the employee's status in the account. If the employee elected an account in both 1998 and 1999, Employee Benefits will recalculate the 1999 deduction based on the remaining pay periods (25 for most employees) for the calendar year and take the adjusted amount beginning with the Jan. 27 paycheck. If the employee had an account in 1998 but did not elect one for 1999, the 1998 deduction amount that was taken in error will be refunded on the Jan. 27 paycheck. If the employee elected an account for the first time in 1999, no deduction was taken. The 1999 election will be recalculated based on the remaining pay periods (25 for most employees) for the calendar year. The new deduction amount will begin with the Jan. 27 paycheck.

There were also problems for some employees with their deductions for changes in life insurance or other optional coverages. The corrections for these deductions will also be made on the Jan. 27 paycheck. First medical and dental deduction for the new contract year that began Jan. 4 will also appear on Jan. 27 paychecks.

Employees with questions about their benefit deductions should call Employee Benefits customer service at (612) 624-9090 and press option 2.

CROOKSTON--Campus Assembly meets Jan. 28 at 4 p.m. in 212 Dowell Hall. Besides the regular agenda items, topics will include an update on campus construction projects, a legislative update, and an overview of PeopleSoft.

An open house was held recently at the Crookston Airport. Through the joint efforts of UMC and city of Crookston, the airport was remodeled to provide better air service to the region and enhanced learning opportunities for UMC's aviation students. Agricultural aviation at UMC is a joint program with the U of North Dakota. Program provides flight and ground aeronautical training together with agriculture, business, and technical studies course work. FAA flight certificates available include private pilot, commercial pilot, instrument rating, certified flight instructor, instrument flight instructor, multiengine rating, and multiengine instructor.

DULUTH--Department of Theatre production *Dear Finder* was selected for presentation at the Region V American College Theatre Festival. The play was one of only 6 selected from the 8-state Region V. The original script was written by UMD theater professor Tom Isbell in collaboration with several UMD theater students. Benefit performance to help defray costs of the production's travel was held Jan. 16.

Dr. Robert Eldred Carter, founding dean of the UMD School of Medicine, died Dec. 31 in Corrales, N.M., at the age of 75. Donations in his memory may be made to the Robert E. Carter Memorial Scholarship Fund, UMD School of Medicine, Duluth, MN 55812, (218) 726-7571.

St. Paul Chamber Orchestra will perform in the Marshall Performing Arts Center March 18 at 8 p.m. All seats are reserved; tickets are now available in the music department office at 231 Humanities Building, (218) 726-8208.

MORRIS--Michael Snowden, education coordinator of the Minority Student Program, received an award from the Outstanding Young Americans organization, "in recognition of outstanding professional achievement, superior leadership ability, and exceptional service to the community."

Laurie Anderson (UMM '85), associate professor of geology at Louisiana State U, will speak on "Molluscan Evolution and the Closure of the Central American Isthmus" Jan. 27 at 3 p.m. in Science Auditorium.

Presentation on "Racial Legacy: Learning How to Talk About Race" will be Jan. 27 at noon in Edson Auditorium.

TWIN CITIES--Conversation between campus deans and the chairs, heads, and directors of academic units will be Feb. 5, 3-5 p.m. in the Dale Shepard Room, 4th floor, Campus Club. Deans Leyasmeyer of the School of Public Health and Yussen of the College of Education and Human Development are hosts. Topic is "Resource Allocation in an IMG Environment." Format will involve direct discussion and some role playing, with debates among deans, department heads, and directors of interdisciplinary centers. Issues to be addressed are allocation of tuition income, distribution of ICR, and authority and responsibility for interdisciplinary centers.

Alexs Pate, writer and visiting professor in the Departments of English and Afro-American and African Studies, and Rohan Preston, poet, author, and *Star Tribune* theater critic, will speak on "Making Home Here: Exploring the Interior Reality of African American Men," Jan. 28, at the Radisson Metrodome Hotel. Reception begins at 5 p.m., followed by 6:30 p.m. presentation. Cost \$10. Info: Clay Tenquist, (612) 625-4324, tenqu001@tc.umn.edu.

Musical events: *Green Eggs and Ham*, musical adaptation of Seuss book, Jan. 23, 2 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall, tickets \$10 adults, \$6 children/students with ID, call (612) 624-2345. Faculty recital, Clifton Ware, tenor, Jan. 24, 3 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall, free.

Memorial gathering for Ella Fort, a longtime Human Resources employee who died Dec. 4, will be Jan. 26, 4-5:30 p.m. in 320 Coffman Union. Friends and colleagues are invited.

Announcements: Computer Repair Services (CRS) now offers used computer equipment available at discounted prices. CRS will host an open house Jan. 22 and 23 during which all used computer equipment will be an additional 25% off. Contact CRS at (612) 627-4525 for more details, or check <http://www.umn.edu/crs> for updated information. Employee Benefits offers a presentation for faculty and staff interested in enrolling in optional retirement plan Jan. 29, 9:30-10:30 a.m., 210 Donhowe Building; register by calling 624-9090 and press 1.

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Regent Michael O'Keefe was named by Gov. Ventura Jan. 21 as commissioner of the Department of Human Services. He has served since 1989 as executive VP and CEO of the McKnight Foundation, Minnesota's largest foundation. "Mike is an impressive leader who understands how government and the private sector can work together," Ventura said. "He has created the kind of partnerships that I want my administration to advocate."

"Gov. Ventura has made a superb choice in naming Michael O'Keefe as commissioner of human services," President Yudof said. "He has one of the sharpest minds I've ever encountered, and is especially knowledgeable about human services issues. He is an absolutely outstanding member of the Board of Regents. I very much hope he will be able to continue on the board." O'Keefe has said he plans to continue to serve as a regent.

Gov. Ventura's budget announcement is scheduled for tomorrow (Jan. 28).

David Hamilton told the Faculty Consultative Committee (FCC) Jan. 21 that a group from the U will go to Washington, D.C., Feb. 5 to meet with representatives of National Institutes of Health (NIH) and "ask them to outline in detail what it will take" to get the U's exceptional status designation removed. "We anticipate that we have accomplished now what they want, at least in theory if not in implementation," he said.

Redesign of grants management began in 1993, prior to arrival of a letter from NIH in August 1995 that put the U on exceptional status, Hamilton said. He gave the FCC the same presentation on the redesign that he has given to more than 40 departments and 10 or more other groups. Goals are to provide "tools for investigators to easily and accurately manage their grants, tools for administrators to easily provide administrative support and help, and educational experiences for all personnel on regulatory compliance and ethical issues in research."

Principal investigators (PI's) "should not have to jump through as many hoops as they do now to get a grant submitted, or to run it after it is awarded," Hamilton said. "Managing a grant is actually rather simple. You have to know how much you have to spend, and have to have an easy way to spend it." An example of how it will work: When an award is received, Sponsored Project Administration will convert the agency-specific budget into a budget for CUFS and send it electronically to the PI. If the PI accepts it by 5 p.m., it will be uploaded to CUFS overnight, and "by 7 the next morning you can spend money on it," Hamilton said. Spending rate reports will then "tell you how much money you have left and how long you have to spend it."

Redesign will also allow better oversight, with random and targeted monitoring of transactions. Violations of OMB circular A-21 regulations will be flagged electronically. (Examples of violations: trying to hire a secretary or buy postage on a grant.) Incentives will be set up so that "people who do well are rewarded" and those who do not will face consequences. All schools in the Academic Health Center and some other units will begin using FormsNirvana March 1. "This is our year. We're implementing," Hamilton said.

Statewide search for a permanent executive director and corporate secretary to the Board of Regents began Jan. 19. Regent Hogan, chair of the board, has appointed a 4-member search committee chaired by Regent Bergland. Other members are Tonya Brown, President Yudof's chief of staff; Sara Evans, history professor and chair of the Faculty Consultative Committee; and Greg Fox, vice chancellor for finance and operations on the Duluth campus. Input from community members is also sought. Position had been held by Steve Bosacker, who left in November to become chief of staff for Gov. Ventura. It is being filled on an interim basis by Gregory Brown.

Applications should be sent to Board of Regents Search Committee, c/o Karen Linquist, Office of Human Resources, 16 Morrill Hall. Committee will begin reviewing applications Feb. 8 but will continue to accept them until the position is filled. Inquiries should be addressed to Karen Linquist at (612) 624-9817.

Academy of Distinguished Teachers clarification: Some local media have reported that academy members will receive an additional salary supplement. Academy membership is linked to Morse-Alumni and Graduate-Professional teaching awards. Supplement referred to in the reports will be effective for new teaching award recipients this spring.

Civil Service Committee will have 6 vacancies for 3-year terms beginning July 1999. Search committee will recommend a slate of candidates to President Yudof in May. All civil service staff who have held temporary or continuing appointments of at least 50% or more for at least 2 calendar years are eligible to apply. Contact John Felipe, 419 Morrill Hall, (612) 624-9547, or see the committee's Web page at "<http://www.socsci.umn.edu/civilser>."

Diversity through the Disciplines, the 2nd annual President's Faculty Multicultural Research Award All-U Open Forum with scholarly presentations by 1996 award recipients, will be April 28 at Humphrey Institute, TC campus, tentatively scheduled 9 a.m.-7 p.m. For more information, contact Caroline Sotello Turner at (612) 624-6390.

The Guide for Preparing for the Enterprise Systems in Your Department is available at "<http://www.umn.edu/enterprise/whatsnew.html>". Printed copies are available from jposeley@umn.edu. The guide covers deadlines, training, technical requirements, and process redesign and provides a contact list of Enterprise Systems staff.

CROOKSTON--Ag-Arama, which will be Jan. 29-30 at the University Teaching and Outreach Complex, provides students and alumni the opportunity to showcase their knowledge and skills in their individual interest areas. Contests will be in horticulture, agriculture aviation, agronomy, soils, natural resources, mechanized agriculture, and animal science showmanship, and many fun events are scheduled. Event is planned by a committee of students and advised by a faculty member. This year's adviser is Larry Leake, aviation program manager.

Extension educators from all parts of Minnesota met recently to develop programs to respond to the challenges facing rural families and communities. Several UMC faculty and staff participated. Rural Options Conference was sponsored by U of M Extension Service as training for educators working with farm families who are experiencing effects of the farm crisis. In the Red River Valley the crisis is largely associated with crop production.

DULUTH--UMD participated in the 3rd annual Duluth Days Jan. 25-26 at the legislature. This year's theme was "Duluth: A Progress Zone," and program included a reception for legislators, breakfast meeting, and special events.

UMD received a \$50,000 contract from the America Reads Program to provide one-on-one tutoring for children in kindergarten through 3rd grade in Duluth area public schools. Currently, 65 UMD students serve as reading tutors in 12 Duluth elementary schools. Program goal is to ensure that all students are at adequate reading levels by the end of the 3rd grade.

UMD winter International Brown Bag Series will sponsor a presentation "Past and Present in Pinar del Rio: Archaeology and Contemporary Life in the Northwest Province of Cuba" by John Bower, assistant professor of anthropology, and Jan Bower, ORTTA information representative. The two made their 2nd trip to Cuba in November as part of the Archaeological Group of the Academy of Science. The presentation is at noon Feb. 4 in Ballroom A of the Kirby Student Center.

MORRIS--Thirteen students were inducted into the National Psychology Honor Society, Psi Chi, on Jan. 19. Leslie Meek, psychology, is UMM adviser and coordinator of student applications for admittance.

The UMM Retirees Association and Heritage Preservers will present "Children: Their Heritage, Our Future," 3 national issues forums and associated events February-May at the Morris Senior Citizens Center.

TWIN CITIES--In an effort to inform faculty members about various library issues and to demystify certain library operations, the Senate Library Committee is sponsoring faculty forums on the libraries during winter and spring quarters. First forum is Feb. 17, 3-4 p.m. in west wing, Campus Club. Subject is "Who Picks the Books? How Library Collections are Acquired and Developed." Discussion leaders include Marcia Pankake, James Cogswell, and Barbara Stelmasik of the U Libraries.

Nominations are being accepted for the 1999 University College Distinguished Teaching Awards. Deadline is March 31. Call (612) 624-9329 or e-mail rkaminsk@mail.cee.umn.edu for nomination materials.

Events: Cindy Murphy Kelly, director of the Learning Center for Homeless Families, will speak Feb. 4, noon-1 p.m., in Coffman Union fireplace lounge. Donation of school supplies is appreciated. Ninety days in Minnesota as captured by award-winning photographer Jim Brandenburg is the subject of "Chased by the Light," an exhibit opening Feb. 6 at the Bell Museum of Natural History. Brandenburg will be the featured guest at a reception and book signing, with a Northwoods-themed hors d'oeuvre buffet, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. in the museum's west gallery. Tickets are \$25. Call (612) 624-9050.

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<http://www.umn.edu/urelate/brief/1999-02-03.html>[Other issues](#)Editor: [Maureen Smith](#) (612) 624-2801**Gov. Ventura's budget** calls for biennial increase of \$121.8 million for the U. The U request is for \$198.7 million.

For undergraduate education, the Ventura budget would provide \$20 million "for salary and support costs to hire new faculty to teach freshman seminars; for improved classrooms, library services, and academic advising; and to provide technology-enhanced learning and more opportunities for research and study abroad for undergraduate students." The U request, including money to hire 100 new faculty, is for \$32.6 million.

For health professional education and medical research, the governor's higher education budget would provide \$5 million to adapt professional education and research programs to community-based care. In addition, \$39 million in earnings from the new Health Professional Education and Medical Research Endowment would "provide stable funding for education programs, replacing declining revenue from patient care services, to help the AHC close its projected budget gap and leverage private and federal research grants."

Budget also includes \$10.5 million for public service and outreach, including \$200,000 for extension service outreach to assist farmers in negotiating contracts with processors; funds for digital library services; a wireless technology pilot; commercialization of technology; and the Minnesota Virtual University/ISEEK project.

For facilities, \$16.7 million would be provided to cover increased operating costs of new and newly renovated buildings and to fund repairs and betterments as part of a statewide multi-agency initiative to reduce the state's facility repair needs by at least 5% in each agency.

Compensation increase would be \$70 million to help support inflationary increases of 3% per year for all state-funded U employees and an additional 2% per year above inflation for faculty. Request is for \$95.9 million.

Regent Candidate Advisory Council forwarded a list of 10 names for 4 regents seats to the legislature. Council did not recommend incumbent Julie Bleyhl for the 2nd District seat; it recommended Dallas Bohnsack of New Prague or Rholan Larson of Buffalo. "She [Bleyhl] did respected service as a regent, and when we were looking forward to the next six years in that slot, most wanted Bohnsack or Larson," said council chair Humphrey Doermann.

Incumbents William Hogan and William Peterson were recommended. Tom Reagan did not reapply. Peterson will compete with David Johnson, former chancellor of the Morris campus, for the at-large seat. In the 3rd District, Hogan will run against Richard Clarke of Plymouth. Candidates in the 8th District: Anthony Baraga of Side Lake, Frances Gardeski of Hibbing, Fred Friedman of Cloquet, and Tom Renier of Duluth. The council received 81 applications and interviewed 19 applicants. Legislature is expected to choose regents this month.

U Senate, Faculty Senate, TC Campus Assembly, and Student Senate will meet Feb. 18 in 25 Law Building, with telephone hookups to coordinate campuses. Agendas will appear in the *Minnesota Daily* Feb. 11. Coordinate campus senators will receive copies by mail. Agendas will also be available at <http://www.umn.edu/usenate> approximately 10 days before the meetings. Senate agenda includes an item entitled "Questions to the President." Questions must be submitted in writing to Nicole Boldt, 427 Morrill Hall, by Feb. 10.

The U is legally obligated to report the value of graduate-level education taken by U employees through the Regents Scholarship Program or the Academic Staff Tuition Benefit Program as taxable income and withhold the necessary payroll taxes. For winter quarter enrollment on both the TC and Duluth campuses, taxes will be withheld Feb. 10 and 24 and March 10 and 24.

International travel grants funded by the Institute of International Studies and Programs (ISP), China Center, Midwest Universities Consortium for International Activities, and McKnight Arts and Humanities Fund have a common application and deadline of Feb. 16 for faculty activities beginning April 1 through June 30. Call (612) 624-3479, or 624-1002 for China travel. Reminder: ISP is now located in 201 Coffey Hall, St. Paul campus. Guidelines are also available on the Web at <http://www.isp.umn.edu/isp/funding/travelinfo.html>.

CROOKSTON--"Shipwrecked in Crookston 99" is the theme of 1999 Snow Daze at UMC Feb. 8-13. One highlight will be performances of *Murder at Sunset Lounge*, a play written by UMC student Eric Perkins, Feb. 12-15 in Kiehle auditorium. (All shows are at 7:30 p.m. except for Sunday matinee at 3 p.m.)

Juan Moreno, a former staff member at UMC and past director of the Diversity Institute on the TC campus, will be a guest speaker at UMC Feb. 9. His topic is "Diversity and Education."

UMC faculty and staff will participate in Fitness Fever along with the city of Crookston. Goal is to increase physical activity and eat more fruits and vegetables during February.

DULUTH--UMD will host nationally acclaimed author and scholar David Bradley Feb. 2-12. Bradley will present 12 class lectures as well as 4 other presentations and readings. All, including class lectures, are free and open to the public. Joseph Maiolo, professor of English, has arranged funding and scheduling for Bradley's visit. For complete information contact Maiolo at (218) 726-8228.

Events: UMD Department of Theatre continues its run of the Tony Award-winning jazz musical *City of Angels* Feb. 3-6 at 8 p.m. in the Marshall Performing Arts Center. For tickets call (218) 726-8561. Sigma Xi Scientific Research Society will present its 15th annual poster exhibition in the atrium of the UMD School of Medicine Feb. 9-11, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Public reception with refreshments will be Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m., at which time scientists will be on hand to discuss their research work.

MORRIS--Search process for a new chancellor for UMM is in its preliminary stages. Tonya Moten Brown, President Yudof's chief of staff, and Donna Saathoff, assistant to the chief of staff, visited UMM last week to seek input from campus groups to facilitate an expedient, efficient, and successful effort to name a permanent chancellor. A proposed search timetable would have a new chancellor appointed by January 2000 and on the job by July 2000.

TWIN CITIES--Copyright permission requests for spring quarter course packets should be submitted to Copyright Permissions Center as soon as possible to allow maximum processing time. Source information forms may be dropped off at any Printing Services location or submitted directly to the Copyright Permissions Center via fax, (612) 626-9810, or campus mail, 106 Printing Services Building. Contact Lois Williams at 624-8258 for more information.

Lunchtime concerts Thursdays at noon will use the Weisman Art Museum's unique space to create opportunities for U music students to gain greater visibility by performing for faculty, staff, students, and the wider Minnesota audience. Beginning in February, the series will run throughout the academic year. On Feb. 4, Eun-Jin Choi, Eri Lee, and Phoebe Dalton will perform Prokofieff's Piano Sonata #2 and Arensky's Piano Trio op. 32.

The Mating Game, a lighthearted yet factual tour of the Bell Museum's habitat displays, will be Feb. 13-14, 6-8 p.m., at the museum. Discover through sights, sounds, smell, and touch how animals use dance, song, and gifts to attract the opposite sex. Cost is \$16 per person/\$30 per couple for Bell Museum members, \$20 per person/\$35 per couple for nonmembers. For reservations and more information call (612) 624-9050.

Issues in research ethics and integrating research ethics in teaching will be the focus of workshops for graduate students and faculty in social science and education fields: for students, Feb. 12, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Coffman Memorial Union theater; for faculty, Feb. 13, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Roy Wilkins Seminar Room, 215 Humphrey Center. Advance registration is required. Contact RschTrng@tc.umn.edu for more information or to register.

Laser vision correction is being performed by corneal surgeons in Department of Ophthalmology. LASIK procedure for correction of nearsightedness, farsightedness, and astigmatism applies latest technology with the excimer laser. Discounts are currently available for individuals affiliated with the U and their families. Free informational seminars are frequently presented. For information about future seminars or refractive surgery, call (612) 625-5010.

Lectures and seminars: "The Struggle for Forty Acres and a Mule: Black Farmers Fight Government Discrimination" by Gary Grant, president of the Black Farmers and Agriculturalists Association, Feb 11, 3 p.m., 365 Borlaug Hall."Writing Winning Proposals, Identifying Funding Sources, and Navigating the University Process: A Workshop Designed for New and Junior Faculty," Feb. 16, 12:30-5 p.m., 140 Nolte Center. RSVP to Jennifer Longnion, (612) 626-7550, fax 626-0397, e-mail longn001@tc.umn.edu. "Molecular Populations Genetics of Epidemics Caused by Serotype M1 Group A Streptococcus" by James Musser, Feb. 17, 4 p.m., 2-690 Moos Tower.

Music and dance: Langston Hughes Project "Ask Your Mama: 12 Moods for Jazz," the Ron McCurdy Quartet, John Wright and Dawn Renee Jones, spoken word artists, Feb. 5, 7:30 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. Tickets \$15 adults, \$7.50 students and seniors. Call (612) 624-2345. Performances by Doug Varone and Dancers Feb. 6 at Coffman Union ballroom are sold out. Additional performances (not part of Northrop Dance Season) will be Feb. 4-5 at Southern Theater. Tickets \$16. Call Walker box office, (612) 375-7622.

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Regents meet this week. Committee of the Whole meeting Friday will include updates on the molecular and cellular biology and digital science initiatives, an annual report on the status of the U's research by VP Maziar, a report on a capital improvement plan community strategy by VP Gardebring, and a presentation on the south mall. Faculty, Staff, and Student Affairs Committee Thursday will review tuition structure for semester conversion and hear discussion of graduate student issues and graduate assistant experience.

General counsel Mark Rotenberg met with the Faculty Consultative Committee (FCC) Feb. 4 to discuss several issues of concern to faculty. His office's client is the U as an institution, not any individual, he said. On the litigation side, when his office takes an adversarial role, he said, it is clear who is being represented.

In most cases before the Senate Judiciary Committee, the faculty member will be represented by private counsel (an almost universal practice now, unlike in the past) and Rotenberg's office will assign a lawyer to represent the dean or other administrator. Question then is whether it is fair and gives the appearance of fairness for Rotenberg--or Jim Borgestad, on contract to his office--to provide counsel to the president at a later stage. Rotenberg said the practice is to erect a wall between him or Borgestad and the lawyers representing the dean. Court of Appeals in a unanimous interpretation permitted Rotenberg to provide advice. FCC members said this does not take care of the perception of bias, and Rotenberg agreed that this is something to work on.

Governance of the Academic Health Center (AHC) has been one major focus of Faculty Consultative Committee (FCC) attention since last fall. Principal concerns include erosion of departments and colleges, perceived centralization of resources and authority in the senior VP's office, and lack of effective consultative mechanisms for faculty in AHC units. One outcome is that FCC, in concert with senior VP Cerra, will begin holding a series of workshops with AHC deans, department heads, and faculty about implementing an effective consultative system. More details in Feb. 2 *Faculty Governance Update*, an electronic newsletter sent to faculty.

The third FCC meeting on the intellectual future of the U, with VPs Bruininks and Cerra and associate VP Victor Bloomfield, was Jan. 28. The operation, strengths, weaknesses, and future of the academic department was the focus. All agreed on the importance of the department to the health of the U; questions about how it should be sized, funded, and run need examination.

Institutional relations under VP Gardebring is being reorganized and will incorporate units of the former U Relations (UR). Activities will be organized in 4 groupings: government relations, including state and federal relations, led by associate VP Donna Peterson; community relations, with Ann O'Loughlin as coordinator; news service, with Scott Elton as acting director; and marketing and communications, with Tom de Ranitz as director. UR director Marcia Fluer has been assigned to the Academic Health Center. News service director Bill Brady is leaving to serve as communications director at Minnesota Department of Children, Families, and Learning. U of M Alumni Association and U of M Foundation continue to report to Gardebring.

Update to U-wide policy library includes new policies on sexual harassment, faculty development leaves, and public access to U information. An important change to the internal access to U information policy will provide employees with greater access to U information. See What's New section of home page at <http://www.fpd.finop.umn.edu/>. This page also features "easy to find" policies organized by everyday work processes. Policy and process development office offers paper index to all U policies or e-mail notification of changes. To receive index or e-mail, call (612) 624-1611 or e-mail process@tc.umn.edu.

American Cancer Society Institutional Research Grant applications are being accepted until April 1, 1999. This grant is for instructors and assistant professors without independent national funding who are engaged in cancer-related research. Cancer-related research includes analysis of developmental biology, gene regulation, or alternation of intracellular or extracellular processes that may lead to improved understanding and/or therapy of potential or actual oncogenic events in prokaryotic or eukaryotic cells. Funding is available up to \$20,000. Applications may be obtained by calling (612) 626-1926.

CROOKSTON--A demonstration of music and dance featuring the Norwegian Hardanger fiddle will be presented Feb. 15 at noon in Bede Ballroom, free and open to the public. Program begins with a Hardanger fiddle concert by Olav Jo/rgan Hegge, a tradition bearer from the district of Valdres, Norway. A champion dancer along with his wife Mary, he will dance the Valdrespringar accompanied by fiddler Karen Torkelson Solgaard of Minneapolis.

Farm Alarm: Coping With Stress, a theatrical presentation that addresses stress reduction and safety messages to farm families, will be presented in Thief River Falls Feb. 18 at the Northwest Technical College and at UMC Feb. 19 in the Sahlstrom Conference Center, Brown Dining Hall. Both performances are at 6 p.m. and are free and open to the public. A light supper will be served, also free. *Farm Alarm* is part of a new U of M Extension Service project. "Early in this project, I talked with dozens of people to find out which farm health and safety issue they are most concerned about," says project coordinator Carolyn Weber. "The response was overwhelming--stress."

Citizens from Crookston and north Minneapolis had a conversation on Minnesota Public Radio Feb. 9. Citizens gathered at 133 Kiehle Hall and at Lucille's Kitchen in north Minneapolis for a live on-the-radio conversation about what they have in common. Conversation began in June when both communities were part of a citizens' forum discussion that also involved sites at Duluth, Rochester, and St. Paul. Citizens at Crookston said they discovered some things in common with citizens at Lucille's Kitchen. Sponsors decided to continue the conversation.

DULUTH--Federal court judge Paul Magnuson dismissed all counts of the Title IX lawsuits filed against UMD. Court recognized that, instead of discriminating against women, UMD had increased athletic opportunities for women by adding soccer in 1994 and elevating women's hockey to varsity status. Court held that the plaintiffs--current and former UMD students--presented no evidence that UMD intentionally discriminated against women athletes. Earlier the court had dismissed all damages and class action claims by Jennifer Thompson, Renata Lindal, and Ginger Jeffrey. In the Feb. 3 action, the court also rejected damage claims by Julie Grandson.

MORRIS--A public reception for the 8 Morris campus faculty who were inducted into the U's Academy of Distinguished Teachers will be Feb. 15 at 4 p.m. in the Humanities Fine Arts gallery.

Center for International Programs and International Study and Travel Center will host an International Country Fair Feb. 15, 6-8 p.m., Student Center. Students or faculty who have studied/traveled abroad will be represented.

UMM Retirees Association and the Heritage Preservers, comprised of several senior citizen groups, will present the 2nd of 6 programs on the topic, "Children: Their Heritage, Our Future." A forum, "The Troubled American Family: Which Way Out of the Storm?" will be Feb. 24, 1:30 p.m., Morris Senior Center. Convener will be Bettina Blake, professor emerita of French, assisted by John L. Anderson, retired science teacher, Morris Area Schools.

TWIN CITIES--Rhonda Drayton and Guillermo Sapiro, assistant professors in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, are among the 60 young scientists and engineers nationally to win Presidential Early Career Awards in Science and Engineering. Awards guarantee \$100,000 of research support for 5 years. Awards are being presented today (Feb. 10) at a White House ceremony. Nominees are selected by federal agencies from a list of young researchers who have already received grant support from those agencies. Winners are selected by the White House Office of Science and Technology. "We hit the jackpot, getting two of these awards in one department," said department head Mostafa Kaveh. "The future of any department rests heavily on its young faculty, and it's wonderful to have young researchers and educators get national recognition and support to jump-start their efforts."

Events: U Symphony Orchestra, Feb. 12, 7:30 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall, free. "Interdisciplinary Approaches to Race, Ethnicity, and Migration: Works in Progress in Graduate Student Scholarship" by graduate students Kazuyo Kubo (East Asian studies), Taku Suzuki (anthropology), and Yuichiro Onishi (history), Feb. 19, 3-5 p.m., 140 Nolte Center.

Announcements: Program in Human Rights and Medicine announces 3rd annual human rights internship competition; \$3,000 per internship will be awarded to full-time students for projects with organizations whose work focuses on persons at risk of unfair treatment under our health care system. Call (612) 626-6559 or visit the Web site at www.umn.edu/phrm. Application deadline is April 15. Campus Involvement Center is accepting calendar items for the 1999-2000 academic year for inclusion in the 1999-00 *Gopher Guide*, a calendar and resource guide for students. Calendar items will be accepted through Feb. 22 via the Web at <http://www.umn.edu/cic/GopherGuide>, e-mail cic@tc.umn.edu or fax to (612) 624-9124. Correct number for information about laser vision correction offered by the Department of Ophthalmology is (612) 626-5010. Incorrect number was in last week's *Brief*.

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Gov. Ventura's budget is both a taxpayers' budget and an education budget, President Yudof told regents; 70% of new spending is for education. For the U, he said, "the governor has fundamentally bought into our initiatives," even though not always at the same level of funding. "This will be the budget we will defend down at the legislature," Yudof said about the governor's budget.

Governor's recommendation includes full funding for 100 new faculty positions. On compensation, the U asked for 5% increases for both faculty and staff; the governor recommended 5% for faculty and 3% for staff. Yudof said he is especially excited about the proposal for \$350 million in tobacco money to be put into an endowment with the interest used to support health education and research. "When I've gone out on speaking engagements I've been astounded" by the strong support for the idea, he said; "I think we have a very good chance."

Molecular and cellular biology initiative is moving forward, Dean Elde told regents. External advisory board recommended that strategic investments be driven "by a small group of sophisticated, altruistic faculty," with final decisions made by a single person. Senior faculty should be hired only to gain visibility in cases of real opportunity, the advisory board said; otherwise, with fields changing so fast, it is better to hire junior faculty.

Proposal process that was set up is similar to rigorous peer review panels of granting agencies. Committee received 19 preproposals from 11 departments in 6 colleges; 48 positions were requested, and 24 could be filled (at the assistant professor level) with resources from the initiative. Six successful proposals include 3 in Minneapolis (with 15 positions requested and 13 that can be filled) and 3 in St. Paul (with 11 positions requested, all of which can be filled). Searches will begin in April. Themes of successful proposals are plants, microbes, signaling and regulation in health and disease, and fundamental methods and informatics.

Hiring plans for the digital technology initiative include a director of the Digital Technology Center, 12 accomplished faculty (funded by the initiative), and 5 entry level faculty (with redirected IT funds), Dean Davis told regents. To ensure that the center is an all-U center, the director will report to the VP for research. Twelve candidates have been identified for director, Davis said. Four "outstanding prospects" have been identified for computational biology, he said, and 7 strong candidates are currently being interviewed in electronic commerce. "I'm making 2 offers today to computational people," Davis said.

Molecular and cellular biology and digital technology initiatives are closely linked, Davis said. Functional genomics program will "generate mountains of data," and simply running a printout would not work; data storage and visualization will be needed. In the area of scientific computation, Davis said, an outside evaluator said Minnesota is the best in the country. Yudof said he is "so proud of the deans and the faculty" for the work they have done on both initiatives.

Eric Kruse, associate VP of facilities management and interim VP since February 1998, has been named VP of University services. Yudof said Kruse has worked on "many wonderful things, including Beautiful U Day," and what especially pleased him was appearing on MPR and hearing from someone in facilities management that morale is "the best it has been in 30 years."

VPs Gardebring and Kruse reported on a community relations plan for building projects; regents will act on the plan in March. Idea is to communicate with neighbors so there won't be surprises, Gardebring said. Assessment of neighborhood impact will be built into planning process.

First phase of south mall project will include "much-needed student housing" and underground parking for 1,700 cars, Kruse reported. Apartment-style housing, with 400 beds, will offer Mississippi River views in two 6-story buildings and a 3-story building. Project is on a fast track in order for housing to open in fall 2000.

Tuition proposal would offer a break to students who take 15 credits a semester, Peter Zetterberg told regents. Idea is to provide incentives for students to take full course loads and thus minimize the loss of tuition revenue that is expected with the switch to semesters. Tuition would be half price for credits beyond 12.

Grievance Advisory Committee is conducting a 5-year review of the U Grievance Policy. Anyone wishing to comment should contact the chair of the Grievance Advisory Committee, Laura Cooper, professor of law, at (612) 625-4320 or e-mail coope004@tc.umn.edu.

Deadline for nominations for the President's Award for Outstanding Service is March 15. Award recognizes exceptional service to the U, its schools, colleges, departments, service units, or external constituencies by any active or retired members of the faculty or staff. Service must have gone beyond the regular duties of a faculty or staff member and demonstrate unusual commitment to the U community. For more information call (612) 625-9369. Nomination materials should be sent to the attention of Vickie Courtney, U Senate Office, 427 Morrill Hall.

Senate Committee on Committees will soon nominate faculty, academic professional staff, and students to fill 1999-00 vacancies on Senate/Assembly committees. Submit nominations to the U Senate Office, 427 Morrill Hall, phone (612) 625-9369, fax 626-1609, e-mail senate@mailbox.mail.umn.edu. For a complete listing of the committees or a nomination form, contact the senate office or visit the Web site at <http://www.umn.edu/usenate/comlist.html>. Deadline for nominations is March 15.

CROOKSTON--Regent Bergland will receive the 12th Builder of the Valley Award at the annual honor banquet sponsored by the Minnesota Red River Valley Development Association Feb. 27, beginning at noon in Sahlstrom Conference Center at UMC. He is being honored for his community service including serving in the House of Representatives, as U.S. secretary of agriculture in the Carter administration, as president of Farmland World Trade, and as general manager of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

Alumni and friends of UMC and the Northwest School of Agriculture are invited to a Texas social and luncheon Feb. 23, in the Golden Corral in McAllen, TX. Event begins at 10 a.m. For more information contact (218) 281-8438.

DULUTH--UMD and 6 northeast Minnesota community colleges announced major comprehensive agreements on college courses and credit transfers for hundreds of area college students annually. Sweeping agreements number 91 in 21 major fields of study. Agreements, called 2+2 Transfer Agreements, will ensure seamless transfer of credits to UMD from any of the following community colleges: Fond du Lac Tribal Community College, Hibbing Community College, Itasca Community College, Lake Superior College, Laurentian Community and Technical College District (includes Vermilion Community College and Mesabi Range Community and Technical College), and Rainy River Community College.

Tweed Museum of Art has organized and is hosting the exhibition "Michael Chandler: Landscape + States of Nature" through March 7. Special presentations by the artist will be at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Feb. 18.

MORRIS--Gene Allen, assistant VP for academic affairs and director of the Institute of International Studies and Programs, Twin Cities, will visit the Morris campus Feb. 23. He will meet with selected classes and community leaders and speak on the importance of study abroad in preparing for work in a global economy. Public event is set for 4 p.m. in the Cougar Room of the Student Center. A reception will follow.

Events: "Recording Minnesota: The Minnesota 2000 Project and Documentary Photography" will be the subject of a public lecture by George Slade, historian of photography and adviser for the Minnesota Historical Society's project to document the state at the turn of the millennium, Feb. 18, 4 p.m., 2 Humanities Fine Arts Forum on "The Troubled American Family: Which Way Out of the Storm?" Feb. 24, 1:30 p.m., at the Morris Senior Center.

TWIN CITIES--Beginning March 1, all new personnel who work with vertebrate animals on campus will be required to attend an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) orientation seminar. Any currently certified animal user may also attend. Seminar schedules will be posted on the Web at <http://www.ahc.umn.edu/rar/Seminars.html> or can be obtained by calling the IACUC office at (612) 626-5654.

"A University in Progress: Building Quality Academic Programs" will be Feb. 24, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., in the Mississippi Room of Coffman Union. Speakers include executive VP Bruininks and senior VP Cerra. Event will also feature a "best practices fair" at which participants can talk with faculty and administrative colleagues who have successfully designed and implemented change in academic units. More information is available on the Web at <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/service> or by calling Dee Anne Bonebright at (612) 624-6550.

Lectures: "The Consequences of 1948: The Palestinian Catastrophe" by Edward Said, Feb. 22, 3:30 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. "Phytoremediation: The Use of Plants for Cleaning the Environment" by Jerry Schnoor (Kermit Olson Memorial Lecture), March 10, 4:30 p.m., 110 Green Hall.

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Regents William Hogan (3rd district) and William Peterson (at large) were reelected Feb. 18. New regents elected are Dallas Bohnsack of New Prague (2nd district) and Anthony Baraga of Side Lake (8th district). Hogan's election, on a unanimous vote, came after a vote against him in his district caucus earlier in the week. Bohnsack defeated incumbent Julie Bleyhl in a close vote. Bleyhl, who was not recommended by Regent Candidate Advisory Council, was nominated at the last minute by Rep. Phyllis Kahn, who cited gender imbalance on the board. Regent Tom Reagan, who did not seek reelection, was honored at the February regents meeting.

Curt Carlson, entrepreneur and philanthropist whose gifts of more than \$36 million made him the U's largest benefactor, died Feb. 19 at age 84. Carlson School of Management was named after him in 1986.

Statement of principles to govern the expansion and revision of higher education resources in Rochester has been prepared by the U and Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU). VP Bruininks and MnSCU senior vice chancellor Linda Baer presented the statement Feb. 16. MnSCU board of trustees voted its approval Feb. 17.

Building on a 20-year partnership between Winona State U and Rochester Community and Technical College, "we will now expand our partnership and provide more collaborative programming to meet the increasing higher education needs of the Rochester community," Baer said. Individuals, community groups, and organizations such as the Mayo Foundation have stated their strong desire to have a larger U presence in the area, said Bruininks. "Growth in technology and health jobs matches the University's research and teaching strengths. The University's expansion would be complementary to the resources already in place."

Among the guiding principles: The U would establish a nonresidential branch campus, the University of Minnesota at Rochester, subject to agreement by both boards. Rochester Community and Technical College and Winona State U (WSU) will remain intact and will remain within MnSCU, and the academic interests of WSU in Rochester will be preserved. If the boards approve expansion, a special state appropriation to the U would be requested to provide core administrative support, infrastructure support, and increased academic programs.

Renewed commitment to shared governance by the faculty, the president, and the regents has led to some important successes, Faculty Consultative Committee (FCC) chair Sara Evans said in her report at the February regents meeting. "When shared governance is a deeply held value," problems can be worked out, she said. "Not every disagreement should be a federal case." Best example of successful collaboration is grants management, Evans said. David Hamilton has led a joint committee of faculty and administrators, and "what they have achieved is a transformation of grants management." Hamilton could have had an administrative appointment, she said, but "his vision was that we needed to work together."

Other examples Evans cited: "massive amount of faculty energy" invested in semester conversion, redrafting of the conflict of interest policy with all parties at the table, similar redrafting of the intellectual property policy now in process. Another big issue is the growing use of non-tenure-track teachers, Evans said.

Non-tenure-track (NTT) teachers should have some say in planning the courses they teach, and they should have decent fringe benefits, Kent Bales, chair of the Joint Committee on Faculty Appointments, told the FCC. Committee still has some disagreements in other areas, he said. One recommendation will be for everyone who teaches at the U to get benefits, including retirement, after a certain length of time. How long is an unresolved question. "It clearly is going to cost a lot more money," Bales said. Largest numbers of NTT teachers are in language and literature departments in CLA. See story in March *Kiosk*.

Annual radio campaign sponsored by U of M Foundation began last week. Developed pro bono by Carmichael Lynch, campaign focuses on the undergraduate experience. Spots will run between now and April 25. For more information contact Office of VP for Institutional Relations at (612) 624-2855.

Employees who took graduate-level courses under the Regents Scholarship Program between July 1, 1998, and Dec. 31, 1998, may be eligible for the lifetime learning tax credit on their 1998 personal income tax returns. Employees who took graduate-level courses after July 1 and for whom the U reported additional taxable income on the 1998 Form W-2 might benefit. The IRS has indicated it will deem the amount of additional taxable income reported on Form W-2 to be "qualified tuition" for purposes of determining the education tax credits. Additional eligibility criteria must also be considered.

The U has established a Web site with links to help you determine whether you qualify for an education tax credit. Go to <http://www.umn.edu/tc/students/finances/> and click Hope Scholarship Credit, Lifetime Learning Credit, and Student Loan Interest Deduction. Affected employees are encouraged to consult with the IRS or their personal tax adviser to determine eligibility.

CROOKSTON--Citizens from Crookston and north Minneapolis will have another conversation March 2. Crookston connection will be at 133 Kiehle Hall at UMC, beginning at 8:30 a.m. North Minneapolis citizens will gather at Lucille's Kitchen. Minnesota Public Radio will carry the conversation live beginning at 9 a.m.

Events: 7th- and 8th-grade students from northwestern Minnesota will participate in MATHCOUNTS, a region-wide math program, Feb. 26 at UMC. Math professor Bill Peterson is coordinator. Nontraditional Students Day will be March 2, 2 p.m., 131 Sahlstrom Conference Center. Nontraditional students who are nearing graduation will tell some of their experiences, and prospective nontraditional students will have a chance to ask questions.

DULUTH--Football coach Jim Malosky announced his retirement at a packed news conference Feb. 16. Malosky has coached football at UMD for 40 years beginning in 1958. He ranks number one in football coaching wins in NCAA Division II and number 11 in college football's all-time coaching win list. He has received 10 Coach of the Year awards and holds a 255-125-13 record. UMD is set to begin a national search for his successor.

A new live construction camera photographs construction progress on UMD's \$25.8 million high-tech library with a new picture every 5 minutes. Web address is <http://www.d.umn.edu/lib>. Click on New Library, then choose the link to Live Updates from the Construction Cam. The library is set to open in the fall of 2000.

MORRIS--Lt. Gov. Mae Schunk will be the keynote speaker March 3 at "A Conversation About Rural Education in West Central Minnesota." News conference is set for 8:45-9:05 a.m. in the Prairie Lounge, Student Center. Schunk will also speak at 12:30 p.m. in Oyate Hall on behalf of the new educational policies of the Ventura administration. She will visit educational facilities at Morris and Herman and attend a Herman town meeting.

Artist Steven Premo will be the guest at the 2nd annual Minority Student Art Show Feb. 25-26, held in conjunction with Diversity Jam XII (Feb. 25). Nationally renowned for his Indian art, Premo is an enrolled member of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe. Quarterly Diversity Jams (brainchild of UMM alumna Amanda Miller) offer events that allow public and campus communities to celebrate diversity and share music, food, and activities.

Peh Ng, mathematics, will deliver the 2nd convocation in the Building Science lecture series, "Living in a World of Limited Resources: The Mathematical Reality," March 2 at 7 p.m. in the Science Auditorium. Construction of a new science facility provided the spark for the lecture series, suggested by interim chancellor Sam Schuman. Series began in November 1998 with support from President Yudof.

TWIN CITIES--Marshall Nathan, professor of electrical engineering and pioneer in the field of semiconductor lasers, has been named a member of the National Academy of Engineering. A reception in his honor was held Feb. 16. He will be inducted into the academy at a black-tie dinner in Washington, D.C., on Oct. 2.

"Getting Started as a Successful Grant Writer," an instructional program for junior faculty, postdoctoral research fellows, other research staff, and senior graduate students who are beginning their careers in research, will be March 4, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., and March 5, 8:30 a.m.-noon, in Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center. Seminar is free, but advance registration is requested by March 1. Call (612) 624-6040 or e-mail evpp@tc.umn.edu.

Events: Two conferences on the agricultural crisis will be March 2 (on international-domestic links) and March 16 (on state and federal policy). Registration is \$45 per conference or \$75 to attend both, in Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Call Leah Johnson at (612) 626-0564 to register. Children will experience the fun of scientific discovery through hands-on activities and demonstrations at ScienceFest, the Bell Museum of Natural History's annual science fair for children, March 6, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Admission is \$6 adults, \$5 children.

Lectures: "Revisiting the Revival of Theory in Statutory Interpretation" by Philip Frickey, March 3, 3:30 p.m., Lockhart Hall, Law School. Lecture series on "The Humanities: Alternative Visions to Current Orthodoxies" begins with lectures by Susan Haack: "Interpretation and Disinterestedness in the Human Sciences" March 4, 7:45 p.m., 155 Ford Hall; "Concern for Truth: What It Means, Why It Matters" March 5, 3:30 p.m., 105 Murphy Hall.

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Jeffrey Kahn, director of U's Center for Bioethics, will consult for the National Bioethics Advisory Commission (NBAC), created by President Clinton in 1995. Clinton asked NBAC to consider issues in human embryonic stem cell research after it was reported that researchers had isolated embryonic stem cells. NBAC has been charged with investigating ethical, legal, and policy implications of such research.

Kahn will contribute to a paper for the commission discussing the creation of public policy related to bioethics issues. He will also critique drafts of the commission's reports and provide input to the commissioners and staffs as issues arise.

Prior to his appointment at the U, Kahn served as staff director of the White House Advisory Committee on Human Radiation Experiments. The work of that commission helped lead to Clinton's 1997 apology for the Tuskegee syphilis experiments that took place from the 1930s to 1970s.

NBAC is expected to issue a report on embryonic stem cell research in June 1999.

Health Plan Task Force is moving toward a new purchasing model Richard McGehee told FCC Thursday. McGehee said the hope is to offer broader provider choices for faculty. Governor's office has included necessary funding for the implementation in its budget, he said, but the legislature must appropriate the funds. The task force has recommended that the U faculty continue on track with the strong state plan, but support the ongoing process of gathering information for alternatives. The timetable for implementation has slipped from Jan. 1, 2000, to at least April 1, 2000, McGehee said.

Replacement for former federal relations director Tom Etten, who accepted a position at Johns Hopkins, will most likely take on expanded duties that include a focus on governmental agencies in addition to Congress, institutional relations VP Sandra Gardebring told the FCC. Gardebring said the goal is to hire someone who, like Etten, will use the Twin Cities as a home base and travel to Washington, D.C., periodically.

Talk of medical school closings in North and South Dakota prompted FCC member Marvin Marshak to suggest that the University strive toward creating regional alliances with neighboring states.

"If these closings happen," Marshak said, "maybe we could consider something at Grand Forks similar to what we have in Duluth, where students attend for 2 years before transferring here."

Special Minnesota House and Senate hearings are scheduled to occur beginning this week on proposed expansion of higher education in Rochester, executive VP and provost Robert Bruininks told the FCC. The U and Minnesota State Colleges and Universities have agreed in principle how to govern the expansion and revision of higher education resources in Rochester. Bruininks said the plan is to have resident University faculty members in Rochester, and the collaboration means a "net expansion of higher education" in the state.

Bruininks said, "The current system down there wasn't working, and the state of Minnesota wants to step up to make higher education a viable enterprise there," but added the move "can't create a risk to the current University budget."

"I think it's important to have faculty support for this as it goes ahead," said Marshak, who favored faculty endorsement of all discussions on the expansion.

Office for University Women seeks nominations for the 1999 Women's Leadership Award and the 1999 Civil Service/Bargaining Unit Staff Award. Application deadline for both awards is March 15, 1999. Contact (612) 625-2385 or women@tc.umn.edu for nomination materials or more information.

Office of International Programs (OIP) is the new name for the Institute of International Studies and Programs effective March 1. OIP is part of the Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost; director's office is now in 201 Coffey Hall, St. Paul.

CROOKSTON--"India Mystica: A Journey Through the Mystique of India" with Deeptha Reddy kicks off the UMC 1999 seminar series March 8. Reddy, a UMC student from India, will relate her experiences in India. The evening begins at 6 p.m. with an ethnic dinner for \$8, followed by a 7 p.m. program in Sahlstrom Conference Center. For reservations call (218) 281-8586.

Students in the 7th and 8th grade from northwestern Minnesota were on campus to participate in MATHCOUNTS. MATHCOUNTS, a nationwide math program, is both a coaching program and a series of competitions at regional, state, and national levels. Area students who made their school math team competed against "mathletes" from other schools at UMC. The winners will advance to state competition in March.

DULUTH--The 1999 UMD Faculty and Staff Campaign has concluded with a dramatic rise in giving totaling \$98,195 compared to \$71,000 last year. The generous giving of faculty and staff provides scholarships and other direct benefits to UMD students.

UMD athletic director Bob Corran was in Poprad, Slovakia, for the World University Games. Corran attended as chair of the technical commission for the Federal International du Sport Universitaire (FISU), the sanctioning and governing body for the World University Games. The games attracted 1,500 student athletes from 40 countries, making it the largest multisport games next to the Olympics.

Colleen Belk and Virginia Borden, instructors in the UMD Department of Biology, presented a seminar titled "The Biology of Women and the Medicalization of Women's Biology" at the Women's Health Care Grand Rounds Series at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, Feb. 18.

MORRIS--McKnight summer fellows Ishtiyaque Haji, associate professor of philosophy, and Neil Leroux, associate professor of speech communication, will offer a presentation and discussion March 9, 7-8 p.m., Alumni Room, Oyate Hall. Sponsored by the U of M McKnight Arts and Humanities Endowment.

TWIN CITIES--U is one of 40 sites nationwide that have begun investigating use of lamotrigine, an epilepsy medication, for treatment to control manic phase of bipolar disorder, also known as manic depression. For past 30 years lithium has been standard treatment of bipolar disorder, but is effective for only half of patients and causes major side effects for many. About 1 to 2 percent of adult population suffers from disorder.

Patricia Manske, 44, died on Feb. 16 as the result of an automobile accident. Manske worked from 1983 to 1994 at the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs and since 1994 was the assistant director of the Indoor Air Quality Project in the Department of Design, Housing, and Apparel. She was also a part-time graduate student in the master's of liberal studies program. Memorials to Wolf Center, Ely, or Eagle Watch, Wabasha.

Lectures and Events: Michael Stanton, president of the American Institute of Architects, lectures on "Typologies of Contemporary California Architecture," March 3, 5:30 p.m., Architecture Court. Employee Benefits presents "Understanding Investing Basics," March 4, noon-1 p.m., 215 Donhowe, and through interactive TV on Crookston, Duluth, and Morris campuses, and closed circuit TV in Minnesota Commons, St. Paul Student Center. College of Pharmacy will hold 1999 Samuel W. Melendy lecture, "Telemedicine and Pharmacy: Current Status and Future Implications," March 4, 12:20 p.m., 2-620 Moos Tower. Guest lecturer is former faculty member David Angaran. Alexander Borovsky, of the State Russian Museum in St. Petersburg, will present "Post Perestroika: The Artists and Arts in Contemporary Russia," March 4, 7 p.m., Shepherd Room, Weisman Art Museum. Lecture is free and open to public. Opening reception for annual graduate exhibition is March 5, 6-8:30 p.m., Nash Gallery. Free and open to public. For information, call (612) 624-6518. Finnish Music/Rautavaara Festival, featuring chamber music of Einojuhani Rautavaara performed by Ted Mann musicians, March 8, 8 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. Jerry Luckhardt conducts U of M Symphonic Band and Ensembles, March 9, 7:30 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. U of M String Solo Gala, March 10, 2:30 p.m., Ferguson Recital Hall. Steve Davis conducts U of M Band and Ensembles, March 10, 7:30 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. U of M String Chamber Ensemble performs free, March 10, 7:30 p.m., Ferguson Hall. Finnish Music/Rautavaara Festival: Annunciations and Fanfares, will be March 10, 7:30 p.m., Plymouth Congregational Church, 1900 Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis. *Die Hose*, a 1908 German comedy of manners, will be performed in German, March 11 at 3 p.m., March 12 at 7 p.m., and March 13 at 1 p.m. All performances are in Shepherd Room, Weisman Art Museum. Tickets are \$2 for U students, \$4 general admission.

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<http://www.umn.edu/urelate/brief/1999-03-10.html>[Other issues](#)Editor: [Richard Broderick](#) (612) 624-2801**President Yudof presented biennial request of \$1.28 billion** to Minnesota Senate higher education committee March 2.

Victor Bloomfield has been appointed associate dean of Graduate School and vice provost for research, pending regents approval. Joint appointment represents link between executive VP and provost's office with research and graduate education programs in the Graduate School. A professor of biochemistry, molecular biology, and biophysics, Bloomfield currently holds a half-time appointment as assistant VP for research and associate dean of the Graduate School. He has also served as the head of biochemistry, director of the Biotechnology Research Center, and FCC chair.

"Dr. Bloomfield is a widely recognized scholar," said Robert Bruininks, executive VP and provost. "He is an outstanding candidate to help develop our graduate and professional educational programs, working with central units and academic colleges and departments."

Mary Heltsley has been named associate VP in the executive VP and provost's office with responsibility for U's outreach activities. Working with colleges and systemwide units, she will provide administrative leadership to help improve the U's outreach and public service throughout the state. She has been the dean of College of Human Ecology since 1987. If approved by regents, Heltsley will assume partial duties April 1, continuing to serve as dean of College of Human Ecology. On July 1 she will assume full-time duties.

Judicial committee found increasing difficult getting faculty adviser representatives, prompting chair Edwin Fogelman to suggest to FCC Thursday that "nominal compensation" of \$500 might encourage a wider roster of adviser reps. FCC chair Sara Evans suggested \$1,000 would be more appropriate since some cases can be involved and there are typically fewer than 10 cases annually. Fogelman said faculty often prefer not to be represented by attorneys--that choice is less costly. Evans said, "General counsel's office might want to kick in at least a portion of that. I think the money should come from where they money will be saved."

Senate Committee on Faculty Affairs will examine teaching assignments under the semester conversion. SCAF chair Kent Bales told FCC that committee might create a special subcommittee on the topic to review equity in the teaching workload and examine decisions already made in the workload under semester conversion.

What constitutes intellectual property has become more challenging in an era of burgeoning technology and computer software, research committee chair Leonard Kuhi told FCC. Committee has begun working on drafts, as U guidelines surrounding intellectual property issues haven't been revised for 20 years. "One area of creativity that has come into play has been computer software and hardware," Kuhi said.

Nominations for President's Award for Outstanding Service are due March 15. Award, which will be presented this spring, recognizes faculty and staff who have provided exceptional service to the U. Nominators must be current members of the U faculty or staff, or alumni. Nomination letters should focus on personal knowledge of nominee's service, such as innovative service to students, U community, individual units, or outreach. Submit nominations to President's Award Committee, c/o Vickie Courtney, U Senate Office, 427 Morrill Hall. For information, call senate office, (612) 625-9369.

Deadline is March 15 for nominations for Women's Leadership Award. Women faculty, staff, or graduate students holding at least 50 percent appointments are eligible for \$400 award to be presented in late April. For information and nomination forms, contact Office for University Women, 316 Walter Library, Minneapolis, MN 55455. Call Jenny Ryan at (612) 625-2031 or e-mail jlryan@tc.umn.edu for information.

CROOKSTON--Counseling and Career Center now provides "fingertip" access to data on jobs for students, employers, faculty, and staff from their laptop computers and PC's. It is also sponsoring a Virtual Job Fair by offering shared data resources that will provide more efficient employment services for all who use the program.

"The Black Woman's Experience in America: An Evening of Song, Poetry, and Narrative" with Denise Myers, will be March 15 as part of the UMC 1999 Seminar Series. The evening begins at 6 p.m. with an ethnic dinner for \$8, followed by a 7 p.m. program in Sahlstrom Conference Center. For reservations, call (218) 281-8586.

DULUTH--President Mark Yudof and VP for institutional relations Sandra Gardebring visited UMD on March 1 meeting with Chancellor Kathryn Martin, vice chancellors, and deans. They also met with representatives of the Chancellor's Council and UMD Legislative Committee along with area media discussing the U's biennial budget request.

UMD Student Association is coordinating the annual legislative Lobby Day with the U of M Student Legislative Coalition (SLC). Set for March 15 in St. Paul, Lobby Day is an opportunity for students to meet with legislators and participate in a rally to garner support for the U's biennial budget request.

UMD School of Medicine is hosting a series of events during Brain Awareness Week March 15-19. Researchers and UMD medical students will be going to Duluth area public schools speaking to 5th and 6th graders about the brain and nervous system. In addition UMD School of Medicine will host an open house March 18 where parents and students can examine a real human brain, play brain games and learn about brain-related topics. For more information call (218) 726-7012.

MORRIS--Students hosted Lt. Gov. Mae Schunk at an early morning breakfast March 3 on campus. Later that day, Schunk gave the keynote address at "A Conversation About Rural Education in West Central Minnesota" conference.

Bart Finzel, professor of economics and management, received the 1999 UMM Alumni Association Teaching Award.

Women's cross country team has been selected as an All-American Academic Cross Country Team for the 1998 season by the NCAA II Cross Country Coaches Association.

Former VP of Finance Edward Rewolinski has received award for community service by the AIDS Action Committee of Boston.

TWIN CITIES--Graduate School has announced the winners of the 1999 McKnight Land-Grant Professorships for junior faculty: Daphne Berdahl, anthropology; Paul Crowell, physics; Ray Gonzalez, English; Mats Per Erik Heimdahl, computer science and engineering; Marc Hirschmann, geology and geophysics; Bradley Nelson, mechanical engineering; and Elise Ralph, Large Lakes Observatory/physics, UMD. Deadline for nominations for the Civil Service/Bargaining Unit (CBSU) Staff Award is March 15. For information and nomination forms, contact Office for University Women, 316 Walter Library, or call (612) 625-2385 or e-mail woman@tc.umn.edu Faculty and staff who participated in a health care or dependent care reimbursement account in 1998 and have balances remaining in those accounts are reminded of the March 31, 1999, deadline to submit claims for eligible expenses incurred during 1998. All claims must be received by Employee Benefits by March 31. Any balances remaining after March 31 will be forfeited. If you have a 1999 account, you will receive your first account balance statement in July. Beginning in April, westbound lanes of Washington Ave. Bridge will be closed between Kolthoff Hall on East Bank and Willey Hall on West Bank. Traffic will be rerouted to south side of bridge. Expect major delays. Parking and transportation services urges motorists to find alternative routes or modes of transportation until lanes are reopened in August.

Lectures and Events: Employee Benefits presents "Estate Planning in a Nutshell," the 3rd session in the brown bag lunch series, March 11, noon-1 p.m., at 215 Donhowe Building, also through interactive TV to Duluth, Morris, Crookston, and West Bank campuses, and closed circuit broadcast to Minnesota Commons, St. Paul Student Center "Beyond Black and White: Latinos and Social Science Research on Immigration, Race, and Ethnicity in America," a discussion led by U of Michigan sociology professor Silvia Pedraza takes place March 12, noon-1:30 p.m., 140 Nolte. Employee Benefits offers a presentation for faculty and staff interested in enrolling in optional retirement plan, March 12, 2:30-3:30 p.m., 210 Donhowe Building, and on interactive television on coordinate campuses. Register by calling (612) 624-9090 and pressing 1. *Ballet*, a documentary by Frederick Wiseman will be shown March 14, 1:30 p.m., Weisman Art Museum. "Competition, Accountability, and Community" is topic of 2nd 1998-99 Minnesota Educational Policy Seminar, March 17, 8-10 a.m., Minnesota Room, Sheraton Midway, St. Paul. Cost is \$15 for breakfast. RSVP to Minnesota Educational Policy Seminar, 104 Burton Hall. For information, call 626-9262.

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Allegations of academic fraud in the Gopher basketball program were reported in the *St. Paul Pioneer Press* March 10. Jan Gangelhoff, a former office manager for the academic counseling unit, said she wrote papers and take-home exams for at least 20 basketball players, including 4 current players. President Yudof and VP Boston cut short trips to return to deal with the situation. Yudof, Boston, and Regent Hogan spoke at a news conference March 11, with the full Board of Regents standing behind them.

"We view this as a very, very serious business," Yudof said. "We're concerned about doing the right thing" and protecting the reputation of the U, he said. "You're only as good as your integrity." An external investigation will be conducted that will be fair, thorough, prompt, and swift, he said. Once the findings are in, he said, the U will take whatever action is called for. Judgments could not be made immediately, he said, because "we've had 48 hours" and "the primary witnesses will not talk to us."

Current players Kevin Clark, Miles Tarver, Jason Stanford, and Antoine Broxsie were declared ineligible for the game against Gonzaga in first round of NCAA tournament. "The charges are serious, and we've seen some evidence" to support them, although "the evidence is denied by other people," Yudof said. "That's sufficient to act to protect the institution. This doesn't represent a judgment about these young people." Reputations of coach Clem Haskins and the players are at stake, he said, and judgments cannot be made without more information. Gophers lost the game 75-63.

Yudof appeared before a legislative committee March 12 to outline plans for the investigation and reassure legislators about the U's commitment to academic integrity. "Our mission is to have zero tolerance for cheating," he told the Senate Higher Education Committee. Yudof later told regents that he thought the hearing went well and he does not expect any impact on the U's budget. Firm that will conduct the investigation is expected to be named this week. Investigators will work independently and report to the president's office.

Agreement to expand educational resources in Rochester was unanimously approved by the regents. The U would establish a nonresidential branch campus, to be called the University of Minnesota at Rochester, with a resident faculty of 20-30 and academic programs in allied health fields, technology, education, social services, and other professional fields. Special allocation will be requested from the legislature. Agreement is that there must be no offset to the governor's recommended 2000-01 budget or legislative appropriation for either the U or Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU), Provost Bruininks said.

Rochester is the 5th largest city in the state and in 20 years will be 4th, its annual economy is \$2 billion, and its phenomenal growth will lead to a projected 40,000 new jobs by 2020, Bruininks said. Primary educational need is to serve working adults. MnSCU senior vice chancellor Linda Baer, Dr. Franklin Knox of the Mayo Medical Center, and Sen. Sheila Kiscaden all spoke in favor of the agreement. Knox and Kiscaden expressed the enthusiasm of the Rochester community. "Our appetite for education is extremely strong," Kiscaden said.

One concern is the impact on Minnesota State U at Mankato. Bruininks said every effort has been made to prevent negative impact; the campus will be nonresidential, and the academic profile is designed to minimize overlap. "I believe if we grow higher education together we can protect everybody's interests," he said.

Regents approved a tuition plan designed to offer incentives to students to keep up their credit loads with the move to semesters. For undergraduates on the TC campus, cost per credit will be at one rate (\$154.50) up to 12 credits and half price (\$77.25) for all credits above 12. Students who take a full load will save 10% over the course of their educations, said Peter Zetterberg, director of Institutional Research and Reporting. Plan is notable for its simplicity and will be easy to explain to students, he said.

Another change, elimination of base tuition, will reduce the cost of taking a single course, Zetterberg said; more than 20,000 students a year take just one class at a time and should not be penalized, he said. Changing the tuition band for graduate students from 7-14 to 6-14 will mean that students can take a 3rd or 4th class for free.

Undergraduate strategy was the topic when chancellors of the 3 coordinate campuses spoke to the regents. Chancellor Martin said UMD's 2 overriding priorities are to be a first-class undergraduate university with selected graduate programs and to provide support for faculty as teachers and researchers and students as learners and researchers. "We see ourselves as a regional university providing access as well as quality," she said. She described a strong advising initiative, integration of freshman seminars with the successful Intro to College Learning class, a technology initiative, and student research opportunities.

Crookston has successfully expanded its mission to be a 4-year polytechnic campus, Chancellor Sargeant said. Enrollment is up from 250 students 5 years ago to about 1,000 today, and enrollment for next fall is up 25%, he said. "We must be doing something right." Campus makes strong use of technology, with notebook computers for all students, e-discussions, Web pages for every course, and classes offered on line. Campus is also employer influenced, and all degrees require internships. UMC is the only open admission campus in the system.

Morris has as its overarching goal to be the best public liberal arts college in America, said interim Chancellor Schuman. "We believe this is both an ambitious and a realistic goal." Seminars for all new students next fall will be on the topic of diversity. Student profile includes 16% who are young men and women of color and 28% who are from the top 5% of their class. Average course load is 16.2, compared to 13.9 for the U as a whole. Faculty are drawn to the campus because of the chance to work with extraordinary students, Schuman said.

Nominations for the 1999 Academic Staff Award are due April 2. This annual award recognizes members of the academic professional and administrative (P&A) staff who have made distinguished contributions to the mission of the U. Up to 5 winners will be recognized at the P&A spring event, and receive a \$2,000 honorarium plus \$1,000 for professional development. See Academic Staff Advisory Committee home page at <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/asac/> for nomination forms and information about the award and past winners.

CROOKSTON--Native American Cuisine: Past to Present, with Debbie and Barbara Stumblingbear, will be presented March 22 as part of the UMC 1999 Seminar Series. The evening begins at 6 p.m. with an ethnic dinner for \$8, followed by a 7 p.m. program in Sahlstrom Conference Center. For reservations, call (218) 281-8586.

Events: Bob Hall will speak about "Sex, Conflict, and Intimacy" March 17, 7 p.m., Bede Ballroom. Hall is founder of Learning to Live with Conflict, Inc. UMC Children's Center presents "A Look at Children's Friendships" with educator Gayle Nelson March 19, noon-1 p.m., in Sahlstrom Conference Center AB. A free box lunch will be provided to enrolled participants and can be reserved by calling (218) 281-8285.

DULUTH--Department of Theatre production of Dear Finder has been selected for presentation at the National Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival. Of more than 900 productions entered in the competition from 8 regions in the U.S., only 6 were invited. UMD performances will be April 21-22 at 7:30 p.m. at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. *Dear Finder* was written by faculty member Tom Isbell with student collaboration.

Events: UMD Student Art Exhibition runs March 20-April 18 with opening reception and awards ceremony March 20 at 6 p.m. The annual juried exhibition will be on display in the UMD Tweed Museum of Art. UMD theater presents *Foolin' Around with Infinity* March 18-27 at 8 p.m. in the Marshall Performing Arts Center (MPAC). Elizabeth Summerlin's one-woman show Babe will be presented March 26-27 at 8 p.m. at MPAC. *Babe* is the story of Olympic athlete and golfer *Babe* Didrikson Zaharias. Tickets are available by calling (218) 726-8561.

MORRIS--Cougars placed 5 student athletes on NSIC All-Academic Football Team: Monti Ossenfort, Brad Hilger, Travis Kraker, Riley Dubois, and Joe Bartos. Due to 1st-year status, the women's soccer team could not compete for National Soccer Coaches Association of America Academic Team award. It would have had the top team GPA in Division II and 2nd in all of women's college soccer. Women's soccer placed 8 of 20 players on NSIC Academic Team.

Michael Snowden, educational coordinator for the Minority Student Program, will become director of minority affairs at Armstrong Atlantic State U in Savannah, Ga. He will leave UMM April 7.

TWIN CITIES--The 1998-99 Northrop Dance Season concludes March 23-24 at 7:30 p.m., with Tango Buenos Aires, 25 Argentine tango masters and musicians showcasing the evolution of tango to today's ballroom glamour. Northrop Jazz Season presents Dee Dee Bridgewater performing her "Dear Ella" tribute to Ella Fitzgerald March 24 at 8 p.m., at Ted Mann Concert Hall. Faculty/staff discounts for both events: (612) 624-2345.

John Esposito, director of the Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding at Georgetown U, will speak on "The Role of Religion in World Affairs: Islam," March 18, 5:30 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center. Cost is \$5 for students and Minnesota International Center members, \$10 for nonmembers; call (612) 625-4421.

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The U has named 2 law firms to conduct an independent investigation into recent allegations of academic misconduct in the men's basketball program. Michael Glazier, a partner with Bond, Schoeneck & King, located in Kansas City, will lead the fact-finding and evidence-gathering investigation. Donald Lewis, of Minneapolis-based Hallelend, Lewis, Nilan, Sipkins & Johnson, will serve as co-counsel. President Yudof also charged the investigation team to work closely and cooperatively with NCAA enforcement staff. The fact-finding effort, expected to take approximately 6 months, will be coordinated by Tonya Moten Brown, Yudof's chief of staff.

"An investigation conducted by outside experts with considerable experience in NCAA matters will allow us to establish the facts in a thorough, impartial, and prompt way," Yudof said. "Once the initial fact-finding is completed...the Board of Regents and I will be in a position to identify the actions necessary to respond."

In an e-mail to the U community, Brown urged faculty and staff with information to provide it directly to the independent investigators. Contact Glazier through Judy Wood, his assistant in Kansas City, at 913-345-8001, or Lewis through attorney David Schultz at 612-338-1838.

Faculty Consultative Committee (FCC) and Assembly Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics met with Yudof in a closed meeting March 18 to discuss issues surrounding the allegations.

VP Maziar discussed 3 topics when she met with the FCC: upcoming NIH site visit to the U, transfer and commercialization of technology processes, and intellectual property policy. NIH visit has been set for June

8-10. An all-day symposium on proper conduct of research is planned for June 8, and David Hamilton said it will be important to get strong faculty turnout. Maziar said members of the U team that recently visited NIH "left Washington feeling that the players at NIH have a desire to work with us in regularizing the University's relationship to the federal agencies that sponsor our research programs."

Technology transfer-including education of students-"has always been the business of a university," Maziar said. She has written a white paper that focuses on commercializing U discoveries and technologies. In this area the U "has done a much better job than it's gotten credit for," she said, but it needs to do better. Some good news: since her paper came out, intellectual property disclosures from faculty have increased by almost 50%.

Work on the intellectual property policy by a faculty-administrative group is going well, Maziar said. "The working group has done tremendous work. We were mostly in agreement walking in. We're still in agreement." Law professor Carol Chomsky is working on the language, and "we owe Carol a big debt of gratitude," she said. Maziar and Len Kuhi, chair of the Senate Committee on Research, will make a presentation to regents in April.

Morse-Alumni Award recipients for outstanding contributions to undergraduate education are Bart Finzel, social sciences, Morris; Jill Gidmark, GC; Ann Masten, child development; Jim Perry, forest resources; Jeffrey Ratliff-Crain, social sciences, Morris; Karl Smith, civil engineering; Joel Weinsheimer, English; and John Wright, English and Afro-American studies.

Outstanding Contributions to Post-baccalaureate, Graduate, and Professional Education Award recipients are Thomas Clayton, English; Margaret Davis, ecology, evolution, and behavior; Robert Hardy, small animal clinical sciences; Thomas Hoye, chemistry; Allen Isaacman, history; Thomas Mackenzie, psychiatry; Ephraim Sparrow, mechanical engineering; and Richard Weinberg, child development.

U.S. News & World Report released its annual ranking of graduate and professional programs March 19. In an analysis of the rankings, Peter Zetterberg, director of the Office of Institutional Research and Reporting, said there are "no surprises" and "no major changes from past rankings." The U's only number 1 ranked program among programs ranked this year is the counseling/personnel services subspecialty in education. Programs ranked this year are in business, law, medicine, engineering, and education and Ph.D. programs in biological sciences, chemistry, computer science, geology, mathematics, and physics.

Other programs and subspecialties ranked in the top 10 this year: management information systems 3, UMD rural medicine 4, chemical engineering 3, mechanical engineering 9, educational psychology 7, special education 3, vocational/technical education 3, polymer chemistry 8, hydro-geology 7, applied mathematics 4.

Presentations by candidates for director of the Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action will begin with public forum for Linda Hanson, system director for equal opportunity, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, March 29, 10:30-11:30 a.m., 215 Donhowe Building. Interviews and public forums will be scheduled in April for Julie Sweitzer, acting director, Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action, and Pablo Mendoza, adjunct professor in organizational leadership, Chapman U. Forums are available by ITV to UMC, UMD, and UMM.

Center for Interdisciplinary Studies of Writing (CISW) invites faculty and students to apply for the CISW Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Writing (\$2,000), the CISW Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (\$12,000), and the CISW Outstanding Dissertation Award (\$2,000). For information about the awards or the nominating process, or for application materials, contact Lauren Marsh, 612-624-2344; e-mail cisw@tc.umn.edu. Deadline is April 2.

CROOKSTON-Minnesota Department of Agriculture commissioner Gene Hugoson will be on campus March 29. He invites anyone interested to participate in conversation about current challenges facing agriculture. Meeting will be 2-4:30 p.m. at the Agriculture Research Center Youngquist Auditorium. For more information, call 218-281-8680.

Final Monday evening in the UMC International Series will be March 29. Topic is "Uruguay: The Switzerland of South America" with Sara Badano and Gerardo Pin. The dinner includes special ethnic recipes from the featured country. For reservations call 218-281-8586.

DULUTH-Linda Krug has been named dean of the College of Liberal Arts beginning July 1. She holds a Ph.D. in speech communications with a major concentration in sociopolitical influence of language and a minor concentration in media studies from the U of Nebraska-Lincoln. Krug began at UMD in 1986. Vice chancellor Magnuson announced the appointment.

UMD Center for Economic Development has received a \$25,000 phase II grant from the Kauffman Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership. Grant will enable placement of 25 UMD students in intern positions in Duluth area businesses and nonprofit organizations related to work with youth and the environment.

Poet, essayist, and teacher Ray Gonzalez from the TC campus will be the keynote speaker during UMD Latin American Awareness Celebration. His poetry presentation will be April 7 at 7 p.m. in the Tweed Museum of Art lecture gallery. For more information call 218-726-8444.

MORRIS-Junior high students from west central Minnesota will attend the 1999 Youth Health Conference March 23 on the Morris campus. Sponsored by the U of M Extension Service, the day of seminars will address a wide range of adolescent health concerns.

TWIN CITIES-Medical School recently received the largest gift in its 110-year history: \$5 million from the estate of a 1932 U alumnus who spent the majority of his career as a federal employee. Bequest, from deceased benefactors Edmund and Anna Tulloch of San Francisco, is directed for unrestricted support of medical research. "We are incredibly grateful for this expression of faith in the future of medicine," Dean Michael said.

Michael Till, dean of the School of Dentistry, will retire March 31, 2000. A member of the dentistry faculty since 1969, Till has been dean since July 1996 and was head of pediatric dentistry for 20 years prior to that.

Announcements: Faculty members looking for someone to lease their homes while on sabbatical can be connected with visiting or new faculty in need of temporary housing. Contact Mary Everley in the Relocation Assistance Program, 612-626-0775, rapland.tc.umn.edu. • Employee Benefits offers a presentation for faculty and staff interested in enrolling in optional retirement plan March 29, 9:30-10:30 a.m., 210 Donhowe Building. To register, call 612-624-9090 and press 1. • Preretirement seminar for civil service and bargaining unit employees will be April 5 at 210 Donhowe Building. Choose either the 2-4 p.m. or 5-7 p.m. session. Call Employee Benefits at 612-624-9090, option 1, to register.

Lectures and events: "Teaching Writing Right in Writing-Intensive Courses: A Workshop for Faculty and TAs," April 6, 10 a.m.-noon workshop; noon-1 p.m. optional lunch; April 8, noon-1 p.m. optional lunch; 1-3 p.m. workshop. Workshop will focus on how to prepare TAs to handle the increased writing required in a department's writing-intensive courses. Register online at <http://cisw.cla.umn.edu> or call 612-626-7579. • "A Cowboy in the Stacks" by Anatoly Liberman, April 8, 5-8 p.m., Bistro West, Humphrey Center. • "Abraham Lincoln: What He Would Say to Today's Postmodernist," April 8, 7:30 p.m., 155 Ford Hall, and "The Problem of Truth in History," April 9, 105 Murphy Hall, both by John Diggins, history professor, City U of New York.

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Faculty Consultative Committee (FCC) and Assembly Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics (ACIA) passed the following resolution March 18 after meeting with President Yudof about allegations of academic misconduct in the men's basketball program:

The FCC and ACIA are firmly committed to defending the academic integrity of the University of Minnesota. As faculty with primary responsibility for teaching and learning, we are deeply concerned about the charges that have been made concerning the men's basketball team. We are gratified, however, by President Mark Yudof's swift response to the allegations and we endorse the president's decision to retain an outside firm to conduct an investigation. When the independent investigation is complete, we will work closely with the administration to define and implement any necessary actions to affirm and strengthen the educational process.

Physicists are preparing to go underground to solve one of nature's most baffling mysteries: whether the elusive subatomic particles known as neutrinos have mass. In search of a definitive answer, Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory in Chicago will send a beam of neutrinos underground to a U-run detection facility in Soudan Underground Mine State Park in northern Minnesota. Physicists will look for evidence that neutrinos leaving Fermilab change their character, or "flavor," before arriving at the mine a fraction of a second later; such a change would prove that neutrinos have mass.

The U has selected the Hugo, Minn., firm Lametti & Sons to excavate the new underground laboratory in Soudan that will house the Minnesota detector for the \$146 million neutrino experiment, called MINOS (main injector neutrino oscillation search). Experiment, funded by the U.S. Department of Energy, the United Kingdom, and the state of Minnesota, is expected to begin gathering data in 2002. Led by principal investigator Stanley Wojcicki of Stanford U, MINOS involves about 200 scientists from 20 institutions in 5 countries.

Two finalists for director of Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action will make presentations at public forums in April: Pablo Mendoza from Chapman U April 12, 10:30-11:30 a.m., 215 Donhowe Building; and acting director Julie Sweitzer April 13, 3:30-4:30 p.m., 215 Donhowe Building. Forums are available by ITV to UMC, UMD, and UMM. Forum for Linda Hanson from Minnesota State Colleges and Universities was March 29.

New Web pages, the top-level pages for the U systemwide and the TC campus, will be launched April 1. Institutional relations redesigned the pages after gathering feedback from many users and conducting usability tests. Goals are "to make the new Web site more interesting, more helpful, and easier to use, as well as to provide an exciting showcase for the University of Minnesota."

Faculty members are invited to participate in a 6-week Title VI-funded study group to Belarus, Kyrgyz Republic, and Czech Republic with K-12 teachers this summer. Participants must show commitment to using area studies knowledge they gain for curricular changes. Contact Josef Mestenhauser at 612-624-8350.

Office for University Women and its Civil Service/Bargaining Unit Initiative, together with Teamsters Local 320 and Coffman Memorial Union, are seeking nominations of U teamster women employees who provide outstanding service to their department and the U. Nominations will be accepted through April 9. Women who are selected will be honored at Office for University Women's annual spring recognition event April 27. Nomination forms are available in 220 Coffman Union or by calling 612-626-1464.

CROOKSTON--UMC's All-College Advisory Committee will meet in the Twin Cities April 7.

National Alcohol Screening Day will be April 8, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in Student Health Services, 111 Bede Hall. Anonymous service is free and open to the public.

"Herps Alive!" presented by Keith Gisser will be April 8, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in Bede Lounge. The hands-on, live reptile and amphibian program is free and open to the public.

DULUTH--UMD School of Medicine was ranked 4th in the nation in rural medicine and given a 3-way tie for 20th in the nation of medical schools training primary care physicians in the *U.S. News & World Report's* annual publication of "America's Best Graduate Schools."

An evening of Russian music performed by Luther College Balalaika Ensemble will be presented April 17 at 7 p.m. in the UMD Kirby ballroom. Donations will be accepted at the door. Concert is sponsored by the Petrozvodsk Student Exchange Committee from the UMD School of Medicine to raise money to meet the urgent need for medical supplies and medications at hospitals in the city of Pedrozavodsk, Russia. For more information call 218-726-7969.

For the 2nd year in a row, UMD's Student Employee of the Year has been named the state of Minnesota's Student Employee of the Year. Justin Hallquist, an office worker in UMD Facilities Management, is this year's winner. A luncheon honoring all nominees will be April 7.

MORRIS--Iftikhar Khan, associate professor emeritus of English, died March 20. A member of the English faculty at UMM since 1966, Dr. Khan also served as a visiting professor in Saudi Arabia. He retired in 1995. Services for Dr. Khan were held March 24 in Minneapolis.

TWIN CITIES--U police chief Joy Rikala will leave her position April 9 to become the police chief and director of public safety for the City of Minnetonka. Lt. Steve Johnson will serve as acting police chief until a search process identifies Rikala's replacement.

Civil Service Bargaining Unit Women's Initiative invites all Civil Service/Bargaining Unit (CSBU) women to attend a focus group session. These sessions invite CSBU women to talk about U work life for women. Sessions will be noon-1 p.m. April 6 (280 Ferguson), April 8 (Boynnton Health Service Library N-101), April 13 (215 Donhowe) and April 14 (274 McNeal-St. Paul). For more information, call Jenny Ryan 612-625-2031.

Tucker Center for Research on Girls and Women in Sport, in cooperation with KARE-11 and the Walker Art Center, has produced a video entitled "Throw Like a Girl: A Revolution in Women's Sports," a story about what it has been like for girls and women to play sports as told through the eyes of different generations of Minnesota families. The film will be aired on local television April 5, 7-7:30 p.m. on KARE-11 TV, Channel 11.

Employee Assistance Program has sent supervisor's manuals and employee brochures on workplace violence to all supervisors on the TC campus. In addition, training for supervisors and employees is offered in a program called The Respectful Workplace. Training for supervisors focuses on identifying and handling abusive, hostile, or violent behaviors in the workplace; training for employees focuses on defining acceptable workplace behaviors and developing appropriate responses to unacceptable behaviors. For more information call 612-626-0253.

Announcements: Any U employee taking at least one medication or supplement can receive a pharmaceutical care consultation at the College of Pharmacy conducted by a 3rd-year pharmacy student in the presence of experienced faculty. Parking and a personalized care plan are free. Call 612-626-9936 to schedule an appointment. Financial Systems User Network general membership meeting will be April 15 at the Earle Brown Center. RSVP by April 9. For information or registration questions, call Julie Montgomery at 612-624-8087 or Mary Selisker at 612-625-3493. Beta Gamma Sigma, the national honor society for business students, has begun selecting candidates for membership. Carlson School students with these qualifications are eligible: the top 7 percent of juniors, the top 10 percent of seniors, the top 20 percent from master's degree programs, and all Ph.D. students who have completed their programs in the last year. Invitations to qualified students will be mailed the second week of May. Induction ceremony and banquet will be June 3. For more information, contact Eliza Herman or Jo Ann Ash at 612-624-7511.

Events: Friends of the U Library annual meeting featuring Anatoly Liberman is April 8 at 7 p.m. in the Bistro West, Humphrey Center. Liberman, a German professor, is working on an Analytic Dictionary of English Etymology. Reception and dinner will be at 5:30 p.m.; cost is \$25. For more information call 612-624-8207. "From Maximum to Minimum" by Frank "Big Black" Smith, a survivor of the Attica prison uprising of 1971 and community activist, April 9, noon, Coffman Union Theater. "Teaching About Violence In Higher Education" conference, April 12, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Radisson Hotel Metrodome. Find conference materials at <http://www.mincava.umn.edu/center/conf99.asp>. Contact Cari Michaels, 612-624-3471. Forum on "Attachments Past and Present: Implications of Attachment Theory and Research for Protecting Children and Preserving Families" featuring Martha Farrell Erickson, April 12, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Cowles auditorium, Humphrey Center. Forum is free, but space is limited and preregistration required. Call 612-626-8202. CBS Career and Internship Fair will be April 14, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., at the St. Paul Student Center's North Star Ballroom. Fair will feature presenters from industry, government agencies, nonprofit agencies, health professions, and various other career areas to help students understand the full range of biological career opportunities. Everyone is welcome.

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Regents will meet April 8-9. Some of the topics are intellectual property policy, update on Rochester, academic and programmatic issues at Rosemount, academic initiatives in agricultural research and outreach and on the coordinate campuses, health professions educational endowment, progress report on semester conversion, schematic plans and design guidelines for several building and renovation projects. Faculty Consultative Committee will have dinner with the regents April 8.

Intellectual property policy has been redrafted by a faculty-administrative team over the last several months, has been the subject of widespread consultation, and will be taken to the regents in draft form this week. Draft policy makes it clear that faculty own all "regular academic work products," which "means any copyrightable work product which is an artistic creation or which constitutes or is intended to disseminate the results of academic research or scholarly study."

Course materials designed for the Web, distance education, or technology-oriented education are included as regular academic work products. Some other universities are claiming ownership of products created by faculty through new technology, but the U's policy does not go in this direction. VP Maziar "is amazingly supportive of the faculty," David Hamilton said in discussing the policy at Faculty Consultative Committee (FCC) meeting.

Intensive budget conversations are planned for April on how to cover costs not associated with the legislative request, including the technological infrastructure, enterprise system, Web development needs, Internet II, and facilities. Problem is that technology and facilities costs grow faster than revenues. "We don't have a choice. We have to balance [the budget]," associate VP Putzenreuter told the FCC.

Possible solutions are to reduce costs or assign costs to units. FCC and Senate Committee on Finance and Planning will meet to discuss alternatives later this month.

Charles Casey has been named interim dean of the U of M Extension Service, effective April 1. He has spent more than 27 years in rural veterinary medicine practice, served as a regent for 12 years, and was chair of the board from 1989 to 1991. "He has outstanding relationships and experiences in urban, suburban, and rural communities," Provost Bruininks said. Casey will serve until a new dean is named.

Sen. Wellstone, President Yudof, and Minneapolis superintendent of schools Carol Johnson announced a renewed partnership Monday to shape federal law to ensure that all children can read independently and well by the end of the 3rd grade. During a visit to Webster Open School in Minneapolis, the trio discussed the initiative and outlined their respective strategies to help children achieve the 3rd-grade reading goal.

"Making a strong national commitment to quality child care, early childhood development, and the effective federal compensatory education program, known as Title I, can help us reach this important 3rd-grade reading goal," Wellstone said. Congress is scheduled to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act this year, and Wellstone is a member of the Senate committee drafting legislation.

The U's mission "is to provide K-12 schools statewide with teachers, research, and programs that help children prepare for and receive a quality education," Yudof said. "As a leader in literacy research and education, we are proud to share our knowledge and expertise through this partnership and to participate in the shaping of policies beneficial to young people nationwide." In addition to the federal partnership, the U currently has a request before the legislature to fund a Connecting K-12 to Higher Education initiative.

Office of the Associate VP for Multicultural and Academic Affairs has announced the recipients of the 1999 President's Faculty Multicultural Research Awards: Ananya Chatterjea, theater arts and dance; Ruth Lindquist, nursing; Eden Torres, women's studies; Jeane Tsai, psychology; Kim Young-Nam, music; Louis Bellamy, theater arts and dance; Douglas Hartman, sociology; Ray Gonzales, English; Erika Lee, history; and Denise Ones, psychology.

CROOKSTON--As a new member of the NCAA, UMC is required to conduct a comprehensive self-study of its intercollegiate athletic programs. Study will cover institutional purpose and athletics philosophy; authority of the chief executive officer in personnel and financial affairs; athletics organization and administration; finances; personnel; sports programs; recruiting, admissions, and eligibility policies; and services for, and a profile of, student-athletes. Campus committee has been named, chaired by Bob Nelson, vice chancellor for student affairs.

Northwest Minnesota Equine Conference will be April 10, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., in Bede ballroom and UMC Equine Center. Program, sponsored by UMC, College of Veterinary Medicine, and U of M Extension Service, is for horse owners, equine business people, veterinarians, 4-H members, and others interested in horses.

DULUTH--UMD Center for Economic Development, Bureau of Business and Economic Research, and Minnesota Department of Economic Security regional analysis unit held a news conference March 29 to announce results of the Northeast Minnesota Skills Assessment Project. The 18-month project was headed by UMD economics professor Richard Lichty and is the first extensive assessment of northeast Minnesota regional workforce skills.

Tweed Museum of Art presents an exhibition of the works of Duluth writer and photographer Sue Lorenzi Sojourner through April 18. Sojourner's exhibit is titled "The Some People of That Place: An Exhibit of Photographs and Documents from 1960's Holmes County, Mississippi, the Local Black People and Their Civil Rights Movement."

Tim Roufs, sociology/anthropology professor, gave the keynote address at the 13th annual microCAD International Computer Science Conference at the U of Miskolc in Hungary in February. Topic of the conference was "Inter-facing the Inevitable: Appropriate Technology in the 21st Century."

MORRIS--John Deigh, professor of philosophy, Northwestern U, will address the 23rd Midwest Philosophy Colloquium topic of "The Mentally Ill Offender." Deigh will deliver "Moral Agency and Mental Illness" at 8 p.m. April 13 at the Federated Church. He will present a paper, "Emotion and the Authority of Law," at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Prairie Lounge.

Guest artists Byron Stripling and Eric Marienthal will join members of the UMM Jazz Ensembles in public performances at 7:30 p.m. April 8-10 in Edson Auditorium during the 21st Annual UMM Jazz Fest.

TWIN CITIES--Early Monday morning, between 2 and 5 a.m., animal rights activists broke into 2 buildings on campus, causing considerable damage. Lions Research Lab and Elliott Hall were both entered by persons who left behind spray-painted messages claiming to be the ALF (Animal Liberation Front). At Lions Lab, computer and other equipment was destroyed, and there was other vandalism. At Elliott Hall, equipment was destroyed and about 75 animals were taken from the labs. The incident is under investigation by U Police. Director of research subjects' protection program, Moira Keane, has urged U researchers to secure research areas and be on alert for unusual activity.

Daniel Detzner, associate dean of the College of Human Ecology and a professor of family social sciences, has been named interim dean of the College of Human Ecology effective July 1.

Gerald (Jerry) Groetsch, lab services coordinator in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, died of cancer April 2 at Regions Hospital in St. Paul. He worked in the department 19 years.

Events: Faculty recital with Vern Sutton, tenor, and Keith Weber, accompanist, in "From Opera to Opry," classical and popular favorites, April 12, 7:30 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. Free. Partners for Farm Safety and Health presents "Farm Alarm: Coping with Stress," April 16, 1-3 p.m., St. Paul Student Center theater. Script was based largely on interviews with Minnesota farm families. Refreshments. Questions: 612-624-7444. Visitors will get a behind-the-scenes look at cancer research during Cancer Center's community open house, April 18, noon-4 p.m., at the Masonic Cancer Center Research Building. Activities are geared toward both children and adults. For more information, call 612-624-8484 or visit <http://www.cancer.umn.edu>.

Announcements: GradFest '99, a one-stop-shop for graduating seniors, is April 7, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and April 8, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Great Hall Coffman Union. Pediatric dentistry has spaces for new and returning patients. Comprehensive pediatric dental care is available to all children from infants to teens. Call 612-625-7171. School of Dentistry is a preferred provider for Delta Dental Plan; insured and private patients welcome. Lab Fest '99, the annual scientific product show, will be at Radisson Hotel Metrodome April 14 and St. Paul Student Center North Star Ballroom April 15, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Call 612-626-0237 for information. Employee Benefits offers a presentation for faculty and staff on optional retirement plan April 14, 9:30-10:30 a.m., 210 Donhowe Building. To register, call 612-624-9090 and press 1. If you drive over a pothole on campus, call Pothole Hotline at 612-626-7578. Parking and Transportation Services will determine if it is a campus, city, or county pothole and have it fixed.

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House Higher Education Finance Division passed the omnibus higher education bill in a straight party-line vote of 6-5 Friday. Appropriation for the U is \$118.5 million in new money. Included is about \$100 million in additional recurring funding to improve undergraduate education, connect the U to the community, enhance the campuses, and fund competitive compensation. Bill includes \$3 million a year for the Academic Health Center.

Crisis in health professional education was the topic when VP Cerra addressed regents Friday. The U trains 2/3 of the state's health professionals, and "we can no longer successfully meet that challenge" without state help, he said. Two endowments funded by tobacco settlement would go for health professional education in Gov. Ventura's proposal. "There's a whole lot more work to be done before this is going to be a reality," Cerra said.

Snapshot of the crisis: Patient care revenue that subsidizes medical education has fallen by 50% in the past 4 years, Cerra said; patient volume is up, but payments are down because of managed care. Faculty physicians now spend 25% more time taking care of patients, and those who leave say in exit interviews that it is because they don't have time to do research. Process of erosion in the Medical School is "on its way," he said. Just-released ranking from the National Institutes of Health shows a drop from 19th to 26th in one year.

Legislative response is unclear, Cerra said. Legislative leaders understand the need; the problem is that "a yes vote doesn't give much to go home and show, but a tax rebate does," he said. "It's not going to work unless the constituents call in. Five phone calls to a legislator can have a major effect." The U gets a lot of attention, President Yudof said--for problems in the basketball program, break-ins in labs, hiring of a hockey coach--and yet "there is no decision that's more important to the people of Minnesota than this decision."

Slow but steady progress in hiring and retaining faculty of color was reported to regents by vice provost Robert Jones, but he expressed concern about underrepresentation of some groups. The number of faculty of color is up from 212 in 1988 to 313 in 1998 (or 10.6% of faculty). Increase is significant, he said, but the vast majority--65.4%--of these faculty of color are Asian Americans, and other ethnic groups are "still somewhat underrepresented."

Julie Sweitzer, acting director of equal opportunity, gave numbers for P&A (51% women, just under 8% people of color) and different categories within civil service and bargaining unit (executive group 67% women, 7% people of color; clerical 90% women, 10% people of color; service and maintenance 32% women, 15% people of color).

Regent O'Keefe said "there remains a sense that this is not a warm and accepting climate" for people of color. Goal should be "the most welcoming environment in the state of Minnesota. I don't think we're there. We're not even at neutral in my opinion." Regent Hogan said, "There are things you can do that you haven't tried yet."

Regents approved a community relations plan presented by VP Gardebring. Plan includes neighborhood impact assessment in the predesign phase of all projects and better and earlier communication with neighbors about what the U is planning or considering. "The proposals are not radical but do represent a different way of relating to our neighbors," Gardebring said. Regents expressed enthusiasm and willingness to help.

Standardization of academic policies will go into effect with the conversion to semesters, administrator Peter Zetterberg told regents. Examples: Once students are admitted to a college, they will not have to meet higher standards to get into a major. Students who do satisfactory work (2.0 GPA) and meet all requirements will be able to graduate without a higher standard applied by a college. All colleges will use the same GPA (3.67) for dean's list. There will be one undergraduate catalog for the TC campus. "We've literally changed the environment for students," said associate VP Robert Kvavik. "Sept. 1 is the opening date of the new era."

Draft of intellectual property policy was presented to regents to give them a chance to respond while the policy is being formulated. Unlike at some universities, the policy does not claim U ownership of faculty-created materials for the Web or distance education. Regent O'Keefe said this might open doors for faculty to be engaged by entrepreneurial organizations that compete with the U. VP Maziar said her intent was to address that issue in a conflict of interest policy. O'Keefe asked her "to come back to us and talk" more about this issue.

Andrea Turner, special assistant to the chancellor and executive director of multicultural affairs at the U of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, has been named executive director of the Board of Regents and corporate secretary to the board. "I am thrilled to be joining the highly regarded University of Minnesota system, and I look forward to an exciting and productive tenure," she said.

CROOKSTON--Vic Fickling will be on campus April 23 to help with retirement planning and answer any questions regarding the Minnesota State Health Plan or Delta Dental coverage.

Events: T-Night Fever singer John Smith will perform April 20 at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Roost. Free and open to the public; free drinks and popcorn. Awards reception and program will honor outstanding students, faculty, and staff. Reception is April 21, 6:30-9 p.m., Bede ballroom. Program begins at 7 p.m.

DULUTH--Electrical and computer engineering department is holding 5th annual Engineering Day today (April 14). More than 450 high school students from the Iron Range and northwestern Wisconsin were expected.

Events: Monthlong UMD Latin American Awareness Celebration will culminate with fiesta April 24 at 6 p.m. in the Kirby Student Center Ballroom. Fiesta includes buffet dinner and music and dance entertainment. Tickets are on sale at the Kirby Student Center desk at \$15; \$10 for students and children. UMD Theatre presents *You Can't Take It with You*, a comedy by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman, April 22-25 and April 28-May 1 at 8 p.m. in the Marshall Performing Arts Center. For tickets call 218-726-8561.

MORRIS--Sun Kahng, professor and member of the economics/management faculty since 1965, died April 5. Among his many curricular innovations and contributions is establishing a student exchange program between UMM and Yonsei University in Seoul, Korea. He also developed and implemented, in the 1970s, the business-economics major and minor at UMM. Services were held April 9 in Morris.

UMM will again acknowledge the Outstanding Support Staff for 1998-99. One award will be presented in each of the following groups: civil service, AFSCME, and teamster. Any member of the UMM community may nominate a staff person for these awards, which will be presented at the annual Faculty-Staff Recognition dinner May 19.

Circle of Nations Indian Association will sponsor powwow April 17 in the PE Center. Grand entries at 1 and 6 p.m.

TWIN CITIES--Doug Woog announced last week that he will resign after 14 years as Gopher hockey coach to take a job as assistant athletic director and work as a fund raiser. He is the winningest coach in Gopher hockey history, but the team had losing records in the last 2 years. On Friday Don Lucia agreed to leave Colorado College to accept a 6-year contract and coach the Gophers. He built Colorado College into a national power in 6 seasons.

Joseph Massey and Paula Rabinowitz have been elected to 3-year terms on the Assembly Steering/Senate Consultative Committee. Muriel Bebeau, James Boulger, and Robert Miller have been elected to 3-year terms on the Academic Health Center Faculty Consultative Committee. All elections were very close.

Events: Spring auction of U vehicles, April 17, 11 a.m., Holman Building. Details at <http://www.umn.edu/fleetsrv> or call 612-625-3033. Department of Design, Housing, and Apparel will host clothing design show April 17, 3 p.m., North Star Ballroom, St. Paul Student Center. Tickets (\$13 for students and \$15 for nonstudents in advance, \$18 at the door) can be purchased at Student Center Union Station desk or reserved by calling 612-625-9794. "The Unique Vision of Charles Biederman" by Susan Larsen, April 18, 2 p.m., Weisman Art Museum. Faculty Fulbright workshop, an opportunity for faculty to hear from past Fulbright recipients and get tips for writing a successful application, April 20, 2-4 p.m., 140 Nolte Center. To reserve a place, e-mail Rita Snider at rsnid@tc.umn.edu or call 612-624-3481. Center for Interdisciplinary Studies of Writing will celebrate a decade of achievement at an anniversary colloquium April 21-22 at Radisson Metrodome Hotel. Renowned writing-across-the-curriculum specialist Toby Fulwiler will be featured speaker. Call Terri Klegin at 612-626-7579 or e-mail cisw@tc.umn.edu.

More events: Friends of the U Library present "Extra Wings: John Berryman's Personal Library" with Richard Kelly, April 22, Rare Books and Special Collections Reading Room, 4th floor, Wilson Library, 3:30-4 p.m. reception, 4-5 p.m. lecture and discussion. Refreshments. Free, open to public. Office of Admissions is hosting its annual High School Counselor Conference April 26, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., in Coffman Memorial Union. For more information call 612-625-0101. Office for U Women presents "Celebrating the Achievements of University Women 1999" April 27, 3-5 p.m., Weisman Art Museum. Program includes music, food, conversation, brief performances by U women, and presentation of awards. All women and men welcome. RSVP, women@tc.umn.edu or 612-625-2031. Stuck on Poetry, a National Poetry Month celebration, April 27, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Weisman Art Museum plaza. "A New View of Raising Young Children: The Role of the Father in Current Coparenting Practices," the 1999 Harris Forum, featuring Kyle Pruett, April 28, 12:30-3:30 p.m., Minnesota History Center, 345 Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul.

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<http://www.umn.edu/urelate/brief/1999-04-21.html>[Other issues](#)Editor: [Maureen Smith](#) (612) 624-2801**Legislative prospects**, next year's budget, and basketball issues were among the topics when President Yudof met with the Faculty Consultative Committee (FCC) April 15; some of the discussion was off the record.**How to support common good** under Incentives for Managed Growth (IMG) is an issue that Yudof said he wants to look at. The U has a strange system in which being asked to pay overhead costs is viewed as retrenchment, he said. "Nobody wants to pay overhead," he said, but a plan is needed to "do it in a forthright way," and "we have to proceed in some orderly fashion so that the budget balances next year."

IMG is a good system that needs fine tuning, he said. "I don't have a plan today." He said he will work with the faculty to find ways of fixing the system so that common services can be supported. For one thing, he said, he believes it was a mistake to give 100% of tuition money to colleges.

What happens to a faculty line when a department decides not to give someone tenure was another topic. In some colleges, the line stays with the department; in others, it reverts to the college. Some FCC members argued that taking away the line would discourage a department from exercising quality control and making negative decisions about tenure. Others said circumstances vary from college to college and flexibility is needed. Yudof said he wants to think about the issue before deciding whether to recommend a uniform policy.**Investigation of vandalism** in labs on the TC campus "is proceeding with great speed," but "an arrest is not imminent," Richard Bianco, institutional official for animal care, reported in an e-mail update April 13. Tip line at 612-378-1914 is receiving dozens of calls. Among the evidence police have in their possession is a videotape of the incident produced by the Animal Liberation Front.

Fourteen of the pigeons and 8 of the rats were recovered in a field near Woodbury; 13 of the pigeons and 3 of the rats are still alive. "We do not know if these animals will continue to be used for research, though we expect the pigeons will return to their behavioral research study on memory and learning," Bianco said. Insurance adjusters came April 8 to assess damage. Preliminary estimates total several million dollars. President Yudof and VP Cerra are making funds available immediately to restore the damaged laboratory space. Researchers will not need to wait for the insurance settlement to begin replacement.

Staff Day will be June 2, with campus celebrations in Minneapolis and St. Paul planned for 11 a.m.-2 p.m. President Yudof approved setting aside the day to celebrate the contributions of civil service and bargaining unit staff. Planning committee is organizing celebrations that will include a staff chorus, a small orchestra, food, T-shirts, buttons, banners, and flags. Departments are encouraged to commemorate the day in their own ways. If you have questions or need ideas, send e-mail to hohxx001@tc.umn.edu or call 612-626-7984.**Conference on "The Death of JFK,"** sponsored by University College Duluth, will be May 14-16 at the Carlson School of Management in Minneapolis. "This is going to be the most comprehensive, the most contemporary, the most up-to-date presentation of what we know about the assassination that has ever been presented to the American people," says James Fetzer, McKnight professor at UMD and program chair. Conference registration fee is \$150. For more information and a complete brochure, call 218-726-6361 or e-mail pnuhring@d.umn.edu.**New U of M Foundation Web site** was launched April 16. Redesigned site is easy to navigate and allows visitors to make an online pledge. It also includes helpful information about the foundation, its fund-raising activities, and the impact that private giving has on the U. Visit the new site at <http://www.foundation.umn.edu>.**Update to the U-Wide Policy Library** includes new policies on charging sponsored projects before the award and managing personal relationships in the workplace. Controller's Organization has started an online financial forms library at <http://process.umn.edu/groups/ppd/documents/index/forms.cfm>. Depending upon the form, it allows you to print, complete, or order. See the What's New section of U-wide policy home page at <http://www.fpd.finop.umn.edu/>. Policy and process development office offers paper index to all U policies or e-mail notification of changes. To receive index or e-mail, call 612-624-1611 or e-mail process@tc.umn.edu.**Frank Grewe**, manager of the U's online directory, is a featured speaker on the topic of Campus Directories for a "Tech Talk with the Experts" online forum on April 22 at 3 p.m. These discussions of technical topics by nationally known experts are sponsored by CREN (Corporation for Research and Educational Networking). For more information about how to listen to this discussion, see <http://seminars.cren.net/events/directories.html>.**CROOKSTON**--UMC alumni along with the Fargo/Moorhead chapter of the U of M Alumni Association will hold a reception with President Yudof April 27, 5:30-7:30 p.m., in the Plains Art Museum in Fargo. RSVP to Rose Ulseth at 218-281-8439 or e-mail to rulseth@mail.crk.umn.edu.

Events: Spring quarter Campus Assembly will meet April 22 at 4 p.m. in 207 Dowell Hall. UMC Children's Center is celebrating the Week of Young Child April 18-24 with several events at the center.

DULUTH--Commencement ceremonies are set for May 22 at 2 p.m. in the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center. Event will be UMD's largest commencement ever with 1,000 graduates marching along with more than 100 faculty. Graduates include 110 receiving masters degree's and 4 receiving doctoral degrees. Former U Regent Erwin Goldfine and community leader Beverly Goldfine will receive honorary Doctor of Law degrees, along with UMD graduate and U of California professor emeritus John "Jack" Coons, who will be the featured speaker.

UMD Student Employee of the Year Justin Hallquist has been named 1999 National Student Employee of the Year by the National Student Employment Association. Hallquist created an electronic mapping system for the entire UMD campus while working with facilities management staff.

MORRIS--Blandin Foundation has selected city of Morris and surrounding area to participate in Blandin Community Investment Partnership. The program, initiated by Blandin, partners the foundation with towns in rural Minnesota to help them research and address local concerns. Partnership will be facilitated by Center for Small Towns at UMM, Morris Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, and Blandin Community Leadership program.

From keynote speaker Ilyasah Shabazz to an invitational ethnic dinner, the 26th Annual World Touch Cultural Heritage Week April 26-30 will include a variety of events that will focus on "The Year of the Elderly."

Preserving local historic properties will be the topic of a public meeting at 7 p.m. April 29 in the Minority Resource Center (MRC) Room 205. The oldest structure on the campus, the MRC was originally constructed in 1899 as a boys' dormitory at the then Morris Industrial School for Indians and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984 because of its significance to the history of Indian education in the state.

TWIN CITIES--The entire campus community is invited to an open house April 30, 3:30-7 p.m. celebrating the new Barbara Barker Center for Dance, located on the West Bank at the corner of Riverside and 21st Ave. S. Students and faculty will be giving tours, and refreshments will be served.

Researchers in the General Clinical Research Center have received \$15.6 million from NIH to conduct research and clinical trials on a variety of diseases over the next 5 years. The grant, one of the largest in the Medical School's history, continues federal support of the center since it was first funded in 1969.

These 6 individuals have received the U of M Outstanding Community Service Award in its inaugural year: Kôren Alaniz, School of Nursing; Lisa Albrecht, GC; Amos Deinard, CUHCC/VCC Pediatrics; Archibald Lyesmeyer, English; Judith Martin, geography; and David Weissbrodt, law. New award recognizes accomplishments that contribute to substantial, enduring contributions to the community and to improving public life and the well being of society. An awards dinner celebrating their accomplishments with their community partners will be April 26.

Department of Psychiatry and psychiatry clinics are moving to Fairview campus of Fairview-U Medical Center April 26. New offices are on 2nd floor of West Building on Riverside Ave. Administrator Mike Nemcek says the merger with Fairview offered a long-sought opportunity to upgrade and consolidate academic and clinical services. Fairview and the U worked together on consolidation and renovation. New address is F-282-2A West, 2450 Riverside Ave, Mpls. 55454; phone numbers are 612-273-9800 (adult psychiatry), 612-273-9711 (child psychiatry).

Events: U Symphony Orchestra, featuring concerto competition winners; Kate Tamarkin and Gabriela Diaz-Alatrliste, conductors, April 23, 7:30 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. Free Diversity Through the Disciplines, a presentation of scholarly work, April 28, 1-6 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center. For faculty, topics, and presentation times, check Events Calendar at <http://events.tc.umn.edu>. Deans Leyasmeyer of Public Health and Yussen of Education and Professor Edwin Fogelman, chair of the Senate Judicial Committee, will lead a conversation for campus deans and department chairs/heads on "How Not To Do Promotion and Tenure" May 14, 3-5 p.m., Dale Shepard Room, Campus Club. Comments begin at 3:30 p.m.; refreshments will be served.Go to the [U of M home page](#)

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Senate Education Finance Committee passed its omnibus higher education bill last week, providing \$82.5 million for the biennium in new money for the U. The U request was \$198.7 million, the governor recommended \$121.7 million (he also proposed a medical education and research endowment using proceeds from the tobacco settlement), and the house recommended \$120.7 million. Senate bill funds salary increases at 3%; house bill has an additional 2% for faculty.

Although the senate bill does not provide funding for health professional education initiative, it is contained in a different committee's bill. The language related to expanding programs in Rochester was removed by amendment from the senate bill. The bill contains a significant appropriation for student financial aid and lowers the number of credits a student needs to be considered full-time from 15 credits to 12.

Concern about the senate bill was expressed by executive VP Bruininks in a meeting with the Faculty Consultative Committee (FCC) April 22. Not only is the amount almost \$40 million below the governor's recommendation, he said, but the bill gives full funding in some areas and little or nothing in others. Money is put into technology and libraries but not into the undergraduate initiative (freshman seminars, hiring new faculty). "We clearly have a lot of work to do over the next 3 weeks," Bruininks said. "We'll probably be calling for a lot of help from you and our alumni."

Balancing next year's budget will mean finding ways to cover some costs not directly associated with the biennial request, Bruininks and associate VP Richard Pfutzenreuter told the FCC. Costs have been categorized into 3 groups: general common goods (e.g., enterprise project, utility costs, grants management, steam plant debt, window washing); redistributive academic goods (e.g., compact investments, CLA best departments, Native American enrollment at Morris, teaching awards, sabbatical pool); and core administrative services.

For next year's budget, planners face a \$30 million problem: \$14.3 million for general common goods, \$10.7 million for redistributive academic goods, and \$4.7 million for core administrative services. Totals would be higher, Bruininks said, if administrators had not put in "hours and hours of work to get the costs under control."

A joint faculty-administrative committee will be formed to work on permanent solutions. Proposed solutions for next year: assessing 1% of payroll in all units for the enterprise project, targeting reductions of about \$5 million in central administration, taking some money (perhaps 10%) "off the top" of the state appropriation, and collecting the equivalent of 1% of total revenue from each collegiate and campus unit in institutional revenue sharing (IRS). The IRS acronym may have been "an unfortunate choice of words," Bruininks said.

"There has to be a broader conversation about this as a long-term fix," Sara Evans said. "It feels like a retrenchment or a tax." Earlier plan had been to keep some tuition money centrally, but deans made it clear that they would prefer to get a bill for a total amount and decide within the college where to find the money, Bruininks said. "The president signed off on that last night."

The future of scholarly publishing was the topic when vice provost Vic Bloomfield met with the FCC. A system that used to be run by scholars as a low-budget operation "has gotten out of our control" and has become extremely costly, he said. Some of his ideas for regaining control: faculty should work within their scholarly societies to encourage self-publishing of journals, prestige of a peer-reviewed journal should not depend on whether it is published on paper or online, and faculty should not serve on editorial boards of expensive, overly specialized journals. FCC members agreed that the topic is important and invited Bloomfield to return for a discussion of strategy. Sara Evans said strong leadership is needed at the national level.

Award recipients for the 1998-99 John Tate Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Advising are M. Rezaul Karim, professor, UMD biology; Kate Maple, director of student services, College of Human Ecology; Rosemary Miskowicz, student personnel worker, political science; and Patricia Solberg, principal student personnel worker, medical technology. Recipients will be honored at a ceremony May 11 at the Mayo Auditorium.

1999 Academic Staff Award ceremony will be May 5, 3-5 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. Event celebrates achievements of P&A staff and honors award recipients, chosen for service to the U. Regent Hogan will be keynote speaker. Recipients: David Johnson, Office of Human Resources; Sara Veblen-Mortenson, Division of Epidemiology; Susan Page, chemistry; June Nobbe, Campus Involvement Center; and Margaret Towle, Coffman Memorial Union.

Elderhostel is now registering adults 55 and older for its summer programs. During July, August, and September, UMD, UMC, and UMTC will offer 15 weeks of this residential educational opportunity. Call 612-624-7004 for more information and to be placed on all Elderhostel mailing lists.

Employee Benefits offers a presentation for faculty and staff interested in enrolling in optional retirement plan May 5, 2:30-3:30 p.m., 210 Donhowe Building, and on interactive TV to coordinate campuses. To register call Twin Cities 612-624-9090 and press 1, Crookston 218-281-8345, Morris 320-589-6021, or Rochester 507-280-2834.

CROOKSTON--Take Back the Night walk will be April 29, beginning at 7 p.m. in Crookston High School commons. Sponsored by UMC and Violence Intervention Project, the walk is open to all members of the community. Events symbolize the need for people to join together to stop sexual violence, domestic abuse, and child abuse.

United Northwest Minnesota INFOCON, an information and communications consortium of 13 public and nonpublic schools, has been awarded a \$250,000 grant from the Minnesota Department of Children, Families, and Learning. Consortium schools will use the money to conduct 30 training sessions for teachers in cooperation with UMC.

DULUTH--UMD will host writer Sherman Alexie May 5-7. Alexie is a Spokane-Coeur d'Alene Indian whose short stories are the basis for the award-winning film *Smoke Signals*. His mentor Alex Kuo, English professor at Washington State U, will also visit. Schedule: *Smoke Signals* showings, 7 p.m., May 5 and 7; Alexie/Kuo literary reading, 7 p.m., May 6, all in 90 Bohannon Hall, free and open to public. For more information call 218-726-8230.

UMD chapter of Sigma Xi, scientific research society, presented awards at its annual meeting. Past Presidents' Award was given to Paul Anderson, biochemistry, and Distinguished Service Award to James Humber, archaeometry laboratory. Jean Regal, pharmacology, was elected president.

MORRIS--Senior Abe Welle, St. Cloud, has been named student commencement speaker for June 11 ceremony and recipient of Curtis H. Larson Award. Welle and other student award recipients will be honored at May 12 Student Honors and Awards event at 2 p.m. in Edson Auditorium.

Recipients of the Mary Martelle Memorial Award, honoring a past Student Activities secretary at UMM, are Jeri Mullin, representing staff, and Ron Morris, representing the student body.

TWIN CITIES--Hennepin County has delayed Washington Ave. Bridge painting project by one year. It will begin in spring 2000. Preliminary construction and structural repairs to railings might happen in July and August 1999. If repairs and construction begin in 1999, single lane closures in both directions of the bridge will occur. Hennepin County will notify motorists 1-2 weeks in advance of any road closure. The U will still repair the plaza at the west end of the pedestrian level during summer 1999. Pedestrian and bicycle access may be restricted at times.

Events: "How Will Voluntary School Desegregation Affect Minnesota Schools?" by William Trent, April 30, 3-6 p.m., 25 Law Building. Free and open to the public; RSVP to 612-625-8071. Gala tribute to Vern Sutton, who is stepping down as School of Music director, May 3, 7:30 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. Tickets \$20, students 2 for \$20. Call 612-624-2345. Designer Michael Sorkin will be the Cass Gilbert visiting lecturer in College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture series April 30, 5:30 p.m., Architecture court. Writer Sherman Alexie will be on campus for 3 events: a screening of *Smoke Signals* at U Film Society May 3 at 7 p.m., a Q and A session May 4 at 3 p.m. in 150 Lind Hall, and a reading May 4 at 7:30 p.m. at Weisman Art Museum. McKnight summer fellows presentations will be May 4, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., in 280 Ferguson Hall by Michael Cherlin, music, and Joanie Smith and Danial Shapiro, theater arts and dance. Brown bag lunch (beverages and cookies provided). "The God in the Machine: Designing Interactive Media for the 21st Century" by Janet Murray, May 5, 7:30 p.m., Radisson Metrodome Hotel Humphrey Room. For information call 612-626-7579 or visit <http://cisw.cla.umn.edu>.

Announcements: Copyright permission requests for summer session I course packets should be submitted to Copy-right Permissions Center as soon as possible. Forms may be dropped off at any Printing Services location, faxed to 612-626-9810, sent to 106 Printing Services Building, or submitted via Web at <http://www.umn.edu/printing>. Call Lois Williams at 612-624-8258 for information. African American Learning Resource Center hosts honors program May 19, 7 p.m., 125 Willey Hall, for undergraduate academic achievers and graduating students (undergraduate, graduate, and professional). Family, friends, and community leaders have been invited; others are welcome. Call Tony Diggs or Pammela Caldwell-Thomas at 612-625-1363.

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Minnesota made some progress in faculty salaries in 1998-99, but not as much as expected, Peter Zetterberg reported last week. Rank of full professors moved from 26th to 25th among the top 30 research universities, rank of associate professors moved from 24th to 22nd, and rank of assistant professors moved from 25th to 22nd.

Salary increases at other top 30 institutions were higher than expected (4.7% for full professors) and Minnesota's increases were lower than expected (5.7% for full professors). "I cannot explain why Minnesota's reported salary increases are lower than expected, except to point out that salary increases at each rank are determined not just by the annual salary plan, but also by the movement of faculty from one rank to another and by faculty retirements and attrition," said Zetterberg, director of Office of Institutional Research and Reporting.

Average (mean) salary at Minnesota is \$85,600 for full professors, \$61,700 for associate professors, and \$51,300 for assistant professors. Mean salaries in the top 30 without Minnesota are \$98,900, \$66,100, and \$55,800. Among top 15 public universities, means are \$89,600, \$61,800, and \$52,000. Top full professor salaries are at Harvard (\$122,000) and Stanford (\$117,000), lows are Washington (\$75,600) and Wisconsin (\$77,600).

Intellectual future of the U was the topic when the Faculty Consultative Committee (FCC) met with regents professors April 29. Conversation was part of an ongoing series of FCC discussions. Some comments: With its broad range of disciplines, the U has great opportunities for integration of research across disciplines, but structural problems get in the way. Vibrant arts scene and cultural diversity in metro area offer opportunities for stimulating connections and can stir research. International opportunities will be increasingly important. Clinical investigators are "an endangered species," which is of concern to the whole U.

"The intellectual future depends on the quality of the faculty almost entirely," said Regents Professor Ellen Berscheid, and the news on faculty salaries is discouraging. Another concern is the inability to compete successfully for graduate students when other schools may offer twice as much money and "marvelous packages for the entire duration of their graduate careers," she said. Several faculty spoke of the need to get the word out to people of Minnesota about what faculty do and why salaries need to be competitive. Kent Bales talked about the growing trend to hire teachers who are not regular faculty. Regents Professor Margaret Davis said another threat is that "one cheap way to make ends meet on a grant is to have the work done by contractors." Research work then disappears from U labs, where graduate students are taught, to off-campus sites, she said.

Revisions to the civil service rules were approved at the Board of Regents April meeting. For highlights of rules revisions on the Web, go to http://www.socsci.umn.edu/civilser/rules_ch.html. The official version of rules will be available shortly on the Web under Office of Human Resources. Changes go into effect immediately.

Wall of Books in the U of M Gateway Heritage Gallery will feature hardbound volumes by or about faculty, students, and alumni, as well as those about the U; 5,000 books are needed. On June 4, the U of M Alumni Association will sponsor a 5,000 Books Drive on all 4 campuses to help create this legacy. Books will be collected at the Gateway site on the east bank of the TC campus and locations on the Duluth, Crookston, and Morris campuses. For details and drop-off locations, watch campus publications in late May.

International travel grant applications are available for funding from Office of International Programs (OIP, formerly ISP), China Center, and McKnight Arts and Humanities fund. First deadline in new semester system is May 17 for activities beginning July 1-Sept. 30; subsequent deadlines Aug. 16 and Dec. 15. Call 612-625-7753, or 624-1002 for China travel, or go to Web site at <http://www.international.umn.edu/isp/funding/travelinfo.html>.

AFSCME 3800 has a new Web site at <http://www.mtn.org/afscme3800> with information for clerical unit employees about negotiations, meetings, and other union activities.

Send in names of civil service and bargaining unit staff who make a difference at the U and in the community for recognition on Staff Day June 2. Information and forms are at http://www.ohr.umn.edu/cs_rec/csrec_EntryForm.cfm. Deadline is May 12.

CROOKSTON--Ninety-one 3rd and 4th graders from Bagley School, along with one of the fathers, Regent Warren Larson, will Travel the World on the Net, check out the horses, and experience a scientific water demonstration today (May 5), when they spend a day on the UMC campus.

Events today (May 5): Groundbreaking for the Early Childhood Development Center will be at 12:15 p.m. at the construction site. Cinco de Mayo, Mexican Independence Day, will be celebrated at 3:30 p.m. in Bede Ballroom.

DULUTH--Business and Economics Business Person of the Year Award has been presented to Dale Lewis. She is president and CEO of Park State Bank and president of Park State Bank Corporation of Duluth.

Outstanding Media Person Award was presented to Tom Hansen, sports director of KBJR TV in Duluth. Hansen has broadcast UMD football and men's and women's basketball for the past 10 years.

MORRIS--Vice provost Ann Hill Duin and chief information officer Steve Cawley will be presenters at Faculty Technology Fair May 6. Twenty faculty will exhibit and demonstrate their use of technology in the classroom. Cawley will participate in an interactive TV seminar on Internet2, 9:30-11:30 a.m. in 7 Humanities Fine Arts. Duin will present a discussion of technology-enhanced learning efforts at the U, including the Minnesota Virtual University, 1-2 p.m. in the Moccasin Flower Room, Student Center. Fair runs 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Recipients of Outstanding Service Staff Awards are Jeri Mullin, AFSCME, and Gordon Harstad, teamsters.

UMM retirees will host about 20 U of M retirees May 6. Agenda includes lunch on campus, UMM and West Central Experiment Station tours, afternoon campus reception, and dinner.

TWIN CITIES--U lung injury researchers will receive \$6 million over the next 5 years as a result of designation as a Specialized Center of Research by the National Institutes of Health. The U is one of 7 centers nationwide to receive the designation. "This highly competitive funding provides stable resources to carry out innovative research directed at discovering therapies to heal damaged lungs," said Dr. Peter Bitterman, professor of medicine.

Louis Ignarro, a U alumnus and one of 3 winners of the 1998 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, will return to campus May 27 to speak and receive the F. E. Shideman Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Erwan G. Quintin, graduate student in economics, has received a Social Science Research Council International Pre-dissertation Fellowship for study in Mexico and Argentina. Dunn Peace Research Awards have been made to Peter McAuley, graduate student in cultural studies and comparative literature, for research in Ireland, and Charla Weiss, senior in urban studies, Spanish and Portuguese, and Latin American studies, for research in Guatemala.

General College is planning a retrospective and reunion celebration May 20-21 to highlight its unique history and achievements. Several distinguished GC alumni will participate in a panel discussion May 20, 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Coffman Union Great Hall, and President Yudof and Dean Taylor will preside at a convocation May 21, 2-4 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. For more information call the hotline at 612-625-1038 or dean's office at 612-625-6885.

Faculty and researchers are invited to Internet2 Day May 6, 9 a.m., Physics auditorium. Speakers include President Yudof, VP Maziar, and state senator Steve Kelley. Following presentations and box lunch, participants can attend 20-minute demonstrations at 3 research labs currently using Internet2. Advance registration is requested; register at <http://www.nts.umn.edu/internet2/register.html>. For information, see <http://www.nts.umn.edu/internet2/agenda.html>.

Events: "Sediment Entrainment by Unsteady Turbulent Flows and the Impact of Navigation in the Upper Mississippi River Basin" by Marcelo Garcia and presentation of Alvin G. Anderson Award, May 6, 3:30 p.m., St. Anthony Falls Laboratory. Concerto Grosso Ensemble and New Music Ensemble, May 6, 7:30 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. Free. "Parting Words: Trauma, Silence, and Survival" by Cathy Caruth, professor of English and comparative literature at Emory U, May 7, 4 p.m., 38 Folwell Hall. Communicators Forum spring conference, Communication by Design, will be May 10, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Humphrey Center. For information or to register visit the Web site at <http://www.umn.edu/umcf/> or contact Laura Weber at 612-625-0552 or lwebe@tc.umn.edu. Education in the 21st Century conference, May 11, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Humphrey Center atrium and auditorium, open to the public. Speakers include Patricia Harvey, Christine Jax, Lisbeth Schorr. Cost \$60; students \$30. Call 612-625-8330. Visiting speaker Richard Wrangham of Harvard is giving 2 talks: "Cooking and the Ecology of Human Origins" May 11, 3:30 p.m., 2-215 Carlson School, and "The Evolutionary Ecology of Lethal Coalitions in Chimpanzees and Humans" May 12, 4 p.m., 335 Borlaug Hall. "The Emerging Role of Trust in Reducing Stereotype Threat" by Claude Steele, professor and chair of psychology at Stanford, May 13, 3 p.m., 25 Law Building. Poet Edward Hirsch will read May 16, 7 p.m., at the Hungry Mind Bookstore in St. Paul, and lead a discussion on "Right Relationships: Writing and Reading Poetry" at a reception May 17, 7:15 p.m., 150 Lind Hall. Call 612-625-6366.

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No agreement had been reached on either the omnibus higher education bill or the endowment for health professional education at the time *Brief* went to press.

Long-term strategic plan for Gopher athletics was announced at a news conference May 7. Women's rowing team will be added in 2000-01. No men's sports will be dropped. Revenue streams of men's and women's athletics will be combined, and \$1.2 million in centrally allocated funds will be added. President Yudof said the U will be first in the Big Ten in women's participation. Plan goes beyond anything required by the NCAA or any court, he said. "We just decided to do this right." VP Boston and athletic directors Mark Dienhart and Chris Voelz voiced their support of the plan. "I simply think this is a great plan," Voelz said.

Athletic booster clubs will be reviewed by a 5-member task force appointed by Yudof in response to a March 4 internal audit of travel reimbursements for U athletic staff. Task force, which has been asked to report findings by June 4, will review standards and purposes for which booster funds may be used, the authorization process for such uses, federal and state tax considerations, and any applicable NCAA limitations. Dean Sullivan of the Law School will chair the task force, and general counsel Mark Rotenberg will coordinate its work.

Also, in a memo issued May 6 to athletic directors and coaches, Yudof announced that no booster club funds may be used or accepted by any U employee for gifts or travel, except for bona fide business purposes.

Julie Sweitzer was named director of equal opportunity and affirmative action, after a national search. She has been acting director since January 1998 and associate general counsel responsible for employment and discrimination advice and litigation, constitutional issues, and health and safety since 1989. VP Bruininks said she is "a highly effective leader with demonstrated experience and skills required to ensure the success of our initiatives and to guarantee the continued development of programs that will assist us in meeting our diversity goals."

Health plan task force unanimously recommended that the U hire consultants to investigate the possibility of setting up a separate health plan, task force chair Dick McGehee told the Faculty Consultative Committee (FCC) May 6. Task force members are "still far from unanimous" on whether it is in the U's best interest to separate from the state, but everyone agreed that "we need to get ourselves in a position where we can make a rational decision." FCC voted to endorse the recommendation. Current system "is falling apart faster than we thought it would," McGehee said, and new system will not be ready as soon as people hoped.

First-year faculty, in a series of dinners with faculty leaders, were mostly positive about their experience at the U, but some concerns emerged, FCC members said. Some comments: Research environment is strong. Mentoring programs are helpful. Assistant professors should not have to wait 2 years before being eligible for retirement program. People are surprised when they discover how much expectations vary from department to department. Some women worry that they will hurt their careers if they have children before receiving tenure.

Teaching and learning were focus of FCC's conversation in ongoing series of meetings on the intellectual future of the U. Sara Evans said there is a need for faculty to "create intellectual communities linked to our teaching mission." Several people talked about problems with Council on Liberal Education requirements and the growing tendency for students to look only for classes that meet 2 or 3 requirements. Advisers saw that "the quickest way to get students through...was through double dipping and triple dipping," Marvin Marshak said.

Symposium on Responsible Research and Society's Expectations will be June 8, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Coffman Union. Symposium will begin a 3-day visit by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and is an important step toward removal of exceptional status. Program highlights: President Yudof speaking on society's expectations, NIH representatives speaking on sponsor expectations, and opportunities for faculty to discuss the proposed intellectual property policy and issues related to data management, authorship, and fiscal accountability and management. Registration is required; send e-mail to d-bone@tc.umn.edu or call 612-624-6550.

Split Rock Arts Program is now taking registrations for summer arts workshops in creative writing and visual and fine crafts. Weeklong workshops are held July 11-Aug. 14 on the Duluth campus and retreat-style workshops at the Cloquet Forestry Center. U faculty and staff, including graduate students with current academic staff appointments, are eligible for reduced tuition rates. For information, call 612-624-6800 or e-mail srap@mail.cee.umn.edu or visit the Web site at <http://www.cee.umn.edu/splitrockarts>.

Deadline to submit proposals for "Women's Lives, Women's Voices, Women's Solutions," a national teleconference for women in higher education, is May 28. Conference will be on TC campus March 27-29, 2000. Call for proposals is available online at <http://www.umn.edu/women/wihe.html>. Send e-mail to wihe@tc.umn.edu with questions.

CROOKSTON--Career-minded youth in grades 9 and 10 are invited to Youth Career Conference June 20-25. Young people will explore career options in agriculture, communications, science, finance, sales, management, education, manufacturing, and other areas. Goal is to give students a dynamic learning experience where they can tour businesses, explore their own interests and talents, and learn business techniques for their future careers. For details, contact UMC's Center for Agriculture Management at 218-281-8108.

DULUTH--UMD Opera Theatre will present the baroque masterpiece *Dido and Aeneas* by Henry Purcell May 14 and 15 at 8 p.m. in the Marshall Performing Arts Center.

Tweed Museum of Art presents the "Caras de Vida/Faces of Life" exhibition by artist and sculptor Jesse Barajas through May 30 in the gallery. Barajas is the art director and founding member of Michigan State's Virtual University, which is one of the first Web sites allowing students to take courses via their computers.

MORRIS--Delbert Anderson, former IR state representative from District 15A, died May 3. Anderson was a recipient of the UMM Alumni Association Distinguished Services Award. An advocate of rural interests during his legislative career, he served on the Legislative Commission on Agricultural Schools at UMM's inception in 1960 and was a strong supporter for establishing a U campus in Morris. Services were May 8 in Starbuck.

Science IV Art Committee has named former Minnesotan Cliff Garten as artist for the new science and mathematics facility. Garten is a graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design and the New York State College of Ceramics, has a background in landscape architecture, and has taught at Hamline U. While few restrictions have been placed on the project, the committee proposed that the artwork "should reflect and celebrate the beauty and form of nature." On the committee are faculty members Nic McPhee, Margaret Kuchenreuther, Peter Whelan, Michael O'Reilly, Gordon McIntosh, Kevin Flicker, and Fred Peterson.

TWIN CITIES--Doris Kearns Goodwin, Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer of presidents, will be the speaker at U of M Alumni Association annual celebration June 2. For information visit the Web site at <http://www.umaa.umn.edu>.

Celebration of the 125th anniversary of the Department of Geology and Geophysics will be May 21-22. Exhibit of photographs of students and faculty studying geology throughout the 125 years will be displayed in the Winchell Reading Room in Pillsbury Hall. Public lecture by George Wetherill (the A. O. C. Nier Distinguished Lecture) will be May 21 at 3:30 p.m. in 150 Physics on the topic "Planet Formation--A Science in Its Adolescence."

Announcements: Medical School received a Gold Achievement Award from the American Association of Family Physicians for its outstanding production of graduates who enter family practice. Award was presented in Seattle April 30. Employee Benefits offers a presentation for faculty and staff on the optional retirement plan, May 27, 9:30-10:30 a.m., 210 Donhowe Building; to register, call 612-624-9090 and press 1.

Events: "Rapson's Designs for Public Buildings: A Gallery Talk" by Ralph Rapson and Jane Hession, May 13, 12:15 p.m., exhibition galleries; "Ralph Rapson and Yesterday's Houses of Tomorrow" by John Burns, May 13, 7 p.m., William Shepherd Room, Weisman Art Museum Two lectures by Thomas Pavel, professor of comparative literature, U of Chicago: "The Fate of Recent French Thought" May 13, 7:30 p.m., 155 Ford Hall; "The Origins of the Novel: A Nonideological Approach" May 14, 3:30 p.m., 105 Murphy Hall. Information: 612-624-7074. "The Spaces of Utopia" by David Harvey (Ralph H. Brown Memorial Lecture), May 14, 3:15-5 p.m., 5 Blegen Hall. Faculty and advisers of all international students graduating September 1998 to the end of 1999 are invited to a celebration May 14, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Great Hall, Coffman Union. Short program begins at 4 p.m. No need to RSVP; for questions call Cheri at 612-626-7455. "The Language and Visions of Otherness and Cleansing: Racial Hygiene and the Holocaust" by Stephen Feinstein, May 15, 10 a.m.-noon, 365 Ford Hall. Chamber Music Society of Minnesota with Joseph Silverstein, violin, May 16, 3 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall, free. "The Odyssey of Our Odysseys" by Theofanis Stavrou (about the work of Nikos Kazantzakis), May 21, 3:30-5 p.m., Wilson Library gallery, 4th floor; call Lanaya Stangret at 612-624-9339 by May 18. "History Without a Center: Reflections on Eurocentrism" by Arif Dirlik, May 21, 3:30-5 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center, reception follows.

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Legislature approved a total package of \$119.9 million in additional funding for the U for the next biennium: \$103.9 million in additional operating funds and \$16 million for health professional education at the AHC. The U had requested \$198 million. President Yudof expressed his appreciation to lawmakers and the governor. "The University has strong support across the state. Legislators and the governor believe in the direction the University is taking. The increased funding will allow us to move forward on new undergraduate programs, compensation, and outreach--though not as aggressively as we had originally hoped."

President Yudof presented a preliminary capital request of \$193.2 million to regents May 13. Request represents funding of \$132.2 million from the state and \$61 million from the U.

U investigators looking into allegations about the men's basketball program have identified 4 areas as focus of investigation, chief of staff Tonya Moten Brown told regents. Areas are charges of academic fraud, inadequate institutional control over program, special benefits given to student athletes, and possible violation of NCAA rules. Investigators plan to interview 120 people; 50 have been interviewed so far. The investigation is scheduled to be completed by September and a report submitted to Yudof at that time.

No U building appears on this year's list of 10 most endangered historical buildings compiled annually by the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota, Facilities Management VP Eric Kruse told regents. New compilation, issued to coincide with National Historic Preservation Week, is "very satisfying because, if you recall, our buildings used to lead that list," Kruse said.

Otto and Helen Silha presented U with \$1 million gift for the School of Journalism and Mass Communications Silha Center for the Study of Media Ethics and Law during regents meeting Thursday. Money will be used to fund programs in Silha Center. "I wouldn't be doing this except for the leadership of President Yudof and Dean Rosenstone," Otto Silha told regents. "They have put journalism in the limelight. I know that this is going to be not just the greatest journalism department in the United States, but in the whole world."

Reduction of 18% in U's Medical School faculty since 1993 that resulted from a "painful" restructuring of Academic Health Center and sale of U hospital may position the AHC to recruit faculty from other universities that are just now suffering from the financial impact of managed care, Yudof said. "The critical element is the ability to draw on the health-professional education endowment."

No link exists between the certification process and the investigation of men's basketball program, William Flanigan, a political science professor and chair of the U's NCAA certification steering committee, told regents. "The certification process is a very occasional process that reviews structures and procedures at a university, while the recording and investigation of possible misconduct is a constant process with a different set of procedures," he said. The report of any investigation results would occur separately.

Regents will hold a public forum at 1:30 p.m. on May 27 in St. Paul Student Center theater. Forum is open to anyone who wants to address the board about FY 2000 budget and related issues. Speakers will be limited to 5 minutes and must write or call by noon, May 24, to get on agenda. Submit written material in advance for duplication. Office is 200 Morrill Hall, 612-625-6300.

Graduate assistants have voted against union representation by a vote of 1,713 to 1,298. This is the 3rd time since 1974 that unionization has been rejected by assistants.

"We have a long history of working with graduate students to resolve issues of mutual concern, and we remain committed to making the University of Minnesota an outstanding institution for graduate education," said Christine Maziar, VP for research and dean of Graduate School.

Five faculty have been awarded \$100,000 "genius" grants as Distinguished McKnight University Professors. Faculty are Anne Fallon, entomology; Hung-Wen Liu, chemistry; David Pui, mechanical engineering; Anne Pusey, ecology, evolution, and behavior; and Michael Ward, chemical engineering and materials science.

1999 recipients of President's Award for Outstanding Service are Phillip Baird, Natural Resources, UMC; Walter Carpenter, NC Experiment Station; Anne Caton, CBS; Sara Evans, history; Barbara Stephens Foster, GC; Shirley Nelson Garner, English; Robert Holt, political science; Linda Larson, athletic department, UMD; Coronado Relopez, facilities management; James H. Rothenberger III, Public health; Mariah Snyder, nursing; George Winter, Carlson School. They will be honored June 2 at Eastcliff.

CROOKSTON--UMC and Itasca Community College (ICC) campus administrators and program faculty have made official an articulation agreement between the two colleges. Under agreement, students in ICC's 2-year natural resources-forestry program may transfer to UMC and earn a bachelor of science degree in natural resources.

Academic advisement and registration for new students is May 24-27 and June 28.

DULUTH--Glensheen offers tours every week, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., including holidays through Oct. 31. Special events include Anniversary Week, July 26-30; 5th annual Festival of Fine Art and Craft, Aug. 21; and a surprise gift for the 2 millionth visitor this summer. "Clothing from the Closets," an anniversary exhibit of clothing at the estate, will be displayed Memorial Day through Labor Day. New telephone and fax numbers are 218-726-8910 and 726-8911.

Fifty years of UMD Air Force ROTC Detachment 420 will be celebrated during homecoming weekend Oct. 1-2. Current and former Detachment 420 alumni, staff, and Angel Flight members are invited. Contact the Aerospace Studies office at 218-726-8159.

MORRIS--Art professor Fred Peterson has received a Minnesota Book Award for history for *Building Community, Keeping the Faith: German Catholic Vernacular Architecture in a Rural Minnesota Parish* (Minnesota Historical Society).

Members of search committee for new chancellor have been named by President Yudof. Eric Klinger, psychology professor, chairs the committee.

TWIN CITIES--"Farm in the City: A Hands-on Interactive Experience" is a new, weeklong day camp for children ages 6-11 sponsored by College of Veterinary Medicine and College of Agricultural, Food, and Environmental Sciences. Tuition is \$100 per child for one session. Sessions are July 12-16, July 19-23, July 26-30, Aug. 2-6, and Aug. 9-13. FFI, call Ted Randitz, 612-624-3435, or see Web site at <http://www.animal.agri.umn.edu/daycamp>.

Community University Health Care Center (CUHCC) has a new Web site at <http://www.ahc.umn.edu/CUHCC>.

Events and lectures: G C homecoming and reunion will be May 20-21. Moore by Four will perform at alumni dinner, May 21, Great Hall, CMU. McKnight summer fellows presentation includes reading by Valerie Miner, English and creative writing, and talks by Ofelia Ferran, Spanish and Portuguese, and Kevin Lemoine, French and Italian. U of M Symphony Orchestra gives a free performance of works by Barber, Shostakovich, and Vaughan Williams, May 21, 7:30 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. Opening reception for M.F.A thesis exhibitions will be May 21, 6-8:30 p.m., Nash Gallery. Event is free and open to the public. Exhibit runs through June 11. Life Sciences Undergraduate Research Symposium, sponsored by CBS Honors Program, will be May 26, 1:30-4:30 p.m., in Ecology Building foyer. Open to all; refreshments will be served. Call 612-624-9717 for information. George G. S. Liu, professor at Fudan University, will present "The New Development of the Integration of Traditional Chinese and Modern Medicines," May 26, 3:30-4:30 p.m., CMU theater. For more information call China Center at 612-624-1002. Lecture by Nobel winner and U alumnus Louis Ignarro will be May 27, 2:30 p.m., Mayo Memorial Auditorium.

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Investigation of men's athletics will be expanded to include allegations that athletic officials intervened on behalf of football and basketball players who were accused of criminal sexual conduct, President Yudof told news reporters Friday. The same investigators who are looking into allegations of academic misconduct will conduct the inquiry. Yudof said he expects a report by July 1. New allegations were reported in the *Star Tribune* May 21. Yudof urged any women who believe their complaints were mishandled in the past to come forward.

Yudof expressed confidence in VP Boston, whose handling of one incident was reported in the *Star Tribune* and *St. Paul Pioneer Press*. "I believe in Mac," Yudof said. "In all my dealings with him, this has been an honorable man." Boston said he expects that the investigation will vindicate him.

Medical education endowment was established by the legislature; VP Cerra gave details in a May 20 e-mail. Of \$968 million in tobacco settlement payments, 61% went to tobacco use prevention and local public health endowment and 39% to medical education endowment. AHC and affiliated institutions will receive \$8 million in fiscal year 2000, \$8 million in 2001, and a minimum of \$7.92 million annually in 2002-2014. In addition, graduate health professional programs will be supported through Medical Education Research Costs (MERC) funds: \$3.4 million in 2000, \$8.3 million in 2001, and a minimum of \$10.7 million annually in 2002-2014.

President Yudof and Regent Hogan issued a statement May 19 saying they were "outraged" by an editorial cartoon May 18 in the *St. Paul Pioneer Press*. "The racist overtones of the cartoon and the implication that the University treats its student athletes as 'slaves' on a 'plantation' is simply beyond the considerable editorial latitude afforded to responsible journalists," they said.

More than 600 student athletes "work hard to juggle the demands of grueling schedules and challenging academic workloads," they said. "More than a third of them were among the undergraduate honors students who were recognized this week at the University, and they graduate in numbers that exceed even the graduation rates of our general student body. In addition, we provide to all of our at-risk students, including some student athletes, significant academic support that is targeted to assuring a quality educational experience."

Renaming contest for the south mall in Minneapolis drew nearly 1,000 entries, and a renaming event scheduled for today (May 26) has been canceled. "Due to the unexpectedly large number of suggestions, we need more time to evaluate all the entries!" contest coordinators said in an e-mail May 20, and because of the high level of interest President Yudof has asked that the regents participate in the selection process at their next meeting. Winner will be named June 11 at the regents meeting and will be notified late that afternoon. Winning name will also be announced in the *Minnesota Daily*. Event to celebrate the new name will be held in the fall.

Maroon and gold ice cream, free T-shirts for staff while they last, and free food are planned for Staff Day June 2 on the TC campus. Morris campus event was May 20, Crookston's will be May 27, and Duluth's will be part of a 4th of July picnic. See TC and Crookston campus sections for details about plans on those campuses.

Employees on the TC campus will be able to pay for parking contracts through pretax payroll deductions under a new program in July, made possible by recent changes in federal legislation. Most out-of-pocket parking contract costs will actually decrease, even though contract rates on the campus will increase this fall by about 15%. Depending on income, tax filing status, and type of parking contract, savings will range from 19% to 36%.

In a May 20 e-mail, President Yudof explained plan to improve campus transportation services while minimizing cost impact on faculty and staff. Construction projects have caused significant short-term parking space reductions, he said, and limited space on campus is making it necessary to rely more and more on aboveground ramps and belowground garages; cost is significantly higher than surface lots. Officials are working with the coordinate campuses to consider how the pretax benefit might also be offered on those campuses.

Parking payroll deductions will automatically be made on a pretax basis starting with July 14 paycheck. Employees who do not want to participate have until June 30 to submit a request called a Taxable Parking Election Form, available at Parking and Transportation Services. Contract holders will receive a letter outlining the program by June 1. For information, go to Web site at <http://www.umn.edu/pretaxparking> or call 612-626-7275.

Registration for fall semester 1999 was completed last week on the TC campus with the new PeopleSoft and Web Registration system. System crashed the first day because of overload, but the problems were fixed and from Tuesday on the system "went lickety split" and "exceeded what we could reasonably expect," associate VP Robert Kvavik said. "Monday was not a good day," he said, but "we have terrific people and terrific students"; students were patient, staff worked hard, and contingency plans worked. Problems were never with PeopleSoft or IBM. "PeopleSoft works. The IBM front end works. We have passed a major milestone. We did it with some bumps on Monday, but we did it," Kvavik said. System has been up and running on the coordinate campuses since April.

A joint venture between the U and Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) will soon provide low-cost dental services in Hibbing. A full-service dental clinic, to be staffed by dental students, dental hygienists, and dental assistants from the U and MnSCU. A full-time clinic director will oversee the students' work.

CROOKSTON--Regent Patricia Spence addressed graduates at commencement exercises last Friday.

Faculty and staff honored at Spring Awards Reception were: Most Supportive of Students, Erman Ueland, associate professor and program manager for Ag Industries Sales and Management; Outstanding Student Service, Claudia Barton, coordinator of Student Support Services; Outstanding Educator, Lynnette Mullins, assistant professor of speech; Best Implementor of Technology, Paul Aakre, assistant professor of mechanized agriculture.

"U Can Count on US" celebration is May 27, 2:30-4:30 p.m., with a potluck following, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Celebration recognizes and shows appreciation for civil service and bargaining unit employees and also recognizes faculty, staff, and P&A employees for outstanding service.

DULUTH--Bob Nielson, from the U of Wisconsin Eau Claire, has been named UMD's new football coach. Nielson will begin his duties July 1 and become only the 4th full-time head coach in the 66-year history of UMD Bulldog football. He succeeds Jim Malosky, who retired this past February.

UMD announced retirement of 10 faculty members: Robert Williams, professor of music; John Green, professor of geology; Lewis Oakland, assistant professor of physics; Joyce Grahn, professor of management studies; Roger Fischer, professor of history; William Gibson, professor of composition; James Malosky, associate professor of health, physical education and recreation/football coach; Donald Haynes, associate professor of health, physical education and recreation; Joann Johnson, professor of health, physical education, and recreation; and Arthur Johnson, professor and head of medical microbiology and immunology.

MORRIS--Six retiring faculty and staff were honored during the 8th annual Faculty and Staff Recognition Dinner May 19: Joyce Bogenreif, Division of Education; Joanne Hagstrom, Library; Pat Holmes, Bookstore; Clyde Johnson, professor of music; Shirley Swenson, Health Service; and Ted Underwood, professor of history. Sinmin Wu, assistant professor of mathematics, and Betty Wu, Food Services, retired following last year's event. Sun Kahng, professor of economics, who died April 5, was also to have retired this year.

Josh Crabtree, '94, received the 1999 Medical Student Award for Contributions to Family Medicine by Minnesota Academy of Family Physicians. Crabtree is a student at the U Medical School. The award recognizes a 4th-year medical student for family medicine activities on a local, community, medical school, state, or national level.

TWIN CITIES--Staff Day events June 2 will be at Coffman Union and St. Paul Student Center. President Yudof, VP Carrier, Civil Service Committee chair Mary Jane Towle, and others will speak. Schedule at Coffman: Information Fair 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Jazz Band 11 a.m.; Staff Chorus, Gospel Choir, and Windwood Ensemble noon; speakers 12:30 p.m.; Jazz Band 12:50 p.m. Schedule in St. Paul: Information Fair 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Jazz Band 11 a.m.; speakers 11:40 a.m.; Jazz Band noon; Staff Chorus, Gospel Choir, and Windwood Ensemble 12:55 p.m.; Jazz Band 1:30 p.m.

Events: "Building Strengths in Kids--U.S. and International Perspectives" will feature 3 of 15 prestigious Kellogg International Leadership Fellows in Minneapolis for a seminar on practical applications of resiliency and attachment theory in schools and youth programs. This public presentation will focus on Mexican-American youth development in south Texas, youth with disabilities in Brazil, and special needs education in South Africa. May 27, 2:30-4 p.m, 140 Nolte. For more information contact Children, Youth, and Family Consortium at 612-626-1212 or cyfc@tc.umn.edu. The U of M/Coca-Cola Beverage Partnership will hold a Celebration of Achievements honoring students, faculty, and staff who received grants from the partnership during 1998-99 on June 1, 3:30-5 p.m. in Great Hall of Coffman Union. The event, free and open to all, will include refreshments and live entertainment.

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Salary strategy that will be recommended to the regents in June was spelled out in a May 25 e-mail memo to chancellors, VPs, and deans from VPs Bruininks and Carrier. Memo addresses salary increases for faculty (except at UMD), P&A staff, and graduate assistants. Information about increases for civil service staff, unionized nonacademic employees, student employees, and UMD faculty will be distributed later.

Allocation of a 3% pool (and the associated increases in fringe benefit costs) from central administration will be provided to chancellors, VPs, and deans to distribute to their units for recurring salary increases for faculty and P&A staff. Units are allowed to add funds to their salary increase pool. "Merit and market competitiveness must be prime considerations for base increases," the memo says.

President Yudof's management philosophy focuses on decentralized and shared authority, accountability, and responsibility for academic directions and investment strategies of the U, the memo says. "Consistent with this philosophy, the funding sources and decision making process for the 1999-2000 compensation plan, which must address merit and market issues, will be the shared responsibility of central administration and local units." Chancellors, VPs, and deans have a June 4 deadline for submitting their unit pay plans. Budget will be reviewed at the early June meeting of the regents and acted on in late June.

Annual AAUP survey of faculty salaries showed that the average salary in the full professor rank on the TC campus increased by 5.7%, the average salary in the associate professor rank increased by 7.3%, and the average salary in the assistant professor rank increased by 5.6%. Although this information is correct, the actual average salary increase for individuals in these ranks was considerably higher: 7.5% for full professors, 8.1% for associate professors, and 7.7% for assistant professors.

Apparent discrepancy is explained by the fact that numbers in the AAUP survey are for all faculty in a rank (a cohort), and the composition of cohorts changes from year to year. For example, each year some higher salaried full professors retire or are recruited away and are replaced with lower salaried full professors who have just been promoted or who are new hires. Even though the salaries of all individuals are increasing according to the salary plan, the average salary increase of the entire cohort, including new hires and individuals moving back from administrative appointments, may be significantly less than the individual increases.

This cohort effect will vary from year to year, with retirement details, attrition details, promotion details, and so forth. And it is not unique to the U. Most large institutions would experience similar cohort effects. Information is from Peter Zetterberg, director of Office of Institutional Research and Reporting.

Ashley Haase, professor and head of microbiology, has been named a regents professor. Dean Michael of the Medical School said the selection of Haase reflects "his outstanding scientific contributions to AIDS research, his international reputation, and his leadership in microbiology."

"Responsible Research and Society's Expectations" will be topic of a symposium presented by the U and NIH June 8 in Coffman Union. Symposium begins a 3-day informal visit from NIH staff. NIH visitors are the same team that will return in the fall on an official visit to review systems, policies, procedures, and education and training programs prior to removing the exceptional status placed on the U for the past 4 years.

Symposium is open to everyone involved in sponsored research but was developed particularly for faculty. Attendance is strongly encouraged, VP Maziar said in a May 25 e-mail memo. Good attendance will be "an important signal to NIH that we are ready to have our special status removed" and that the U is "beyond exceptional," she said. To register, contact Dee Anne Bonebright at d_bone@tc.umn.edu or call 612-624-6550.

Great Book Drop on the TC campus to help collect 5,000 books needed for the Gateway Center Heritage Gallery is June 4. Books will be collected on the south side of the Gateway site on the East Bank, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., and in the lobby of Magrath Library in St. Paul, 8 a.m.-noon. Books are also being collected at the campus libraries at Duluth, Morris, and Crookston. Books can be by or about faculty, staff, and alumni, or about the U, and must be hardbound, have legible type on the spine, and be no more than 11 by 14 inches. Wall of Books, 60 feet wide and 35 feet high, will be emblematic of the scholarly accomplishments of the U. If you have questions call 612-626-4707.

CROOKSTON--Faculty and staff honored at the spring recognition event: Distinguished Teaching Award, Charles Habstritt, associate professor of agronomy; Distinguished Professional and Administrative Award, Laurie Wilson, counselor; Distinguished Service, Susan Jacobson, horticulture laboratory services coordinator; and U Outstanding Community Service Award, Nancy Capistran, science laboratory services coordinator.

Brad Kerr has been named the new athletic director at UMC; his appointment will begin July 1. A native of East Grand Forks, he comes from Jamestown College. He replaces Marv Bachmeier, athletic director for 30 years.

Mike Curfman will replace Brenda Krogstad as the new women's basketball coach. A native of Fosston, he was previously an assistant coach at St. Cloud State U.

DULUTH--Midwest Sports Channel (MSC) has selected former UMD football coach Jim Malosky as its 1999 recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award. Malosky will receive the award during MSC's Sports Salute tele-cast June 24 at 8 p.m. Malosky coached the UMD Bulldogs for 41 years and was the winningest coach in NCAA Division II and 7th winningest active coach at all collegiate levels. He retired from UMD this spring.

Five students at UMD School of Medicine and their faculty adviser, Dr. Ed Haller, will travel to Petrozavodsk, Russia, July 5 to deliver more than \$15,000 in medical supplies and medications to hospitals there. Students and Haller have raised money and solicited donations of supplies from Duluth area residents and medical institutions and suppliers. For information call 218-726-7969 or 726-7571.

MORRIS--An open forum to elicit ideas about a new chancellor and the characteristics important in a chancellor will be June 2 at 4 p.m. in the Science Auditorium. President Yudof's office is in the process of finalizing the hiring of Academic Search Consultation Service to assist in finding the best candidates. Edward (Ted) Lewis, a member of the search firm who has been assigned as primary consultant, will be on campus June 1-4 and will attend the forum. Committee seeks and will welcome all input.

Carol Marxen, associate professor of education, has been elected president of Minnesota Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators. Organization advocates for improvements in early childhood teacher education and early childhood education in Minnesota and provides a communication network for early childhood teacher educators.

Student athletes have been named athletic award/scholarship recipients: Anna Townsend (basketball/volley-ball), Willis Kelly Award; B. J. Friedrichs (wrestling), Arnold Henjum Award; Rob Bahr (baseball), Men's Honor Athlete Award; Laurie Plahn (volleyball/basketball), Women's Honor Athlete Award; and Rheann Piotter (bas-ketball), McCannon Scholarship. Brad Hilger (football) and Anna Townsend (basketball/volleyball) were recipients of 1999 Honor Student-Athlete Awards.

TWIN CITIES--Faculty and staff members who will be away for the summer are encouraged to listen to their voice mail messages during their absence. The campus will convert to a new voice mail system this summer. More information is available at <http://www.nts.umn.edu>.

Orientation will be June 21-July 16 and Aug. 25-Sept. 3. During this time, the U Card Office expects to issue approximately 8,000 cards to new students and may not be able to accommodate replacement card and passport photo needs in a timely manner. If you know you will need passport photos, or if you have been putting off replacing your lost, stolen, or damaged card, please visit the U Card Office before June 21.

School of Public Health and Minnesota Department of Health are jointly sponsoring a videoconference link to major presentations of the UNC-Chapel Hill 1999 Summer Public Health Institute on Minority Health, June 14-18. Emphasis this year is on the issues of race and ethnicity in health research. All sessions will be held in 2-620 Moos Tower. Cost is \$50, \$25 for students, \$15 for individual sessions. For detailed information about each session, check out Web site at http://cdlhc.sph.unc.edu/minority_health/vidagenda.html. For more information about registration and continuing education credits, call Jeanne Freiburg at 612-645-6750.

Events: Lloyd Ultan Memorial Concert, June 5, 7:30 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. Free. Midwest premiere of Rorem's *Evidence of Things Not Seen* with Vern Sutton, June 7, 7:30 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. Free. *Miss Richfield Goes to College* with Susan Kimberly, deputy mayor of St. Paul, June 12, 8 p.m., Coffman Union theater, \$25 per ticket. Proceeds benefit U of M Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Scholarship Fund. Call 612-626-2324.

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Three new regents' professors were approved by the regents in May and will be recognized at the regents meeting this week: Tom Clayton, professor of English and classical and Near Eastern studies; Dr. Ashley Haase, professor and head, Department of Microbiology; and John Sullivan, professor of political science.

Clayton is an internationally renowned scholar of Shakespeare and 17th-century English poetry and has produced authoritative texts. Sullivan's research has changed the ways in which political scientists measure and study tolerance, citizens' rights, and public opinion. Haase's recent publications describing the responses to antiretroviral therapy have been among the top 5 most cited papers in the biological literature in the 1990s. All 3 are also highly praised as teachers and mentors. "The appointment of these individuals will continue the proud tradition of excellence embodied in this august group of outstanding scholars," President Yudof said. Only one of the 3--Ashley Haase--was named in last week's *Brief*. The editor regrets the omissions.

Regents meet this week and then will meet again June 28 to give final approval to the budget. After that, their next meeting will be in September.

Partial pay plan for civil service employees was announced in a June 2 e-mail memo from VP Carrier, pending approval by the regents. Often in the odd-numbered years when the U's biennial budget is voted upon by the legislature, there is a delay in awarding annual salary increases, which are then retroactive to July 1. This year a recurring across-the-board increase of 2% will be effective June 21.

Plans for additional increases "will be finalized in consultation with the Civil Service Committee and communicated after collective bargaining agreements are concluded and with appropriate considerations of equity for all civil service and union represented staff," the memo says. Employees represented by collective bargaining agreements are not included in the partial pay plan, because negotiations are not completed.

Two joint task forces of faculty and administrators will work through the summer, one on the reform of academic appointments and one on a long-term budgetary framework. Reports are expected in November on academic appointments and in December on the budget.

Fred Morrison, law professor, has been elected chair of the Faculty Consultative Committee (FCC). David Hamilton, professor of genetics, cell biology, and development, will be vice chair.

FCC elected Mary Jo Kane, kinesiology, to fill the unexpired term of Matthew Tirrell, who is leaving the U to become dean of engineering at the U of California at Santa Barbara. Roberta Humphreys, astronomy, is the new senate vice chair and will also be on the FCC. Susan Brorson, business management, has been elected from the Crookston campus and Jeff Ratliff-Crain, social sciences, from the Morris campus. As *Brief* reported earlier, Paula Rabinowitz (English) and Joseph Massey (natural resources) were elected from the TC campus.

Morrison led a discussion June 3 on issues that the FCC expects to deal with in the coming year. Among them: athletic issues, continuing concerns in the Academic Health Center, health care benefits for faculty and staff, salaries, recommendations from the task forces on academic appointments and the budget, removal of the U's exceptional status designation, more work on intellectual property, concerns about academic dishonesty.

FCC members who participated in dinners with junior faculty (in their first 3 years of a tenure-track appointment) and AAUP leaders reported to FCC that the junior faculty reacted very positively to the experience and identified both negative and positive elements of their jobs. Dinners will be continued next year and may be expanded to be more frequent and allow more time for discussion.

Comprehensive Review Committee is coordinating a performance review of U librarian Thomas Shaughnessy. U policy requires a comprehensive review for senior administrators for reappointment and developmental purposes. If you have not received an evaluation survey and wish to participate, contact the Comprehensive Review Committee, c/o Deborah Cran, Office of the Executive VP and Provost, at 612-626-9580.

CROOKSTON--First annual UMC Golden Eagle Golf-arama will be held in Hallock June 17 to benefit the newly established Mark Olsonawski Endowed Scholarship. Olsonawski, a UMC 1999 grad, was honored for his accomplishments while participating in athletics at UMC and for receiving all-American honors in football, while being an excellent example of a student-athlete.

Carolyn Weber, a 1999 graduate of UMC, has been appointed coordinator of the Connecting Communities project at UMC. The project will explore ways to continue the urban-rural conversation between citizens in Crookston and north Minneapolis that began as part of the Minnesota Citizens Forum. More than 50 people from the Crookston community participated in these radio conversations between June 1998 and April 1999.

DULUTH--Dr. Byron Crouse, head of the Department of Family Medicine at the School of Medicine, has received the Merit Award from the Minnesota Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP). The award recognizes a family physician who has worked through the MAFP to further the ideals of family medicine. Crouse is president of the MAFP Foundation, the professional association's charitable arm.

Achievements: Kendall Wallace, professor of biochemistry and molecular biology at the School of Medicine, was elected to the governing council of the Society of Toxicology. Carl Richards, stream ecologist with Natural Resources Research Institute, chaired international symposium of the North American Benthological Society meeting in Duluth May 25-27. The gathering brought together more than 800 top U.S. and international aquatic scientists and focused on issues of river, lake, and wetland management.

MORRIS--Bachelor's degrees will be awarded to 350 seniors during the commencement ceremony June 11 at 4 p.m. on the campus mall. Interim Chancellor Schuman will preside, and Regent Spence will confer the degrees. Recipient of the Curtis H. Larson Award and senior class speaker will be Abraham Welle, St. Cloud. Following the program, a reception for all graduates and their families and friends will be held in Oyate Hall.

Three University College (UC) staff members have received UC Outstanding Service Awards. Rose Murphy, Karen Ellis, and Jacki Anderson received the award, given to employees who exhibit work excellence for special projects.

TWIN CITIES--Three winners of the Siehl Prize for Excellence in Agriculture will share \$150,000. They are Willis Anthony, who operates the Century Family Farm in Nicollet County; Earl Olson, who founded Jennie-O-Foods; and Benjamin Pomeroy, professor emeritus of veterinary pathobiology. President Yudof will present the prizes July 7 during a global agricultural summit titled "Exploring Our Global Community." In addition to the cash awards, recipients will be given a crystal, brass, and marble sculpture designed by U artist Tom Rose.

The U will be first in the nation to offer a graduate-level minor in complementary therapies and healing practices, beginning fall 1999. Master's and doctoral students will learn about complementary therapies both in the classroom and through involvement with faculty research.

Graduates from as far away as Florida and as far back as 1939 will bid farewell to the old Murphy Hall when an expected 300 School of Journalism and Mass Communication alumni gather June 14 for an all-class reunion and commemoration of the school's 77-year history. Equipment and furniture from the building, slated for renovation, will be available for purchase. Dave Mona, 1965 grad, will lead a live auction of such relics as letterpress slugs and leather-bound archival volumes of the *Minnesota Daily*. Proceeds go to the Eric Severeid Library Fund.

During the scheduled renovation of Walter Library, the Digital Media Center, currently housed in 15 Walter, will move its development suite to 67 Norris Hall and its offices to 80 Norris Hall. Move will take place June 14-18. For information see Web sites at <http://www.umn.edu/dmc> and <http://www.facm.umn.edu/facm/Walter/walter.htm>.

Appointments: Jeffrey Kimpton, director of public engagement at the Annenberg Institute for School Reform at Brown U, has been named director of the School of Music. He will assume his duties June 14. Dr. S. Charles Schulz, professor and chair of the psychiatry department at Case Western Reserve U, has been named head of the Department of Psychiatry, effective July 1.

Announcements: Parking and Transportation Services will reconstruct Buford Ave. in St. Paul during the summer. Project extends from west leg of upper Buford Circle to Gortner Ave. Completion is anticipated before the beginning of fall semester Sept. 7. Access to upper Buford Circle will always be available from Cleveland Ave. via the west leg of upper Buford Circle. Call Gayle Gedstad at 612-625-4312 with questions. U Housing and Residential Life has efficiency and 1- and 2-bedroom furnished apartments available in Wilkins Hall for rent to visiting faculty and guests of the U. Units are available on a temporary basis from June 15 until mid-August. Call 612-624-4476 for more information. Employee Benefits offers a presentation for faculty and staff interested in enrolling in the optional retirement plan June 14, 2:30-3:30 p.m., 215 Donhowe Building. To register, call 612-624-9090 and press 1.

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President Yudof authorized general counsel Mark Rotenberg to talk with the attorney representing Gopher men's basketball coach Clem Haskins, Yudof said last week, but he and Rotenberg both declined to characterize the topics of discussion. Regents discussed the situation June 10 in a closed session.

Coach Haskins, who had bilateral knee replacement surgery last week, issued a statement June 11 expressing his thanks "for the many good wishes that I have received as I am recovering in the hospital" and continuing to deny any wrongdoing. "I look forward to sharing everything that I know with the investigators when they ask to speak with me and when my doctors will allow," he said.

Regent Patricia Spence was elected Friday as the new chair of the Board of Regents. She had been vice chair. Regent Maureen Reed was elected vice chair.

Regents reviewed the 1999-2000 budget and will vote on it June 28. Much of the discussion was about faculty and staff salaries. In the total \$1.6 billion budget, 61% goes for compensation.

For faculty salaries, Yudof said the administration is encouraging deans to go 1% above the 3% increase that will be centrally funded. Some schools, like the Law School, may go higher because of competitive concerns; others may be more conservative because of uncertainty about the impact of semester conversion on tuition revenue. VP Bruininks said his impression is that most deans will stretch beyond the 3% to deal with market and merit. "When all the numbers come in, we will be above 3%, but we don't know how far above," he said.

Civil service salary increases of 2% in a partial pay plan are in response to the desire of staff to get "an immediate boost in pay" instead of waiting for retroactive increases, Yudof said. "These are very important people to the U," he said, and the partial pay plan was "an effort to get them some immediate money."

New strategy is needed for faculty salaries, Yudof said, because the U will never become one of the top 5 public universities by depending only on legislative funding for faculty salary increases. "Our legislature has been very generous," he said, but still "we are 15% lower than we need to be" on faculty salaries. Yudof said he is thinking about seeking salary money for a margin of excellence in the upcoming capital campaign. Base salary money would still be from the legislature. "I've talked to a lot of donors. I think it can work," Yudof said.

Thirty new faculty will be hired with money from the 1999 legislature for the undergraduate initiative, Yudof said. Eight of the new hires will be in 1999-2000 and 22 in 2000-01. What is most important is that the additional faculty will strengthen the arts and sciences core of the U, he said. In the last 2 years, the legislature has funded 70 new faculty positions; the supplemental appropriation last year provided money for 40 faculty.

Medical education endowment created with tobacco settlement money was slightly less than half of what the U requested, but "we made a wonderful start here," Yudof said. The amount of the endowment that will support the Academic Health Center is \$158.3 million. The U will ask for more next time.

Regents approved a \$132.2 million capital request for 2000. Biggest items are \$35 million for the 2nd phase of the molecular and cellular biology building and \$34 million for an art building on the TC campus. Also included are \$10 million for Duluth Hockey Center and \$6.5 million for a music performance building at UMD, \$8.2 million for 2nd phase of math and science building at UMM, and \$6.5 million for Kiehle Hall at UMC.

Riverbend Commons was the winning name, submitted by 3 people, in the south mall renaming contest. President Yudof listed some of the rejected names from among the 1,000 entries. The favorite of the nonfavorites: Area Formerly Known as the South Mall. Regents approved schematic plans for south mall housing.

Books for Heritage Gallery wall of books are being collected by the alumni association through June at Coffman Union and Magrath Library. Hardcover books by or about alumni, faculty, or staff are needed. For specifications and drop-off or mailing directions, call the Wall of Books info line at 612-626-4707.

CROOKSTON--Northwest School of Agriculture alumni reunion will be June 26-27 at UMC. All-School Gathering will be at the Northland Inn in Crookston. On Saturday, reunion registration begins at 10 a.m., pig roast on the mall at 11:30 a.m., campus tours at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., class meetings at 2 p.m. Evening buffet dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. followed by the annual business meeting and alumni program honoring the 1998 Top Aggies.

Barbara Muesing, director of outreach at UMC, is assuming additional responsibilities in the U College dean's office during the time that her husband, Dr. Charles Casey, is serving as interim dean of the U of M Extension Service. Her previous 1/3 time extension appointment has been transferred to U College, making the appointment 2/3 time with U College and 1/3 time with the Crookston campus. Muesing will work on a variety of initiatives relating to strategic planning and community outreach. She will continue in the role as director of outreach at UMC.

DULUTH--UMD has received Design Award from Industrial Fabrics Association International for Campus Center banners and swags. Banners are located in the corridor and lobby from the center's entrance to the admissions office.

Technology Enhanced Learning Innovation Award was presented June 8 by President Yudof to Water on the Web scientists led by Bruce Monson of UMD's education department. Water on the Web is a National Science Foundation-funded project.

Summer music program for students in grades 7-10, North Shore Summer Music Experience '99, will be held on UMD campus June 20-26. Program offers string, piano, band, choral, and jazz training. Registration is being accepted until first day of camp. For more information contact Mark Whitlock at 218-726-6124, or fax 726-8210.

MORRIS--Kelly Classen and Monique Knierim were among winners of the first-ever University Student Design Competition. Classen won for her costume designs for the annual Children's Theatre production. Knierim won for her design of the UMM virtual tour Web site. There were 80 entries from 3 U campuses and many departments.

The UMM GenEdWeb team received a Technology Enhanced Learning Innovation Award, presented by President Yudof in the Twin Cities on June 8. Team members are faculty Jon Anderson, Ty Buckman, David Craig, Seung-Ho Joo, Craig Kissock, Erica Rosch, Engin Sungur, and Greg Thorson; students Aaron Dressen and Ethan Quirt; and staff John Bowers, Karen Johnson, Roger McCannon, and Tom McRoberts.

TWIN CITIES--Mariam Pourshoushtari, an undergraduate student, was admitted to Fairview-U Medical Center June 6 and was listed in critical condition with meningococcal meningitis. The disease is not spread through the air, like colds or flu, but through direct contact with oral secretions, involving activities such as kissing or sharing drinking glasses or pop cans. Questions may be directed to Boynton Health Service, 612-624-8400.

Eville Gorham, Regents' Professor of Ecology and Botany, received an honorary doctor of science degree at the CBS commencement June 12. He is best known for his discovery in the 1950s that acid rain can fall far from its urban, industrial sources to pollute rural lakes and ponds. David Bernlohr, professor of biochemistry, received the Stanley Dagley Distinguished Teacher Award at the CBS commencement.

Four finalists for position of chief of police will speak this month at noon public forums in 238 Morrill Hall: Douglas Wright, assistant director of university police, State U of New York at Buffalo, June 16; Laura Goodman-Brown, director-ombudsman, Minnesota State Office of Crime Victims, June 18; Rick Boyd, station commander, UN Police Task Force, Bosnia-Herzegovina, June 23; George Aylward, program manager, International Investigative Training Assistance Program, U.S. Department of Justice, Liberia and Albania, June 25.

LaVell Henderson, professor emeritus of biochemistry and associate dean of CBS from 1978 to 1984, died May 29 of a heart attack at his home in Sandy, Utah. He was 81. He was a national leader in nutritional science.

Events: James Cross Giblin, author and editor of children's books, will speak June 22 at 2:30 p.m. in Bell Museum Auditorium. For more information call 612-626-8782. The latest research on peptides--small molecules akin to proteins--will be presented at American Peptide Symposium, "Peptides for the New Millennium," June 26-July 1, Minneapolis Convention Center. The U will serve as host institution for more than 1,000 scientists. Closing banquet July 1 will feature an opera about peptides, sung by School of Music faculty and students. Talented scientists ages 10-18 will present their own research projects June 27. For information call the symposium hot line at 612-624-7505.

Announcements: Learning Resources Center (LRC), now housed in 15 Walter Library, will move to 153 Norris Hall. The LRC will be closed June 14-30. Services will resume July 1 in new location. Public parking lot S-103, located at corner of Gortner Ave. and Fitch St. in St. Paul, closed June 12. Contract lot SC-158 will close July 3. Lot S-102, located at northeast corner of Buford Ave. and Gortner Ave., will change from a daily rate lot to contract-only parking.

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Clem Haskins agreed Friday to step down as head basketball coach, President Yudof announced at a news conference. Haskins will be paid approximately \$1.5 million. Settlement will be paid by the men's athletic program. Yudof said investigators have identified no evidence that links Haskins with incidents of academic misconduct, but violations occurred on his watch, and "it is clear that public confidence in the academic integrity of the University has been eroded." Regents Spence and Hogan expressed their support for the agreement.

When asked if other people will lose their jobs, Yudof said he will wait for the final report before deciding. VP Boston said he and men's athletic director Mark Dienhart would begin work immediately on hiring a new coach. Yudof and other leaders met with 8 members of the basketball team before the news conference; Yudof described them as "stunned" and "hurting."

"It is important to note today that Coach Clem Haskins has established an enviable record as Gopher head coach," Yudof said. "He and his teams have provided many moments of entertainment and value for the University community and the citizens of the state of Minnesota. He has communicated to his players the goals of playing hard, working hard to achieve career goals, respecting others--including opponents--and becoming honorable men. The University is grateful for the 13 years of service Coach Haskins has provided. We wish him well, we wish him health, we wish his family well."

Faculty Consultative Committee (FCC) issued this statement June 24: "The faculty of the University is committed to academic integrity in its own work and in the work of all students. A committee of the University Senate will be investigating ways to improve enforcement of existing University rules and of strengthening them.

"We have confidence that President Yudof will deal appropriately and in a timely way with the current allegations regarding the athletic program. Since the Faculty Consultative Committee does not have access to the full results of the investigation, we cannot recommend a specific outcome. We urge that President Yudof make the decision based on that information, without either undue haste or undue delay."

Academic counselor Alonzo Newby was dismissed. He had been on paid leave, and his last day of employment was June 21. In a letter to Newby, VP Boston said he was terminated for just cause for his refusal to cooperate with independent investigators looking into charges of academic fraud and other violations in the athletic department and for participating in activities in violation of NCAA rules.

Regents approved 1999-2000 budget at a special meeting June 28.

FCC had lunch with the deans June 14. Speakers from both groups emphasized the need to work together in the coming year. The deans and FCC then adjourned to separate meetings.

Faculty salaries were a major topic at the FCC meeting. Fred Morrison said it appears that some colleges will add 1% to the 3% that will be provided from central administration, but some colleges will add nothing or only a small amount. Yudof's proposal to use private funding to supplement faculty salaries is commendable, Morrison said, but it could have no effect before 2002 and there is need for an interim solution.

Reform of academic appointments will be difficult, Kent Bales told the FCC, because there is little incentive for reform among important players. After 2 meetings of the faculty-administration task force on academic appointments, it "seemed that task force members agreed on virtually nothing," FCC minutes say. "The deans appeared to agree with none of the recommendations of the Academic Appointments Committee. The heaviest users of non-tenure-track faculty (NTT) are the professional schools, and the regularization of their appointments is not an urgent matter for these schools."

Morrison said that if it appears to faculty members of the task force that progress is not being made, the FCC should hear about it and talk with Yudof about it. Sara Evans agreed and said that if the task force cannot reach agreement or take the issues seriously, the senate will have to take independent action to force the issue.

Deadline for participating in Wall of Books in the Gateway alumni center has been extended to Aug. 6. Softcover books as well as hardcover books can now be accepted; books must be no larger than 11" by 14". Gift acknowledgment for tax purposes will be sent to those who request it and provide a return address. On the TC campus, books can easily be sent by campus mail to Books, UMAA, 501 CMU.

CROOKSTON--Center for Rural Policy and Development at Minnesota State U, Mankato, announced a grant to Rural-Urban Connections Project. Lynne Mullins, assistant professor of speech at UMC, is leading the project with Marcie McLaughlin, executive director of Minnesota Rural Partners. Project will analyze the communication that took place during radio conversations involving citizens at UMC and Lucille's Kitchen in north Minneapolis.

George Swentik, a UMC ag student, has accepted a position to coordinate FarmWrap activities for the summer. FarmWrap brings together a network of organizations to help farm men and women who are faced with change due to the crisis in agriculture. UMC and U of M Extension Service are partners in the project.

DULUTH--Minnesota Repertory Theatre returns to the UMD Marshall Performing Arts Center again this summer with 2 comedy productions: *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* and *Lend Me a Tenor*. Both shows run weekly Wed.-Sat., July 7-Aug. 7. All performances are at 8 p.m. Single tickets and season subscriptions are available by calling 218-726-8564.

The 7th annual Joel Labovitz Entrepreneurial Success Awards were presented at ceremonies June 10. Award winners included David A. Martin (posthumously), Lawrence Van Iseghem, Roy LaBounty, Rob Link, Steven Dastoor and Sean Dean. Dastoor and Dean are UMD School of Business and Economics graduates who started their own home computer delivery, set-up, and training business in 1994 with \$300. The company now has 7 employees and 1998 sales of \$1.1 million.

MORRIS--Ted Lewis of the Academic Research Consultation Service search firm was the guest at an open forum hosted by the Chancellor Search Committee June 2. A full report of the proceedings was mailed to the campus community. For more information call the committee at 320-589-6342.

Dwight Purdy, professor of English, is a commentator on a "Films for the Sciences and Humanities" video and compact disk on Joseph Conrad's Heart of Darkness.

Aida Martinez has been named educational coordinator for the Minority Student Program effective June 21.

TWIN CITIES-- New library now under construction on the West Bank will be named for former Minnesota governor and former regent Elmer L. Andersen, President Yudof announced June 26 at Andersen's 90th birthday celebration.

Following a national competition, National Science Foundation has awarded \$2.2 million in base funding to the Institute for Mathematics and Its Applications for 5 years starting in 2000.

Free night and Sunday parking program will begin July 1 to help students returning to campus to study or conduct research and to welcome the public to see historic buildings, visit museums, and attend concerts. Free night parking will be available to anyone entering after 8 p.m. and exiting before 8 a.m., 7 days a week, in 4th St. Ramp, Oak St. Ramp, Washington Ave. Ramp, 19th Ave. Ramp, 21st Ave. Ramp, and Gortner Ave. Ramp when completed in fall 2000. Parking will be free all day Sunday at all the same ramps except Washington Ave. Ramp. Exception is that patrons will be charged for parking during events up to 30 minutes after the event starts.

Tim Johnson, curator of special collections and rare books at U Libraries, has been appointed to the 11-member Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress by the clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Honors: Jane Thomas, targeted group business coordinator in Purchasing, has received the 1999 Lillian H. Williams Award from the Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action. Award is given to a member of the U community who does outstanding work in equal opportunity and affirmative action. Williams was founding director of the office. Professors Toni McNaron, English, and Carol Miller, American studies and American Indian studies, received the Excellence in Teaching Award from Center for Interdisciplinary Studies of Writing. McNaron and Miller are cofounders of Voices from the Gaps project, an audience-participatory Web site devoted to women writers of color.

U Library treasures--rare books, special collections, archives, and manuscript collections--will soon be relocating to their new home in the Minnesota Library Access Center. Before the move, the curators are giving talks about their collections. Next 2 talks, both in Wilson Library 4th floor gallery area, 1:30-3 p.m.: Special Collections and Rare Books including the Archie Givens, Jr., and the Sherlock Holmes Collections, July 8; Immigration History Research Center and Social Welfare History Archives, July 15. Call Lanaya Stangret at 612-624-9339.

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Findings of an independent investigation into alleged intervention in investigations of sexual misconduct and domestic abuse by student athletes were announced July 9. President Yudof said a series of immediate actions will be taken. Evidence does not support the claim that U officials routinely interfered in police investigations, the report says, but investigators did find evidence of favoritism toward student athletes and insensitivity toward female victims by officials within the Office of the VP for Student Development and Athletics.

"While the evidence of actual interference in police investigations is minimal, the report describes a series of incidents that are deeply troubling to me," Yudof said. Pending additional analysis, he instituted several interim measures. Actions of athletic officials will be limited during times of investigation. Officials will not be allowed to contact victims of alleged sexual misconduct or domestic abuse unless they have approval from the Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action (OEOAA). Players arrested for or charged with sexual misconduct or domestic abuse will be suspended automatically, at least until a grievance hearing is held.

Yudof asked a review team to determine whether changes are needed in procedures and report findings by Oct. 1. Members are history professor Sara Evans, OEOAA director Julie Sweitzer, grievance officer Nicholas Barbatsis, and general counsel Mark Rotenberg. Acting chief of police Steve Johnson will review police procedures and is also expected to report his findings to Yudof by Oct. 1.

Yudof also announced July 9 that he will fully implement recommendations of a June 7 task force report on booster club activities to give more control to top U administrators, ensure compliance with NCAA and Big Ten standards, and identify taxable transactions that the U must report to the IRS.

Gift of \$10 million from Curtis L. Carlson and the Carlson Family Foundation, made before Carlson's death in February, was announced July 9. Largest portion of the gift, \$8 million, will go to the Carlson School of Management to create an endowment to provide a permanent source of funding for continuing advancement of the school's excellence. Remaining \$2 million is for the new University Gateway Alumni and Visitor Center. Heritage Gallery in the alumni center will be named for Curt and Arleen Carlson.

Gift brings total donations from the Carlson family to \$46.5 million. "Just as John Sargent Pillsbury is called the Father of the University, Curt Carlson could be called the Modern Father of this institution," Yudof said. "His devotion to the University, and to all that it has meant to this state, never wavered."

Yudof is visiting Belgium, the Netherlands, and Israel July 10-23, along with his wife, Judy, and senior members of his administration. Trip will reinforce and establish international ties with universities that complement the teaching and research objectives of the U and aims to enhance the economic development of the state.

Mary Heltsley, recently appointed associate VP in Office of the Executive VP and Provost with responsibility for outreach, has also been named interim chief academic officer for U educational programs in Rochester.

Animal rights activists have targeted the U for action in July or August, Richard Bianco warned in a July 1 e-mail. Bianco, the institutional official for animal care programs, also met with the Faculty Consultative Committee July 7. He urged faculty and staff to keep laboratories locked, take other precautions to protect animals and people, and challenge anyone who doesn't seem to belong in a building. Without this awareness, he said, "I can envision somebody opening the door for somebody in a ski mask."

Groundbreaking for a new cavern at the U's physics facility in the Tower-Soudan mine will be July 20 at 1 p.m. Cavern will house a detector for neutrinos beamed from Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory in Chicago as part of an experiment to determine if the subatomic particles have mass. The \$146 million project begins in 2002.

July 14 paychecks may reflect a new net pay amount for several unrelated reasons, payroll managers Ann Beattie and Karen Klein said in a July 6 e-mail memo to employees. Many employees received salary increases effective June 21. State income tax rates have been reduced. Employees who accepted a 3-year interest-free loan when converting from the regular to the biweekly payroll in June 1996 have now completed repayment of their loan. Pretax parking program will begin for many employees.

Linda Fisher, assistant to the director of the School of Music, is the new chair of the Academic Staff Advisory Committee (ASAC). Karen Alaniz, education specialist in the School of Nursing, is vice chair. ASAC will discuss plans and priorities for the upcoming year at a retreat Aug. 12.

Update to the U-Wide Policy Library includes new policies on leasing and financing equipment, faculty development leave procedures, and senate involvement in central administrative searches. Improvements and refinements were made to effort-certification procedures and reporting work-related injuries. See the What's New section of U-wide policy home page at www.fpd.finop.umn.edu.

CROOKSTON--Terry Stallman of Detroit Lakes has been appointed director of Rural Development Initiatives at UMC. He will manage the Valley Technology Park, a high-tech business incubator on campus, and serve as the Frank W. Veden Rural Development Chair.

UMC Teambackers Golf Classic will be July 17 at Minakwa Golf Club in Crookston. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Tournament proceeds go to UMC scholarships. For more information, call 218-281-8436.

Two student interns (Stephan Robberts and Aaron Reitmeier) are helping farm families and rural communities explore business possibilities related to agriculture tourism. The project provides technical assistance to anyone in northwestern Minnesota interested in developing an agriculture tourism business venture. One goal is to do an inventory of agriculture tourism for the region as a marketing tool.

DULUTH--The work of faculty member Elise Ralph was featured in the July 5 issue of *Newsweek*. Ralph, assistant professor of physics and oceanographer at UMD's Large Lakes Observatory, is gathering data on warming trends in Lake Superior aboard 87-foot research vessel the *Blue Heron*.

UMD Staff Appreciation Day summer picnic will be July 28 in Ordean Court, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Event is free to staff, faculty, and students and is sponsored by Auxiliary Services, Recreational Sports, and Facilities Management.

Joseph Prohaska, professor in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, was an invited speaker at the 10th International Symposium on Trace Elements in Man and Animals in Evian, France. Symposium included more than 450 scientists from 40 countries.

MORRIS--Center for Small Towns has received a \$191,600 grant from the Blandin Foundation. Distributed over 3 years, the grant will be used to "address the challenges in towns of 5,000 persons or less," from enhancing the vitality of rural communities to connecting west central Minnesota communities with the UMM student body.

TWIN CITIES--Raptor Center director Pat Redig, associate director Ron Osterbauer, public relations coordinator MaryBeth Garrigan, and education program presenter Nell Henry were invited guests July 2 at President Clinton's White House announcement of the proposed removal of the bald eagle from the endangered species list.

Demolition of Owre Hall, Millard Hall, and Lyon Lab is scheduled to begin Aug. 2 and will be complete in mid-October. Faculty and staff in buildings surrounding the demolition site should expect noise, dust, and vibration as a result of the work. To accommodate demolition, the right lane on east-bound Washington Ave. will be closed Aug. 2-Sept. 3. Sidewalk on the south side of Washington Ave. from Church St. to Union St., as well as the bus stop in that block, will also close Aug. 2. Sidewalk and bus stop will be closed throughout the construction of the new Molecular and Cellular Biology building and will reopen in early 2002. For more information, visit the construction Web site at umn.edu/construction or call the construction hot line at 612-626-7777.

More on construction: Brochures about construction are available from Institutional Relations. Call 612-624-6868. Departments planning construction-related events are asked to contact Maureen Smith at 624-2801 or msmith@mailbox.umn.edu. In response to the number of roofing projects on the campus this summer, the Department of Environmental Health and Safety (DEHS) has developed a fact sheet on the health issues related to tar odors. For a copy, contact DEHS at 626-6002.

Search for faculty representative for Department of Women's Intercollegiate Athletics is under way. Nomination deadline is Aug. 2; application deadline is Aug. 18. Send letter of interest and resume to Search Committee for Women's Faculty Representative, c/o Vickie Courtney, U Senate, 427 Morrill Hall, 100 Church St. S.E., Minneapolis, MN 55455. For information, contact Vickie Courtney at 612-625-4805 or courtney@mailbox.umn.edu.

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Dan Monson, who had a 52-17 record in 2 seasons as head coach at Gonzaga, is the new Gopher men's basketball coach. "This is the place I want to be. I think I'm in the best league in the country, at one of the finest institutions in America, and I plan on being here for a long time," said Monson, 37, at a news conference July 24. His Gonzaga team defeated the Gophers in the NCAA tournament in March.

Monson signed a 7-year contract with a base salary of \$150,000 a year and \$190,000 a year in supplemental income from the U and a guarantee of \$150,000 in media income and \$210,000 in shoe contract and summer camp income for 4 years. Men's athletics director Mark Dienhart said Monson is "worth every penny of what he's being paid, and I'm awfully glad he's here." President Yudof said Monson "takes the academic side seriously" and has "fire in his belly" and wants to win. "I'm very happy," Yudof said.

Charles Muscoplat, VP for medical affairs at MGI PHARMA INC., has been named VP for agricultural policy, dean of the College of Agricultural, Food, and Environmental Sciences, and director of the Agricultural Experiment Station. Pending approval by the regents, he will begin in September. A widely recognized scientist and leader in biotechnology and its application to human, plant, and animal improvement, he will also hold a tenured professorship in the Department of Animal Science.

Muscoplat received a bachelor's degree in chemistry and a doctorate in veterinary microbiology from the U and was a faculty member in veterinary medicine at the U from 1976 to 1983. Yudof said he "combines the talents and perspectives of a first-rate scientist, academician, businessperson, manager, and advocate for agriculture."

Faculty Consultative Committee (FCC) talked about the athletic situation in a closed meeting July 7 with Tonya Moten Brown, President Yudof's top aide, who is overseeing the investigations. FCC then turned to considering what the faculty role should be with respect to the findings of the investigations.

FCC passed a resolution that--"in view of President Yudof's statement that the investigation of the men's basketball program has revealed 'numerous, maybe even massive, incidents of academic misconduct'"--the FCC should "appoint a special faculty committee to provide faculty analysis and perspective on allegations of academic misconduct and to make specific recommendations for change where needed, to identify appropriate faculty responses and actions to findings of misconduct, and to evaluate University policies, processes, and procedures in order that any necessary changes be made." Several members of the committee agreed with Judith Martin's suggestion that the majority of the special committee should be composed of former FCC chairs.

Roger Forrester, director in Office of VP for Human Resources, is retiring after 33 years at the U. Farewell reception will be Aug. 12, 2:30-4:30 p.m. (program at 3 p.m.), east wing, Campus Club, Coffman Union, TC campus. RSVP by July 30 to Cindy Land, 612-626-1085 or landx001@tc.umn.edu.

Stephanie Dilworth, senior auditor in the Department of Audits, is the chair of the Civil Service Committee for 1999-2000. Wendy Williamson, library manager in the Department of Economics, is vice chair, and Paulette Jackson, executive assistant in the Office of Admissions, is treasurer. First meeting of the academic year will be at the Duluth campus Sept. 30.

International travel grants for faculty are available to support fall semester activities with funding from Office of International Programs (OIP, formerly ISP), China Center, and McKnight Arts and Humanities Fund. Deadline for fall applications is Aug. 16. Call 612-625-7753, or 624-1002 for China travel. Reminder: Guidelines are also available on the Web at <http://www.international.umn.edu/isp/funding/travelinfo.html>.

Fairview-University Medical Center's disappearance from the *U.S. News & World Report* Best Hospitals rankings for 1999 was "a bureaucratic error and not a result of a slip in quality," a spokesperson for the Academic Health Center says. "A survey used to evaluate the hospital was not submitted to the American Hospital Association. The problem will be rectified before the 2000 rankings."

CROOKSTON--Nearly 40 students from countries around the world will be at UMC July 25-31 as part of MAST (Minnesota Agricultural Student Trainee) Program. MAST International is an agricultural and horticultural exchange program arranging 4-8 month practical training and a term of academic experience for 250 students from 30-40 countries around the world each year. Visit is coordinated by Kathe Lemmerman, director of continuing education, and David Hoff, assistant professor of ag business.

UMC football and volleyball camps are scheduled for Aug. 2 through 5 and 6.

DULUTH--UMD campus photographer Ken Moran retires July 30 after 40 years of service. An all-campus/ community party honoring him and his wife, Jackie, was held in April. Brett Groehler has been named campus photographer beginning Aug. 2. He most recently was a staff photographer with the *Mankato Free Press*.

Tweed Museum of Art presents the exhibition "Botanica: Contemporary Artists and the World of Plants," scheduled for its temporary exhibition galleries July 20-Oct. 12 and for travel to 7 other institutions throughout the year 2000. 2000 will mark the 50th anniversary of the Tweed Museum of Art with "Botanica" kicking off the official anniversary celebration.

UMD staff, students, and faculty will again participate in the annual Volunteer Paint-A-Thon Aug. 7. UMD volunteers spend many days in advance preparing the selected house for painting.

MORRIS--Three administrators have announced that they will leave the Morris campus. Cathleen Brannen, vice chancellor for finance, has been named administration and finance VP at Metropolitan State U, effective Aug. 2. Rodney Oto, director of admissions and financial aid, has accepted the position as associate dean of admissions and financial aid at Carleton College and will leave at the end of August. Gary McGrath, vice chancellor for student affairs, will leave in mid-October to become dean of student affairs at Arizona State U East.

"This is not a situation which I would have either predicted or desired," said interim chancellor Schuman. "These departures are each quite different, and motivated by different reasons, none of which suggest any looming problem for UMM. We will not launch searches at the vice chancellor level until a new chancellor has been selected. There is no doubt in my mind that the work and progress of our college will move forward steadily in the coming months."

An innovative Special Talent Fund for Athletic and Cocurricular Scholarships, created through gifts from donors, will provide "renewable scholarships for incoming students whose record of excellence in athletics, the arts, or academic activities outside of the classroom merit special recognition." The fund is an outgrowth of an effort organized by interim chancellor Schuman to strengthen the quality of the athletics program while preserving UMM's core academic integrity. For further information, contact Maddy Maxeiner, director of fund development, 320-589-6066.

TWIN CITIES--The U is one of 2 universities in the nation to receive the first Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation Technology Development Grant, which will provide up to \$2.5 million over the next 5 years to develop Sleeping Beauty, a novel system for transferring genes into vertebrate cells. Investigators are faculty members Stephen Ekker, Perry Hackett, David Largaespada, and Scott McIvor in genetics, cell biology, and development.

Obituaries: Educational psychology professor James Rest, who retired from active teaching in 1994 due to poor health but continued to work with colleagues and graduate students on his lifelong passion--psychological research in morality--has died after a prolonged illness. He was 58. Memorials may be made to the Center for the Study of Ethical Development, c/o the U of M Foundation. Ralph Comstock, Regents Professor Emeritus of Genetics, died July 6 in Sun City, AZ. He was 86. Comstock is internationally recognized for his pioneering work in quantitative genetics. Family suggests memorials to Amnesty International. Ann O'Loughlin, coordinator of community relations in Institutional Relations, died peacefully at home July 15 after 3-1/2 years of battling ovarian cancer. She was 55. Memorials preferred to the U of M Cancer Center or Planned Parenthood of Minnesota.

Announcements: Memorial service for Dr. C. Walton Lillehei will be Aug. 5 at 2 p.m. in Mayo Auditorium. Lillehei, who died of cancer July 5 at the age of 80, was known as the father of open heart surgery for contributions that revolutionized the field. He was a professor at the Medical School from 1951 to 1967. Music and treats will mark the Final Drop Celebration Aug. 4, the end of the drive that has collected more than 5,000 books for the Wall of Books in the new University Gateway. Celebration will be noon-2 p.m. on Northrop plaza, with Summer at Northrop concert by Slim Hippos at noon. Everyone donating a book will receive ice cream. The U will host a stage in front of its new State Fair building this year to demonstrate the knowledge and talent at the U. Students, staff, faculty, and alumni are invited to give 15- to 30-minute talks, exhibitions, performances, and demonstrations, to take place on the hour, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Aug. 26-Sept. 6. Contact Jodi Miller at 612-624-1682 or jmiller@mailbox.mail.umn.edu or J.B. Eckert at 624-5228 or jeckert@mailbox.mail.umn.edu.

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Regents Professor Tom Clayton has agreed to chair a Special University Senate Committee on Student Academic Integrity. Members will be faculty Carl Adams, Mary Jo Kane, Judith Martin, and Phil Shively, U grievance officer Nick Barbatsis, and 2 students to be named. "To maintain our intellectual credibility, we must insist on academic integrity and take the necessary steps to support it," Senate Consultative Committee chair Fred Morrison said in a letter to committee members.

Morrison outlined 3 principal assignments for the committee, two of them general and one more directly related to recent allegations: to review the policies and standards regarding student academic integrity and make recommendations for improving U policies, to review the procedures for enforcing the student academic integrity standards, and to make recommendations regarding the appropriate relationship (if any) between the athletic departments and the special assistance program for student athletes.

Plan for disbursing scholarship and financial aid money and assessing tuition at the start of fall semester is outlined in July 30 memo from vice provost Craig Swan. Because of a delay in the PeopleSoft upgrade, these processes will not be available until after fall semester begins. Fall 1999 Advance program was developed to provide short-term, no-interest advances to students for funds they will need at the start of fall semester. Detailed information is posted on the Web at www.umn.edu/enterprise/docs/contingency.htm.

Dr. Roby Thompson has been named associate VP for academic affairs in the AHC, assuming responsibility for education, research, and clinical affairs. His appointment is 75% time. Dr. Mark Faller was reassigned to the position of assistant VP for research and remains director of the Research Services Office. Reporting to Thompson, he will also have responsibility for the competitive research grant process and for facilitating interscholastic research efforts. More details in Aug. 2 e-mail from VP Cerra.

Swedish delegation from the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm met with investigators from the U as part of the Curtis L. Carlson Visiting Scientist Exchange Program Aug. 2-6 in Minnesota (Aug. 2-3 in Minneapolis, Aug. 5-6 in Nisswa). In 1997 a U delegation traveled to Stockholm. Scientists and physicians from both institutions exchanged information on the diagnosis and treatment of inner and middle ear diseases, as well as head and neck cancer. This year they focused on some of the same topics. Otolaryngology professor Steven Juhn conceived the exchange program. Exchanges began in 1990.

Sponsored research expenditures increased to \$344 million in fiscal year 1998, up approximately 10% from 1997, according to Levels and Trends in Sponsored Programs, a report from Sponsored Projects Administration. Increase is "substantially higher" than the U's pattern of increases for the past several years, VP Maziar says in a forward, and this increase "is a promising indicator that our faculty and professional research staff are competing well for externally funded research support."

National Institutes of Health continues to be the major source of sponsored research funding (\$128 million, an increase of 3.3%). The year was somewhat unusual in that the 2nd largest source was the Department of Defense (\$34.6 million), which provided twice as much research support to the U as in fiscal year 1997. Medical School continues to receive the largest fraction of external research funding (\$109 million, an increase of 4.4%). It is followed by IT (\$84 million, an increase of 28.3%), the School of Public Health (\$37 million, up 4.7%), the College of Agricultural, Food, and Environmental Sciences (\$14.5 million, up 6.4%), the College of Education and Human Development (\$12.5 million, up 5.9%), and CBS (\$12.4 million, up 13.3%).

Optional retirement plan investment performance results through June 30 will appear on the back page of the *Minnesota Daily* Aug. 13. Information will also be sent to the Crookston, Duluth, and Morris campuses.

Employee Benefits offers a presentation for faculty and staff on optional retirement plan Aug. 19, 9:30-10:30 a.m., 210/215 Donhowe Building, and on interactive TV to several locations (UMC, UMD, UMM, Rochester, and TC: 4 Magrath Library 4, Studio C Rarig Center, 1-752 Moos Tower). To register call 612-624-9090 and press 1 in the Twin Cities, or Crookston 218-281-8345, Duluth 218-726-7822, Morris 320-589-6021, Rochester 507-280-2834.

CROOKSTON--UMC and the Uniao Pioneira de Integracao Social--Faculdades Integradas (UPIS) of Brazil signed an agreement to establish a partnership for cooperation in precision agriculture technology, training, and applied research and in other areas of mutual interest. Program is coordinated by Gary Wagner, Crookston area farmer and UMC's technical consultant in precision agriculture; Aziz Rahman, assistant professor of agriculture and natural resources; and Richard Nelson, director of the Center for Agriculture and Natural Resources.

First annual UMC Golden Eagles Golf Tourney will be in Roseau at noon Aug. 12 at Oakcrest Golf Club. UMC Teambackers initiated the tournament to benefit the UMC hockey team for 1999-2000.

Soccer, volleyball, and football players return to campus Aug. 16 to begin practice.

DULUTH--Paul Deputy was named dean of the College of Education and Human Service Professions beginning July 1. He holds a Ph.D. in speech-language pathology from Michigan State U. He most recently served as dean of education and professor of communication disorders at Northern State U in Aberdeen, SD.

More appointments: Elaine Hansen was appointed director of development for the School of Business and Economics (SBE) beginning Aug. 16. She most recently served as commissioner of the state Department of Administration under Gov. Carlson. She is a UMD SBE graduate and a certified public accountant. Previously she was finance director for the city of Duluth. John King has been named director of Facilities Management beginning Aug. 2. He formerly served as associate director, building services division.

UMD Department of Mathematics and Statistics will host the 1999 Mathematical Association of America North Central Section Summer Seminar, Aug. 9-13. Conference organizers are Harlan Stech, Joe Gallian, and John Greene.

MORRIS--Denise Sandifar has been named head women's basketball coach. Sandifar comes to UMM from Oakland City (Ind.) U, where she had been the head women's basketball coach for 11 years and compiled a 204-93 coaching record. Sandifar fills the position vacated by Carol Thelen.

Chancellor Search Committee met with consultant Ted Lewis July 28 and approved a presearch report from Lewis based on his research and conversations at UMM in June. Committee also approved an advertisement, an institutional profile, and a list of desired characteristics of a chancellor. These documents were sent to President Yudof's office for final approval, after which they will be made public.

TWIN CITIES--New Student Convocation, a time to celebrate and welcome new students, will be Sept. 7, 4-7 p.m., at Northrop Auditorium and Northrop mall. Volunteers are needed to greet students and to cook and serve a picnic on the mall 5-7 p.m. To volunteer, contact Tina Falkner at 612-624-8141 by Aug. 23.

Northrop plaza will be partially closed for extensive maintenance and repair work beginning Aug. 30. From Aug. 30 through May 2000, the center of the plaza will be closed for clearing and site work. Entire plaza will close from May to October 2000. Access to Northrop Auditorium will be limited to the side and rear entrances during construction. Throughout the project, alternate routing of handicap access to and around the plaza will be clearly marked. For updates on all campus construction projects, call the construction hot line at 612-626-7777.

One lane of eastbound Washington Ave. between Church St. S.E. and Union St. S.E. will be closed to facilitate the demolition of Millard Hall, Lyon Lab, and Owre Hall through Sept. 3. Motorists traveling east across the Washington Ave. Bridge should expect delays. Road will reopen in time for the weekend of Sept. 4-5, when students move into residence halls, and Sept. 7, the first day of fall semester.

Chris Aiken, adjunct faculty member who will be a Sage Cowles Land-Grant Chair artist in the dance program this year, was recently awarded a 1999 Guggenheim Fellowship. Nationally recognized as an innovative force in improvisational dance, he is the first Minnesota-based dance artist to receive this honor.

Events: Children's Literature Research Collections is celebrating the 45th anniversary of the Hess Collection. J. Randolph Cox will speak about the collection and fictional detective Nick Carter Aug. 12 at 2:15 p.m. in the Arthur Upson Room, 109 Walter Library. For information call 612-624-4576. Academic and Distributed Computing Services and Digital Media Center (DMC) will hold several brown bag info sessions about the technology enhanced learning (TEL) kit that was recently mailed to TC campus faculty. First 2 sessions will be in 140 Nolte Center, 12:15-1:30 p.m., Aug. 20 and 24. No registration is required; refreshments will be provided. Questions should be directed to the DMC, 612-625-5055, or dmc@boombox.micro.umn.edu.

Computer Repair Services moved Aug. 6 to 2331 University Ave., at intersection of Washington and University, just east of *Minnesota Daily* office. Free parking is available next to the front door. New phone number is 612-624-4800, and office hours are 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. For a map of the new location, visit the Web site at www.umn.edu/crs.

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Capital request was the topic when associate VPs Pfutzenreuter and Kvavik met with the Faculty Consultative Committee (FCC) Aug. 19. Preliminary 2000 request will go to regents for review in September, approval in October. Pfutzenreuter said the list of projects might still change. At the time of the meeting, the total request was \$139.5 million from the state, plus \$43.5 million that the U would fund by taking out its own bonds and \$18.6 million from fund-raising. Biggest items are \$35 million for phase II of Molecular and Cellular Biology Building and \$36 million in state funds plus \$8 million from fund-raising for Art Building.

Fred Morrison asked how much these projects would add to the budget in new operating costs and debt payments. Pfutzenreuter said he could not calculate that number until the final list of projects is set. "All of that has to come from somewhere," Morrison said. "We've got to start talking about the trade-offs between salaries and buildings, TAs and buildings." Pfutzenreuter said "the point is well taken." On the other side, he said, the needs for buildings are great. For example: the existing Art Building "is an absolute disaster of a building."

Conceptual framework for 6-year capital plan was also discussed. Pfutzenreuter said there is a large list of projects--totaling about \$1.2 billion--that people want to see in the plan, and "we all know we can't do that much." Priority will go to projects that address health and safety needs and legal obligations, projects that are the completion of prior projects or have already been given planning money, and projects that strengthen key academic initiatives. Increased emphasis will be placed on fund-raising, in order to minimize debt obligations.

FCC will be on Crookston campus for a retreat Aug. 26-27. First regular meeting of fall semester will be Sept. 2.

Annual orientation seminar series for new chairs, heads, and directors will begin Sept. 15. First session focuses on roles, responsibilities, and priorities for department administrators. President Yudof and Dean Rosenstone are among the speakers. For information or registration, call Dee Anne Bonebright at 612-624-6550.

Minnesota State Fair visitors this year can visit with U experts, Goldy Gopher, and Gopher sports personalities under one roof at the U's new state fair building. Located on Dan Patch Ave. a block and a half west of the fair's Snelling Ave. entrance, the building will feature exhibits for all ages including the 1999 award-winning student-built solar car, medical researchers displaying a real human brain, a children's forest with nature activities, and an interactive telemedicine video line staffed by U doctors.

Building will also feature a stage with live presentations, from children's storytelling by President Yudof to discussions with nationally known researchers to interviews with Gopher coaches and athletes. Building will be open regular state fair hours: 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Aug. 26-Sept. 5 and 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Sept. 6. Schedule of stage performances is available on the Web site at www.umn.edu/statefair99. Go to the same site during the fair for live broadcasts from the stage. Details on how to access the Webcast can be found on the site.

Samuel Moore has accepted the position of assistant dean of the Graduate School, with responsibility for outreach. His responsibilities will include leadership of the Graduate School's U-wide outreach services, including development activities in the areas of underrepresented graduate student services and fellowship support, as well as undergraduate research opportunities. For the past 3 years, Moore has served as director of diversity initiatives and assistant to the dean in IT.

The U upgraded the modem pool for students, faculty, staff, and alumni Aug. 16. Networking and Telecommunications Services will redirect current modem pool service provided through telephone number 612-627-4250 to new modem pool hardware, allowing speeds up to 56 Kbps. All modem pool users should begin using this number when dialing into the U network. The old number (612-852-5252) will go away some time next January.

For modem pool customers using the 612-627-4250 number, changes in software setup will not be needed. If you experience problems, call NTS Technical Assistance Center at 612-625-0006, or ADCS help line at 612-625-4276. The NTS Technical Assistance Center is available 7 days a week, 24 hours each day. Reference information is available at www.nts.umn.edu.

American Cancer Society Institutional Research Grant applications are being accepted until Oct. 1. This grant is for instructors and assistant professors who have no independent national funding and are engaged in cancer-related research. Cancer-related research includes analysis of developmental biology, gene regulation, or alternation of intracellular or extracellular processes that may lead to an improved understanding or therapy of potential or actual oncogenic events in prokaryotic or eukaryotic cells. Funding is available up to \$20,000. Applications may be obtained by calling 612-626-1926 or sending e-mail to micek003@tc.umn.edu.

CROOKSTON--For the 2nd year, UMC has been ranked as one of the best public regional universities in the Midwest by *U.S. News & World Report*. Ranking process included several measures of excellence. UMC was ranked 2nd among Midwest regional liberal arts colleges.

Citizens are invited to share their views with Sen. Paul Wellstone and other government leaders at the last of 4 Minnesota Citizens Forums on the Rural Crisis Aug. 30. Citizens at Crookston and Worthington will be connected on live interactive TV with leaders in St. Paul. UMC and the Crookston Area Chamber of Commerce invite people from the area to 133 Kiehle Hall at 5:30 p.m. for a light supper followed by the interactive TV program, 7-8:30 p.m. The program will be aired on all Minnesota public radio and TV stations.

Back to college fall events began with a campuswide faculty and staff breakfast Aug. 23. Steven Rosenstone, dean of CLA on the TC campus, spoke that evening on "Liberal Arts in the 21st Century." Workshop sessions for faculty and staff continue throughout the week.

DULUTH--UMD's historic estate, Glensheen, welcomed its 2 millionth visitor July 31. The Grieves family of LeSueur won a variety of prizes from restaurants and attractions in the Duluth area. Glensheen opened for public tours July 28, 1979. Currently tours are offered on a daily basis during the summer, and on weekends during the winter season. For information and reservations call 1-888-454-GLEN.

Physics Force from the TC campus will teach physics lessons by performing acts of skill and daring Sept. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at Romano Gym, 150 Sports and Health Center. For further information, see the Web site at www.physics.umn.edu/pforce or call 612-624-2006 or e-mail dand@physics.spa.umn.edu.

MORRIS--About 24 new faculty will join returning faculty, staff, and students when fall semester classes begin Aug. 30. New student orientation, a campuswide effort coordinated by Office of Student Activities, will be Aug. 25-29.

UMM alumnus Brad Pickle, '84, has been hired as facility manager for the Regional Fitness Center (RFC), under construction adjacent to the UMM PE Center. The RFC is expected to open Sept. 15. The dedication will be Oct. 16 during homecoming weekend.

TWIN CITIES--George Aylward, program manager for the International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program of the U.S. Department of Justice, has been named chief of police. Aylward, who replaces former police chief Joy Rikala, will assume his duties Aug. 30.

Graduate and Professional Student Assembly is launching an e-mail newsletter especially for graduate and professional students. Editors invite people to send items of interest to graduate and professional students, including news, events, and job postings. For information contact Megan Thomas at 612-625-2982 or mjthomas@qapsa.stu.umn.edu.

College of Pharmacy is now scheduling appointments for patients to consult with a student pharmacist and a faculty member in the Pharmaceutical Care Clinic during fall semester. Consultations can address questions or problems related to prescription or over-the-counter drugs or herbal or vitamin products. For more information or to set up an appointment, contact Dr. Shoemaker or Dr. Lindeman at 612-624-8986.

Project sponsors are sought for computer interface course. Groups of 3-5 students will develop prototype Web sites or desktop computer interfaces as part of Computer Science 5115. U organizations, departments, and individuals are encouraged to submit project ideas. For more information, see www.cs.umn.edu/~konstan/project.htm or contact Joseph Konstan at konstan@cs.umn.edu or 612-625-1831.

Two charity runs Sept. 25: Run for the Raptors includes the 5K, Children's Fun, and Zero run/walk/sit events. Proceeds benefit the programs and operation of the Raptor Center. Call 612-624-7422 for information or to have an application mailed to you. • Medical students present VALS (Variety, Assistance, Love, and Support) 5K run/walk benefiting Variety Children's Clinic at the Community University Health Care Center in the Phillips neighbor-hood of south Minneapolis. Race starts at 9 a.m. at corner of Harvard St. and East River Road. Advance registration is \$14 for registrations postmarked by Sept. 20. Race day registration is \$19. Registration forms are available at area running stores and fitness centers or at www.raceberryjam.com, or by calling 612-624-4900.

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Regents will welcome the best academically prepared class in the U's history, the 1999 freshman class of 2003, when they meet Sept. 9-10. Fall semester 1999 also marks the largest percentage of freshmen living in U housing in school history, the largest single-year increase in freshman-to-sophomore retention rates since 1990, and increases in minority enrollment. Freshman applications from Minnesota residents have increased 33% since 1997, and overall freshman applications to the U have increased 20%.

President Yudof and Faculty Consultative Committee (FCC) discussed problems in the men's athletics program in off-the-record sessions Aug. 19 and Sept. 2. Later some parts of the Aug. 19 session were put on the record for the FCC minutes. Yudof said the reports about athletics will raise a number of issues that need to be turned over to the governance system. He urged faculty to look at academic misconduct rules and structural issues.

David Hamilton said his experience with grants management has led him to conclude that there is a systemic atmosphere of noncompliance and a need for department heads to exercise ethical leadership. Events in athletics reflect that atmosphere. Yudof said this is a topic upon which he would like to receive advice.

Fred Morrison suggested 3 follow-up issues that require attention: a halt to the practice of providing free tickets to members of the Assembly Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics, moving the State of the U address from Oct. 21 to Sept. 30 (to separate it from a wrap-up on athletic matters), and agreement that student athletes would not be given special treatment in sexual harassment or any other disciplinary proceedings.

Health plan task force report was given by chair Dick McGehee at Sept. 2 FCC meeting. State had intended to take a new approach to health care purchasing, but that effort "crashed and burned," he said, and the plan for 2000 will represent "a modified status quo." Worst news is that premiums will be way up, he said: from 23% for the low-cost plan (a cost the U will pay) to 42% for the high-cost plan. Dropping of Medica Primary will affect about 1,000 U employees. PreferredOne will be added and will include U physicians.

Results of 2 actuarial studies have been inconclusive, but evidence is mounting that the U employee pool is not more expensive than that of the state, and there may be options available that are better suited to U faculty and staff, he said. A request for proposals has been sent out to engage a consulting company to conduct a major study of options. McGehee said the U community can expect a solid recommendation by next fall on whether the U should separate from the state plan. Earliest it could happen would be 2002.

Minnesota State Fair gave an Outstanding Exhibit Award to the U, one of 4 general awards in the commercial space division. Criteria included appearance, customer service, and improvement over last year.

Renovation of the historic Memorial Stadium Arch was completed Aug. 23 with a topping-off ceremony at the U of M Gateway, located at the corner of Oak and Washington Streets S.E. in Minneapolis. Stadium was built in 1924 as a memorial to those who had served in World War I. Members of the class of 1942 provided more than \$215,000 to restore the arch for the Gateway. Arch will serve as the entrance to the Heritage Gallery, which highlights the legacy and achievements of the U and its people.

Daniel Hambrock has been named associate VP for facilities management. He served more than 20 years in the Civil Engineer Corps of the U.S. Navy, most recently as deputy commander for operations at the Naval Facilities Engineering Command in Virginia. His experience includes directing the facilities construction and maintenance program at 3 Navy bases. Hambrock assumes his duties Nov. 1.

Applications are invited for the position of associate VP and chief information officer (CIO). Review of applications begins Sept. 30. Send resume, letter of application describing qualifications and vision, and the names, addresses, and phone numbers of 3 references to: CIO Search Committee, Attention Mary Ryan, Office of Information Technology, 135 Johnston Hall, 101 Pleasant Street S.E., Minneapolis, MN 55455. Detailed position description available at www.umn.edu/ohr/employ.html.

CROOKSTON--UMC and Northwest Technical College will deliver college courses at Marvin Windows and Doors in Warroad 4 afternoons a week. Courses will help the Marvin employees earn a bachelor of manufacturing degree or an applied associate of science degree in supervisory leadership or manufacturing engineering technology.

UMC and the Universidad Nacional Del Este of Paraguay will sign an exchange agreement Sept. 10 at 2 p.m. in Sahlstrom Conference Center D. Objectives are to exchange agrarian knowledge, expand cultural understanding, and strengthen relationships between the 2 universities and towns.

Faculty and staff will serve popcorn and nonalcoholic beverages at an open mike in the Eagles Roost Sept. 15, 7-9 p.m. Faculty, students, and staff will participate in an open mike with several prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

DULUTH--Chancellor Martin, along with UMD administrators, faculty, and staff helped new students move into residence halls Sept. 4. Move-in Day kicked off Bulldog Bash '99, a series of campus events and activities running through Sept. 16. Events include convocations, music, entertainment, and a harbor cruise on Lake Superior.

Carl Richards has been appointed director of Minnesota Sea Grant College Program and professor in Department of Biology. He was a senior research associate with the Natural Resources Research Institute at UMD. Located on the UMD campus, the Sea Grant program has systemwide responsibility. Mission is to increase the understanding, assessment, development, utilization, and conservation of ocean, Great Lakes, aquatic, and coastal resources.

Alpha Nu Omega fraternity will hold its 40th anniversary reunion Sept. 16-19 on the UMD campus. A variety of special events will be held, including an event to honor Ken Moran, recently retired campus photographer. Visit Web site at www.d.umn.edu/~alphanu for more information.

MORRIS--A 4-course, 16-semester credit graduate certificate program in educational computing and technology from the College of Education and Human Service Professions at UMD begins in Morris Sept. 10. Contact Karen Johnson in U College, 320-589-6461 or johnsokm@mrs.umn.edu.

Emmanuel Akyeampong, associate professor of history at Harvard, will give the O. Truman Driggs Distinguished Lecture, "History, Memory, Slave Trade, and Slavery in Anlo [Ghana]," Sept. 14, 8:15 p.m., Humanities Fine Arts recital hall. Series honors Orval Truman Driggs, history professor at UMM from 1963 until his death in 1989.

A joint project between the USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS) and UMM will culminate in a field day Sept. 10 at Swan Lake Research Farm in Morris, noon-4 p.m.

TWIN CITIES--College of Natural Resources has received \$2.5 million from the Wilderness Research Foundation for wilderness research in northern Minnesota. Gift is the result of a 50-year relationship between the college and the Chicago family of Frank Hubachek, Sr., who established the Wilderness Research Center and Foundation.

Events: Jacques Diouf, director-general of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization, will speak on "The State of World Agriculture" Sept. 10, 2:30-4 p.m., 3M Auditorium, Carlson School of Management. August Schumacher, Jr., U.S. under secretary of agriculture for farm and foreign agricultural services, will make introductory remarks. Time will be allowed for questions and discussion with both Diouf and Schumacher. o U Child Care Center is celebrating a quarter of a century of care with receptions for alumni of the center Sept. 9, 13, 17, and 21, 4-6:30 p.m. Rededication ceremony and reception will be Sept. 22, 2-4 p.m. For information call 612-627-4014.

Announcements: Faculty and staff discounts are available for the Northrop Jazz and Dance series through payroll deduction. Total amount will be spread over 8 pay periods, starting Oct. 20. Deadline for payroll deduction enrollment is Oct. 1. o Payroll deduction for contract parking will not be taken Sept. 22 because of new pretax deduction system. Future deductions will resume without interruption. o The U of M in Partnership with Coca-Cola is seeking individuals to serve on the selection committees for grants awarded through the Academic, Campus Life, and Community Initiatives during the 1999-2000 school year. Staff and students are eligible. For more information, or to nominate someone, contact Sandra Ecklein at 612-626-8976 or eckle001@tc.umn.edu. o U Stores Open House '99, the office products show, will be at Radisson Hotel Metrodome Sept. 15, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Call 612-626-0237.

More announcements: Networking and Telecommunications Services has retained a consulting firm to conduct a customer survey, via random telephone calls, the week of Sept. 13. o Tandem Language Partner Program matches students studying English as a 2nd language with Americans for a conversation exchange. Contact Andrea Poulos at 612-626-9581 or e-mail poulo002@tc.umn.edu. Application deadline is Sept. 15; mandatory orientation is Sept. 22 at 5 p.m. o Laser surgery to correct nearsightedness, farsightedness, and astigmatism is available through Department of Ophthalmology at a discount to people affiliated with the U. Free informational seminar will be Sept. 15, 6 p.m., 9th floor, Phillips-Wangensteen Building. To register call 612-626-5963 or 626-5010 and leave a message.

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Glowing performance review for President Yudof was reported at Sept. 10 regents meeting. His work was described with words like "excellent" and "superior" in all 9 categories in which he was evaluated. "The president is viewed as an outstanding leader and manager," the report says. Yudof was given a salary increase of \$50,000, bringing his salary to \$325,000, and a year was added to the employment agreement to maintain a 3-year cycle. An enhanced deferred compensation package includes a \$75,000 incentive for the president to serve the 3rd year. Regents and others attending the meeting gave Yudof a standing ovation.

Capital request was presented to regents. Total request is for \$134.3 million from the state, with a U match of \$31.5 million in debt and \$27.6 million from fund-raising. One change from preliminary list is the request for \$10 million for a microbial and plant genomics building in St. Paul, linked to a \$10 million gift from Cargill, Inc.

Also in the request: \$16 million for health and safety, \$35 million for molecular and cellular biology building phase II, \$21 million for art building (plus \$15 million from U debt and \$8 million from fund-raising), \$17.1 million for plant growth facilities, \$6.1 million for music performance laboratory in Duluth, \$6.5 million for Kiehle Hall in Crookston, \$8.2 million for science and math building phase II at Morris, \$4 million for research and outreach centers, and \$10.4 million for Duluth Bulldog sports center.

Operating budget impact of the request, if fully funded, would be \$7.2 million--\$4.7 million for operating costs and \$2.5 million in debt payments. When other projects are included (Northrop garage and plaza, Church Street renovation, and others), the total comes to \$8.5 million.

Massive construction projects and renewal of the U's physical infrastructure are good news, Faculty Consultative Committee chair Fred Morrison told regents, and now it is important to renew the intellectual infrastructure: support for professional development, research support, graduate teaching and research assistants, secretarial and staff support, libraries, and competitive salaries.

Student athletes on the TC campus have a 6-year graduation rate that meets or exceeds that of all TC campus students, VP Boston told regents. Rate was 48% for male athletes who entered in 1991-92 and went up to 56% for those who entered in 1992-93. Female athletes routinely exceed the rate for students as a whole, he said.

First-year student initiative is transforming the first-year student experience, Boston said in another report. He cited changes in orientation, success of new student convocation, introduction of Gopherville on the Web for commuter students, and popularity of freshman seminars. "Students want community, and they're finding it," he said. Survey of first-year students in 1999 found 94% were satisfied or very satisfied with their life at the U.

Trends in student health were reported by associate VP Jane Canney. Mental health problems are an ongoing concern, although the numbers haven't changed much in the past few years, she said. In one recent study, 12% of students were diagnosed with depression. Two emerging issues are credit card debt and tobacco use. Study showed 26% of students with \$1,000 or more in credit card debt and 12% with \$3,000 or more in debt. Indebtedness is linked to academic and mental health problems. Tobacco use is increasing rapidly. In 1995, 31% of students said they had smoked at some time. In 1998, 42% said they had used tobacco within the last 30 days. "We're very concerned about it," Canney said. Boynton Health Service is expanding its programs in all 3 areas.

Regents approved contracts with AFSCME locals representing clerical, technical, and health care workers.

Dramatic increases in health insurance premiums for 2000 will have an impact on individual employees and on the U budget, regents were told. Increases will range from \$0 to \$45.65 a month for employee coverage and from \$61.82 to \$119.81 a month for family coverage. Cost to the U of paying for the low-cost provider for employee coverage will go up from \$55 million to \$67 million a year.

Gift of \$10 million from Cargill for a microbial and plant genomics building is largest single gift in Cargill's history. Building would house research laboratories and related office space in St. Paul. The U will ask legis-lature to fund the other half. In the future, an additional \$10 million technology incubator and outreach wing is planned. Genomics involves the study of the sequence, function, and interrelationships of genes. Scientists say the knowledge will lead to a more healthful food supply, new drugs and treatments, and new methods to clean up the environment. "This is a time when it is critical that the University be a national leader in generating knowledge and applications in microbial and plant genetics," Yudof said. "The research will benefit agriculture, produce new products, and help preserve the environment. We applaud Cargill's role in making this happen."

Donations to the U surpassed \$134 million for the 2nd fiscal year in a row, according to the U of M Foundation. Total gifts, including pledges and deferred gifts, were \$134.8 million, compared to \$134.5 million the previous year. "The commitment of the community and alumni to the University is just incredible," Yudof said.

Yudof defended the U's admissions policies after the Center for Equal Opportunity (CEO), a Washington, D.C., think tank, issued a report saying minority applicants were more likely than white applicants to be admitted. The U is proud of its "efforts to create a diverse student body through both our recruiting and admissions processes," he said. "While test scores and grades are very important, we review files individually to ensure fair-ness and the achievement of our mission." The individual review process looks at a variety of factors, not just one.

CEO report fails to consider the structure of admissions on the TC campus with its 8 freshman-admitting colleges, a fact sheet says. Admission standards vary by college. By combining college-specific data, the report assumes that students admitted to one college are displacing students not admitted to another college; this is never the case.

Yudof questioned the report's major conclusion, that over a 2-year period 35 white applicants with both higher ACT scores and a higher class rank than the medians for African American admittees were rejected on the TC campus. This is 35 applicants out of a total of 23,638. "I don't think this is a particularly compelling finding; it's even reasonable to question its statistical significance," Yudof said. "The University admits on average about 80% of its applicants, underscoring our accessibility for all students."

CROOKSTON--PCWeek will hold a "shoot-out" for Helpdesk and knowledge software the week of Sept. 27. UMC was selected as the site because of its innovations in technology as a laptop university.

DULUTH--UMD has announced a record number of new freshmen and new faculty hires this fall. Total freshman enrollment of 2,025 is 210 more than last year's fall enrollment of 1,815. Fifty-six new faculty have been hired.

UMD homecoming week is set for Sept. 27-Oct. 2 with activities slated each day. Bulldogs play Moorhead State Oct. 2 at 2 p.m. at Griggs Field. The James Malosky Hall of Fame induction dinner will be that evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Romano Gym. For dinner reservations call 218-726-7518.

Former UMD graduate student Joe Tsien (Zhuo Quian), now a molecular biologist at Princeton, is a lead member of the team of scientists who have created the genetic breakthrough "Doogie" mice. The mice are made "significantly smarter" by adding a single gene to rodent embryos.

MORRIS--University College-Morris, in collaboration with UMD College of Education and Human Service Professions, will offer master of education programs with specializations in educational computing and technology, curriculum and instruction, and children and families. For more information, contact UC-Morris, 800-842-0030 or e-mail johnsokm@mrs.umn.edu.

Cal State Northridge's Western Region Outreach Center and Consortia, a project of the National Center on Deafness, will host a live national satellite teleclass Sept. 30 for those who work with students who are deaf and hard of hearing. Class will be broadcast live, 2-4 p.m., in 7 Humanities Fine Arts Center and is being facilitated on the Morris campus by Disability Services.

TWIN CITIES--Office of Admissions will host 3 Saturday open houses for prospective students and their parents Sept. 25 and Oct. 9 and 16, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Opening welcome session at Ted Mann Concert Hall will include a U music ensemble and a slide presentation introducing campus life. Guided bus tour of the campus will follow. After the tour, guests will break into information sessions highlighting U programs and services. U faculty, staff, and students from the colleges, admissions, housing, financial aid, and other student programs will be there to answer questions. For more information, call the visit line at 612-625-0000 (toll free 1-800-752-1000; TTY 612-625-9051).

Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare is sponsoring the forum "The Fragile Early Years: Assessing the Mental Health of Infants and Toddlers" featuring Professor Kathryn Barnard of the U of Washington Sept. 30, 1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. at 40 Earle Brown Center. Forum is free but preregistration is required. Call 612-624-4231 or e-mail caswc@tlcmail.che.umn.edu.

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President Yudof will give his State of the U address at the U Senate meeting Sept. 30 at 3:30 p.m. in Rarig Center, proscenium theater. Time for questions will follow the speech. Reception follows in Rarig Center lower lobby. Disability accommodations will be provided upon request. Call Jodi Miller at 612-624-1682 by Sept. 27. Viewing sites at other campuses and locations: 15 Hill Hall, Crookston; Ballroom B, Kirby Student Center, Duluth; Science Auditorium, Morris; 202 Coffman Center, Rochester; theater, St. Paul Student Center.

The U has disclosed to federal agencies an ongoing investigation into allegations of financial irregularities by Dennis Polla, head of the Biomedical Engineering Institute. Investigation focuses on 3 primary areas of concern: management of sponsored funds, overall financial management, and potential conflict of interest involving Polla's outside consulting activities.

Preliminary inquiry by the U's audits department, in conjunction with the Office of the General Counsel, was launched in early March in response to allegations it received from U employees. Preliminary results of the inquiry revealed a complex set of issues, and a decision was made Aug. 26 to expand and accelerate the investigation by retaining outside counsel to assist. At that time, Polla, who has cooperated throughout the investigation, agreed to be replaced as the principal investigator on an upcoming grant proposal. It was also decided that the IT dean's office would give heightened review of financial transactions on Polla's grants. The U expects the investigation to be completed within 90 days.

Weisman Art Museum reached an agreement last week with the Frederick R. Weisman Art Foundation of Los Angeles. Museum will gain exclusive control of how art works are displayed. *Pedicord Apts*, a sculpture by Edward and Nancy Kienholz that features parts of a seedy hotel, will remain at the museum. Museum will return about 34 pieces, valued at \$1.2 million, and will stage a farewell exhibition in 2001 before returning the art works to the foundation. Museum will retain its name.

Senate Committee on Finance and Planning will take the lead this year on the issue of faculty salaries, chair Stephen Gudeman said at Sept. 7 meeting. Peter Zetterberg, director of institutional research and reporting, will meet with the committee in November to present a variety of data, and faculty lobbyist Marvin Marshak will be asked to keep the committee in the loop on legislative issues.

All department heads and chairs are reminded that the deadline to nominate a tenure-track faculty member for the outstanding junior faculty award, the McKnight Land-Grant Professorship, is Oct. 15 at Graduate School, 321 Johnston Hall. See April 2 memo from VP Maziar for eligibility and nominating details (info is also on the Web at www.grad.umn.edu/faculty/McKnight.html).

Fulbright workshop for faculty will feature Karen Adams of the Council of International Exchange of Scholars in Washington on writing a successful application. Opportunities for lecturing or advanced research in more than 130 countries are available. Information on passport photos, rail passes, and other travel products for faculty also will be provided, Sept. 29, 1:30–3:30 p.m., 307 Coffman Union. Call the Office of International Programs to reserve a place, 612-625-7753.

Media Production Group of the Distance Education Unit has created a new Web site, designed to help faculty learn more about the technique of teaching on interactive television (ITV). Web site provides teaching tips, course strategies, and examples of support materials. Susan Tade, media producer, and Nancy Johnson, photographer, designed and produced the site. Visit the site at umrtv.cee.umn.edu/UMITV/index.htm.

CROOKSTON—On Sept. 24, UMC has the opportunity to see examples of professional writing from many career fields. Sponsored by the Scientific and Technical Communication program, a traveling show of regional technical writing examples will be available for student, faculty, and staff perusal.

DULUTH—Hispanic/Latino/Chicana fall 1999 celebration opened Sept. 20 with events continuing through Nov. 8. Upcoming events include a Latin American craft sale Sept. 27–29, 9 a.m.–3 p.m., in Kirby Student Center, and a presentation by visual artist Yolanda Lopez "An Artist's View: Looking at Pictures, Myth and Media," Sept. 28 at 7 p.m. in Kirby Student Center ballroom. For a complete schedule contact Susan Pelayo-Woodward at 218-726-8444.

Faculty honors: A tribute to Dorab Baria, professor of chemical engineering, and his lifelong dedication to education will be Oct. 9 at 2 p.m. in the Marshall Performing Arts Center. A reception will follow the tribute. o James Klueg, professor of art, currently has his vase, "Viva," included in the Alexandria Museum of Art September exhibition in Alexandria, LA.

MORRIS—The House Capital Investment Committee visited Sept. 15 as part of a tour of projects included in this year's legislative capital request. Visit focused on a tour of the old science and math facility and presentations by both UMM and the West Central Research and Outreach Center. Sen. Charlie Berg (Chokio), Rep. Torrey Westrom (Elbow Lake), and Donna Peterson (government relations) accompanied the tour.

Applications for chancellor are coming in, and Chancellor Search Committee has begun reading letters and credentials. At Oct. 1 meeting, the committee will begin screening credentials. Ted Lewis of Academic Search Consultation Service will attend meeting. Committee can be reached at chancellorsearch@mrs.umn.edu or at 320-589-6342.

Richard Nunan, associate professor, philosophy, College of Charleston (SC), will be the first speaker to address the 24th Annual Midwest Philosophy Colloquium. Topic is "The Right of Privacy and Same-Sex Marriage," Sept. 27 at 8 p.m. at First Lutheran Church. Nunan will also present a paper, "Local Autonomy and the Right of Privacy: Legal Moralism and the European Court of Human Rights," at 2:30 p.m. in the Prairie Lounge of the Student Center.

TWIN CITIES—Bell Museum of Natural History will unveil a major new outdoor sculpture garden Sept. 25 at 1 p.m. at a public ceremony to mark the museum's new mission to integrate art and science in exhibits, programs, and classes. President Yudof and Regent Spence will host the unveiling. Centerpiece of the garden is a life-sized bronze sculpture of a moose and 3 wolves, representing the eternal struggle for survival between predator and prey. Sculptor Ian Dudley created the molds for the figures in his Lindstrom, MN, studio.

Management and Economics Building was officially renamed Walter W. Heller Hall during a dedication ceremony Sept. 17. Name honors the late Walter Heller, Regents Professor of Economics at the U and chair of the Council of Economic Advisers under Presidents Kennedy and Johnson.

Events: Tom Brokaw, NBC News anchor, will talk on "Reflections on the Greatest Generation" in Distinguished Carlson Lecture Series Sept. 27, 9 a.m., Northrop Auditorium. Tickets are free, but necessary for admission. Campus ticket locations: East Bank Bookstore, customer service counter, 160 Williamson Hall; information desk, Coffman Union; information kiosk, atrium, Carlson School of Management; 130 Humphrey Center; 200 West Bank Office Building; and Union Station, St. Paul Student Center. • Tobin Siebers, English professor at the U of Michigan, will present "Disability in Theory: From Social Constructionism to the New Realism of the Body," Sept. 27, 4:30 p.m., 38 Folwell Hall. Copies of Siebers's paper are available in 350 Folwell Hall. • I. Michael Heyman, secretary of the Smithsonian Institution and former chancellor of the U of California, Berkeley, will talk on "Culture and Process: A Lawyer's View of the Smithsonian" Sept. 29, 12:15 p.m., Lockhart Hall, Law Building.

"Itasca at 90: Field Stations at the Crossroads" is topic of a symposium Sept. 30 at the Earle Brown Center, sponsored by CBS, COAFES, and the Medical School. A luncheon, including the keynote speaker, Ron Calabrese of Emory U, and music by Charlie Maguire of the National Park Service, is offered at noon, compliments of the sponsors. For registration information, log on to biosci.cbs.umn.edu/biolink/Itasca or contact Doris Rubenstein at 612-624-3279 or druben@biosci.cbs.umn.edu. Registration is required for lunch. Deadline: Sept. 24.

Second in a series of 1999–2000 Technology Enhanced Learning (TEL) Seminars is Sept. 28, noon–1:30 p.m., 274 McNeal Hall, St. Paul. Speakers will be award-winning U faculty members Jim Perry, Steve Simmons, Toni McNaron, and Paul and Linda Brady. Two remaining brown bag sessions about the TEL kit that was mailed to faculty in August will be Sept. 22, 12:15–1:30 p.m., Minnesota Commons Room, St. Paul Student Center; and Sept. 23, 12:15–1:30 p.m., 140 Nolte Center. Refreshments provided; no registration required. For disability accommodations, call 612-625-5055. For more information on both the seminar and the TEL kit, see www.umn.edu/dmc/initiatives.

Scientists are wanted to participate in Minneapolis Public Schools science reform project, ScienceWorks! Orientation will be Sept. 27, 3–5 p.m., Dale Shepard Room, 4th Floor, Coffman Union. RSVP to Jody Martin at 612-626-0214 or jmartin1@uc.umn.edu.

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President Yudof pushed a plunger Sept. 22 to set off the first of many explosions behind Coffman Union, preparing the ground for Riverbend Commons, a plaza that will extend from Coffman to the Mississippi River. Goldy Gopher handed out earplugs to onlookers. When the Riverbend Commons project is completed, it will include housing for 500 students, an underground parking ramp, and the sloped plaza down to the river. Yudof said the project is in the spirit of Cass Gilbert's grand design to incorporate the riverbank into the campus.

Proposed pay plan for civil service staff will be voted on by the Civil Service Committee when it meets on the Duluth campus Sept. 30. Most civil service staff received 2% increases in a partial pay plan in July. Remainder of the plan would go into effect Nov. 8 and would be reflected on Dec. 1 paychecks. Employees who are not at their range maximum and were hired on or before Nov. 8, 1998, will receive an additional 2.5% increase. Those at range maximum will receive an increase of 0.5% and a 2% lump sum. Those with hire dates from Nov. 9, 1998, through June 20, 1999, will receive an additional 0.5%.

Charles Muscoplat, the new dean of the College of Agricultural, Food, and Environmental Sciences, launched a 13-city tour of Greater Minnesota starting with a visit to St. Cloud Sept. 28. Muscoplat's tour is part of his plan to meet people in rural Minnesota and learn more about the U's connection with Greater Minnesota.

Other cities on his travel itinerary include Morris, Willmar, Renville, Waseca, Mankato, Lambertson, Grand Rapids, Staples, Rosemount, Roseau, Warroad, Thief River Falls, and Crookston. Charles Casey, interim dean and director of the U of M Extension Service, and Jeff Klausner, interim dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, will accompany him. Muscoplat is also serving as VP for agricultural policy and director of the Agricultural Experiment Station.

Andrea Turner, executive director of the board of regents and secretary to the board since April, has resigned effective Sept. 17. Turner decided to leave this position to pursue other professional opportunities. "The board of regents appreciates Ms. Turner's contributions and wishes her well," said Patricia Spence, chair of the board. Ann Cieslak has been named interim executive director and corporate secretary.

Unofficial numbers show that undergraduate enrollment is up systemwide, vice provost Craig Swan told Senate Committee on Educational Policy Sept. 15. On the TC campus, it appears the average credit load may actually have increased from last year to this year—despite fears that it would decrease with the change to semesters—so the U's actions may have had some effect on behavior. That is worth a round of applause, VP Maziar said, and the committee gave it. Maziar said the news is a testament to the seriousness of the U's students.

Monday was Curtis L. Carlson Day at the U, proclaimed by the regents in honor of Carlson's legacy and generosity to the U. To start the day's celebration, Tom Brokaw, NBC anchor and author of the best seller *The Greatest Generation*, spoke at 9 a.m. in Northrop Auditorium as part of the Distinguished Carlson Lecture Series. The series, the preeminent and longest-running lecture series at the U, is free to students, faculty, staff, and the community through an endowment set up by Carlson in the 1970s.

Carlson, who died in February, was the U's largest single benefactor. He gave \$47 million to support 7 colleges and numerous programs and to fund scholarships for hundreds of students. Regent Spence said Carlson "provided a lasting model for all of us not only in his great generosity, but in his love for the U and his intense desire to help students and faculty." In the afternoon, the public was invited to an open house at the Carlson School of Management to see how philanthropy has transformed the U, and guests were invited to audit one of 7 classes.

Three forums covering next year's health insurance changes, including the work of the U of M Health Insurance Task Force, are scheduled for the following dates: Oct. 5, St. Paul Student Center (theater); Oct. 21, Humphrey Center (Cowles Auditorium); and Oct. 22, Coffman Union (theater/lecture hall). Forums are 12:15–1 p.m. and include the opportunity to ask questions.

CROOKSTON—Affordable health care is a growing concern for employers and employees in northwestern Minnesota. To respond to this concern, the Northwestern Minnesota Civic Health Initiative will convene meetings in 6 communities to help the region begin to build its small business health care purchasing alliance. Main street business operators, industry employers, and farmers are encouraged to attend. Meetings will be held in Warroad, Hallock, Crookston, Warren, Thief River Falls, and Fosston. Barbara Muesing is the northwestern Minnesota civic health initiative coordinator.

Homecoming 1999 on Oct. 8–10 will include the first Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony, a parade the morning of game day, a tailgating lunch, football game at 1:40 p.m. with introduction of UMC's outstanding alumni during half-time, and a social following the game.

DULUTH—Ten Swedish students have arrived for fall semester through a new UMD exchange program with 3 Swedish universities. The students are from Karlskrona-Ronneby University, Vaxjo University, and Umea University. Six UMD students are studying in Sweden at these 3 universities as part of the new exchange.

Gloria DeFilipps Brush, professor and head, UMD Department of Art, has work in the major exhibition "Innovation/Imagination: 50 Years of Polaris Photography," which opened initially at the Ansel Adams Center in San Francisco and now begins a national and international tour. The exhibition includes the works of Ansel Adams, Andy Warhol, and Chuck Close.

Paul Damberg, director of development, KUMD-FM radio station on the UMD campus, was awarded the PRADO Pioneer Award at the 1999 Public Radio Development and Marketing Conference. The award is one of the top 3 national awards given in public radio development.

MORRIS—Scholarship donors and student recipients gathered at scholarship reception and banquet Sept. 21. The annual event provides an opportunity for the campus to recognize and thank donors for their scholarship contributions, to honor student scholarship recipients, and for students to meet and personally thank their benefactors.

TWIN CITIES—School of Public Health will receive a \$43 million grant from National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases at NIH to coordinate an international trial investigating the efficacy of interleukin-2, a potential treatment for people infected with HIV. Rep. Martin Sabo made the announcement in Washington, D.C.

General College and Disability Services have received a \$692,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education for Curriculum Transformation and Disability, a 3-year project to help faculty and administrators more effectively teach students with disabilities. Project will produce, evaluate, and disseminate a nationally replicable model for teaching college students with disabilities.

Announcements: New faculty library orientation program is open to all faculty, with information about electronic journals, free online searching, and other new services. New dates and times have been added. For dates, times, and registration information, go to the Web page at www.lib.umn.edu/about/newfac.html. • Video conference for U managers, supervisors, and employees, "Work Life Balance: Gaining a Competitive Edge by Creating a Productive and Inclusive Work Environment," Oct. 7, 8:30 a.m.–noon, 150 Physics Building, free. For more information, visit Web site at www.umn.edu/ohr/chrd/work_life. • U College is creating the new administrative unit Office of Evening Classes and Summer Session, which will combine coordination, promotion, and support for evening courses year round and all courses during the summer. Unit will be headed by Jack K. Johnson and is currently located in 333 Johnston Hall, 612-624-4000. • Laser surgery to correct nearsightedness, farsightedness, and astigmatism is now available through Department of Ophthalmology at a discount to individuals and families affiliated with the U and Fairview U Hospital. Free informational seminars will be Sept. 29 and Oct. 13 at 6 p.m. on the 9th floor, Phillips-Wangenstein Building. To register leave a message at 612-624-5963 or 626-5010.

More announcements: The Compleat Scholar Program (noncredit courses for adults) seeks course proposals for paid, part-time, temporary teaching positions in a variety of disciplines. Courses held summer 2000 through spring 2001. Call 612-624-8880 for application or write: Part-Time Instruction, Compleat Scholar Program, 314 Nolte Center. Deadlines for review of applications: Nov. 12 for summer 2000; Dec. 17 for fall 2000; May 5, 2000 for winter and spring 2001. Early submission strongly recommended. • Participants are being sought for an 8-month research study on the effects of soy consumption on estrogen levels. Participants must be postmenopausal, ages 45 to 69, and not on hormone replacement therapy. Two groups of postmenopausal women are needed: women who have survived breast cancer (without undergoing chemotherapy) and women with no history of cancer. Financial compensation is provided. Call Jennifer or Kris, 612-624-3412, weekdays from noon until 5 p.m. • U Housing and Residential Life office has efficiency, 1-bedroom, and 2-bedroom furnished apartments available for rent to visiting faculty and guests of the U. Units are currently available on a temporary basis through the end of the academic year. Call 612-624-4476.

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Regents will meet in Rochester this week. They will take action on the \$134.3 million capital request, discuss academic priorities and programs in Rochester, and take action on the intellectual property policy.

President Yudof said in his State of the U address Sept. 30 that the U "is a community built on trust," and at its core is integrity. "Today I focus on reciprocity, the explicit and implicit promises we make to each other, to students and staff, and to the people of Minnesota." Acceptance of a student carries a promise, not only of education but of protection from harm, and "implicitly, we also promise to treat that student in a humane, compassionate, and understanding manner," he said. "In turn, students commit to studying, attending classes, turning in honest work, and treating their fellow students with respect and civility."

Yudof reviewed "how we have or have not honored our commitments to the University's many constituent communities--the state of Minnesota, our students, parents, alumni, benefactors, and above all, one another. The record, I believe, is a good one--but, like most human activities, there also is room for improvement."

The president pointed to agreements the U made with the legislature on a range of academic improvements based on 5 major interdisciplinary initiatives. "Legislators generously granted our request, and today I can report that our promises are expeditiously being fulfilled," he said.

In molecular and cellular biology--a field producing what the *Chronicle of Higher Education* calls "vast and thrilling new knowledge"--the U is hiring 24 new faculty over a 3-year span with legislative funding and will add 20 more through internal U funding. In digital technology, hiring of world-renowned professors such as computational biophysicist Alexander Grosberg, mathematical biologist Hans Othmer, and computational biologist Jiali Gao will build a bridge to the life sciences, and 20 additional faculty hires are planned.

Design initiative includes an undergraduate design minor, to be launched this spring, and revival of *Design Quarterly*, a prestigious national journal. In new media, renovated Murphy Hall will include multimedia classrooms and modern labs and production facilities. Cowles Chair has been awarded to media economist Daniel Sullivan and Silha Professorship to Jane Kirtley. Agriculture initiative includes new partnerships statewide and Rapid Response Fund projects to meet emergencies in production of turkeys, wheat, barley, and potatoes.

Voting with their feet, 85% of last year's freshmen returned for their sophomore year, Yudof said. Retention rate is the best in Minnesota, small college or large, public or private. Other good news: Freshman seminars will enroll more than 1,500 students in 1999-2000, a 245% increase over the 434 students in 1998-99. Starting this year, all students must take 4 "writing-intensive" courses, selecting from 250 such courses throughout the curriculum. Learning communities bring students into residential proximity with faculty and staff; 800 students now live in such communities, and 3 new ones will open for Spanish, German, and global studies. Yudof proposed "a residential college experience for every freshman, together with special arrangements for commuters."

Yudof also cited record numbers of new freshmen at UMD, technological advances on the Crookston campus, and renovation of science facilities at Morris.

Troubling issue is "many universities are not keeping their promises to their student-athletes or to the taxpayers," Yudof said, pointing to declining graduation rate among players nationwide, particularly in men's basketball and football. He proposed 2 important changes in NCAA policy: "to eliminate freshman eligibility in men's basketball, giving athletes a year to establish their academic program before competing," and to establish a rule that an athlete who leaves a college or university must be in good academic standing "or else the institution will lose that scholarship until the time when the student would normally have graduated."

Disturbing national trend is the widening gap between faculty salaries at public universities and private universities, Yudof said. At the U, a major capital campaign will begin this month, and one focus will be on raising faculty salaries by supplementing core funding from the legislature.

Forum on health insurance changes will be on interactive TV for Crookston, Duluth, and Morris campuses Oct. 15, noon-1 p.m. Remaining forums on the TC campus are Oct. 21, 12:15-1 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center, and Oct. 22, 12:15-1 p.m., Coffman Union theater-lecture hall.

CROOKSTON--"Who Will Build One America?" is the theme for this year's campus week of diversity issues and dialogue Oct. 4-8. Multicultural/International Programs and Office for Students with Disabilities are cosponsors. Events and activities include sessions that trace the often overlooked history of people with disabilities, focus on the mixing and mingling of different cultural traditions that give zest to American life, and examine the day-to-day experiences of students of color in American college classrooms.

The UMC Eagles Nest Gang kicked off a new year by naming the Eagles Nest Little Eagle "Fuzzy," after UMC athletic director Marv "Fuzzy" Bachmeier, who retired June 30.

DULUTH--UMD's historic Glensheen estate was featured on the cover of the latest edition of *American Bungalow*, the quarterly magazine published in the interest of historic preservation.

UMD Robert F. Pierce Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic is now scheduling appointments for fall semester. Clinic provides evaluation, treatment, and counseling for all age groups. Call 218-726-8199.

Clay Keller, associate professor of education, with colleagues from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology, made 2 presentations at the 1999 conference of the European Association for Research on Learning and Instruction in Gothenburg, Sweden. His topics were "A Study of Ideology Put into Practice" and "Videoconferencing Between Norway and the United States in Education Courses."

MORRIS--Itinerary for President Yudof's Oct. 15 visit during homecoming includes a driving tour of campus construction sites, pancake breakfast with students, leadership seminar with administrators, lunch with local citizens, and visit with alumni at the Alumni Career Fair. Public gala reception will be at 5:30 p.m. in Oyate Hall. Scheduled to accompany Yudof are VP Gardebring and speechwriter Nick Pease.

Events: New Teachers, New Technology Grant funded by the Department of Education will bring students, faculty, teachers, and technology specialists together at the Instructional Technology Fair Oct. 7, 10 a.m. in Oyate Hall. Keynote speaker is Joe Nathan, Center for School Change, TC campus. • Homecoming weekend Oct. 15-17 will honor class of '69 and entire decade of the '90s. Cougars will meet the UMC Golden Eagles in football game Oct. 16 at 1:30 p.m. Contact Alumni Relations, 320-589-6066. • Regional Fitness Center (RFC) dedication will be Oct. 16, 11-11:30 a.m., RFC lobby. Sen. Charlie Berg (Chokio), Rep. Torrey Westrom (Elbow Lake), interim chancellor Schuman, Morris mayor Carol Wilcox, and RFC board members are scheduled to speak. Public is invited.

TWIN CITIES--Pep fest to cheer on the Gopher football team before Wisconsin game will be Oct. 8, noon-1 p.m., on Coffman plaza, weather permitting (no rain location). Pep fest will feature music, cheers, games, and prizes.

"In the Middle and Out in Front: Policy Innovations in Minnesota and Wisconsin," part of the Paul Bunyan Distinguished Lecture Series, will be presented Oct. 8, 6:30 p.m., Humphrey Auditorium, Humphrey Center. John Brandl, dean of the Humphrey Institute, and John Witte, director of U of Wisconsin's La Follette Institute of Public Affairs, will discuss Midwest public policy innovations. Series started last year and is held the evening before Minnesota-Wisconsin football game. For more information, call 612-626-4795.

Deadline is noon Oct. 11 for nominations for the St. Paul Campus Little Red Oil Can Award, given to those who have demonstrated concern for others and interest in the welfare of the community. Submit nominations to 42 St. Paul Student Center, and direct questions to Matt Wohlman at 612-624-3457. Recipients will be announced Oct. 30.

Lectures and events: Second Biennial Feminism(s) and Rhetoric(s) Conference will be Oct. 7-9. Interdisciplinary conference will bring together an international body of feminist scholars, writers, and artists to share new developments in language, literacy, history, and rhetoric. See the conference Web site at femrhet.cla.umn.edu or contact Mary Strunk at stru0059@tc.umn.edu. • "Development of Resistance to Antibiotics" by Julian Davies, Oct. 11, 12:15 p.m., 2-650 Moos Tower. More information at <http://microbiology.med.umn.edu/larson4.html>. • Department of Environmental Health and Safety will celebrate its 50th anniversary Oct. 12 with an open house and tours of its Integrated Waste Management Facility. President Yudof will kick off the symposium, "Environmental Health and Safety and the Research University," and Dr. Michael Osterholm will discuss bioterrorism. Symposium is in the Coffman theater, 1:30-4:30 p.m. Call 612-626-3676 or visit the Web site at www.dehs.umn.edu. • Award-winning faculty from Duluth will give presentations when Technology Enhanced Learning (TEL) Seminar Series continues Oct. 12, noon-1:30 p.m., in Minnesota Commons Room, St. Paul Student Center. For more information on the seminar series and other TEL efforts, see www.umn.edu/dmc/initiatives.

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President Yudof will ask for \$15 million to \$20 million from the legislature for a literacy initiative, he said Friday at regents meeting in Rochester. Goal is to get all kids to read at grade level by the time they're in third grade. Specifics are still to be worked out, and Yudof said the money wouldn't necessarily have to go to the U as long as it is used to improve literacy. "No skill is more critical to education than reading," he said.

Head count enrollment is down slightly (1.3%) for fall 1999, Peter Zetterberg told regents. Decline was expected as more students completed their degrees in 1998-99 before the shift to semesters, said Zetterberg, who coordinated the semester conversion. Preliminary numbers also show that student credit loads are down, but not by too much and not any more than was projected. Tuition revenue should be as budgeted.

Regents toured Rochester's University Center and heard an update on the separate roles for Winona State U, Rochester Community and Technical College, and the U. The U will provide primary leadership for professional postbaccalaureate and graduate programs, selected baccalaureate programs, continuing education pro-grams for personal enrichment, and advanced workforce preparation. Mary Heltsley, recently appointed associate VP in the Office of the Executive VP and Provost, was named interim provost at Rochester.

Ann Cieslak, who was named interim executive director and corporate secretary to the regents when Andrea Turner resigned last month, was appointed to the position on a permanent basis.

Regents approved the \$134.3 million capital request and the intellectual property policy.

All students, faculty, and staff are invited to a noontime celebration in front of Coffman Union Oct. 21. President Yudof will make an important announcement at 12:30 p.m. affecting faculty, students, every college, and all 4 campuses. Gopher Marching Band will perform at noon, and a free lunch will be served. Everyone is invited to join the excitement. (If the weather is bad, the program will be held in Coffman's Great Hall.)

The U has settled a year-old lawsuit with Glaxo Wellcome, the pharmaceutical manufacturer, President Yudof announced at a news conference Oct. 5. Glaxo agreed to pay the U royalties on the company's worldwide sales of Ziagen, an antiviral drug used to treat AIDS. Agreement settles a lawsuit brought by the U in October 1998, in which it claimed that Ziagen is among several antiviral compounds first patented in the 1980s by College of Pharmacy professor Robert Vince and subsequently licensed to Glaxo.

"This settlement is historic for this university, and for Minnesota," Yudof said. "This is one of the largest publicly reported licensing agreements in history. It is a compelling example of the value of the public support for this institution. State and federal funds helped the University do this cutting-edge research." The settlement is "the jackpot, it's like winning the lottery," Yudof said, and "because the University stood behind its faculty and fought to protect the public's investment, we've all won."

Glaxo will pay the U a percentage of sales income on a sliding fee scale: 5% of the first \$300 million in world-wide sales, 7% of sales from \$300 million to \$700 million, and 10% of sales over \$700 million annually. In addition, the U will receive a one-time payment of \$7.25 million later this month. Based on current sales estimates, total royalties from the settlement may exceed \$300 million.

Under federal law, royalty payments to the U are limited to uses that support scientific research and education. Under the U's patent policy, one-third of the royalty payments will go to the inventor, Robert Vince, and his research colleague, Mei Hua. Remaining two-thirds will be used to support scientific research and education at the U. Plans include a Center for Drug Discovery in the College of Pharmacy and a 21st Century Endowment to match private support for graduate student fellowships throughout the U. "This settlement offers a unique, if not once-in-a-lifetime, opportunity to address critical long-term needs at the U," VP Maziar said.

Civil service pay plan was approved at Civil Service Committee meeting in Duluth Sept. 30. Plan is as outlined in Sept. 29 Brief; most staff members will receive increases of 2.5% that will be reflected on Dec. 1 paychecks.

CROOKSTON—UMC Community Recognition Day will be celebrated Oct. 20 with All Community Convocation at 10 a.m. in Bede ballroom. UMC is celebrating its naming as a *U.S. News and World Report* Best College, a record student enrollment, and membership in NCAA and Northern Sun Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

First inductees into UMC Athletic Hall of Fame Oct. 8 were: Herschel Lysaker, former Northwest School of Agriculture instructor, coach, and assistant provost; Jim LeClair, on the conference winning football team in 1968-69 and later drafted by the Cincinnati Bengals; Lloyd Mayes, who came to UMC in 1968 and led the school to 2 consecutive conference titles in basketball; Jim Clauson, who played hockey in 1973-74 and was on the team that went to Lake Placid, N.Y.; and the 1973 championship football team coached by Daryl Ramey, undefeated with a 9-0 record.

Vic Fickling will be at UMC Oct. 21 to answer questions regarding health care open enrollment and give updates on benefits and premium costs. Open forum for all employees will be noon-1 p.m. in 131 Sahlstrom Conference Center.

DULUTH—At an Oct. 8 news conference, Chancellor Martin announced a \$10 million gift to UMD from the Swenson Family Foundation and introduced foundation director Jim Swenson, a 1959 chemistry graduate of UMD. Announcement of the gift launched UMD's \$28 million, 4-year capital campaign. Campaign chair Mitchell Sill said a total of \$15 million in gifts and pledges has already been raised. A luncheon for invited guests and friends followed the news conference.

Princeton biologist Joe Tsien, who received his Ph.D. through UMD in biochemistry and molecular biology in 1990 working in the lab of UMD professor and department head Les Drewes, spoke at the School of Medicine Oct. 12. Tsien has created the now famous "Doogie," a genetically engineered "smarter mouse," which has important implications for human intelligence and memory.

MORRIS—Joseph Latterell, distinguished member of the chemistry faculty since 1967, died Oct. 1, following a long illness. He was a recipient of John Tate Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Academic Advising and Horace T. Morse-Amoco Foundation Award for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Education.

Events: Former athletic department secretary Joyce Cain and former athletes Jeff Arnold, Greg Lanners, and Mark Williamson will be inducted into Cougar Hall of Fame Oct. 16, 8 p.m., Oyate Hall. • Building Bridges Between the Agricultural and Social Sciences, a symposium focused on developing interdisciplinary partnerships in research and outreach to address the needs of rural Minnesota, will be Oct. 21, 10 am-4 p.m., location to be announced. Keynote speakers are Cornelia Butler Flora and C. Eugene Allen. For information, call Wynne Wright, 320-589-1711, or e-mail wrightw@mrs.umn.edu. Reservations required.

TWIN CITIES—Law professor Daniel Farber has been inducted as a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Academy welcomed 152 new fellows and 27 foreign honorary members Oct. 2.

Samuel Kirkwood, retired professor of biochemistry in CBS, died Oct. 8 at his home in Hugo, Minn., of colon cancer. Kirkwood was well known for research discoveries in the area of enzyme reaction mechanisms but was best known for his teaching. Memorial service will be Oct. 16 at 2 p.m. in Cherrywood Room of St. Paul Student Center.

To promote awareness of the annual Community Fund Drive, Facilities Management will host a dunk-tank fundraiser to raise money and awareness Oct. 15, 11 a.m.- 1 p.m., on Donhowe Building parking lot. Cost is \$2 donation to Community Fund Drive. Event is open to the U community and will feature VP Kruse as one of the dunkees.

Events: Robin Cohen from the U of Warwick, an authority on ethnic relations, migration, and international labor, will give a lecture on "Migration and Identity" Oct. 12 at 1 p.m. at Coffman theater. Free lecture is the kick-off event of the Race, Ethnicity, and Migration Seminar for 1999-2000, developed by Immigration History Research Center and Program in American Studies. • Writer Rosellen Brown will read from her work Oct. 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Weisman Art Museum. • Minnesota native and polar explorer Ann Bancroft will talk on "Dare To Dream: Shattering Stereotypes While Making History" Oct. 19, 7-9 p.m., Humphrey Center. Call 612-625-7327. • Dianne Dugaw, author of *Warrior Women and Popular Balladry*, will give a lecture-performance Oct. 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Ferguson Recital Hall. Titled "Damsel Drummers and Female Sailors," the talk is free and open to the public.

Announcements: Delivery of *1999-2000 Student-Staff Directory* begins at the end of October to offices that responded to the September request form. Allow 3 weeks for delivery. RoadRunner will make one attempt to deliver between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.; if a signature for delivery cannot be obtained, departments will need to arrange and pay for an additional delivery attempt. • Laser surgery to correct nearsightedness, farsightedness, and astigmatism is available through the Department of Ophthalmology at a discount to people affiliated with the U. Call Lynette at 612-625-1615 for additional information.

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NIH site visitors finished their work at the U Friday and returned to Bethesda to compile their report. "The visit was fair, thorough, comprehensive, and well planned," VP Cerra said. Team will submit a report to Diana Jaeger, director of the Office of Policy on External Grant Administration. Decision is expected by Jan. 1, 2000. Cerra said the NIH team congratulated the U on its effort and "honest and very strong commitment" in developing and implementing the Sponsored Programs Management Plan.

Athletic issues will be on the agenda for the Senate Consultative Committee (SCC) Nov. 4, 11, and 18. SCC will meet Nov. 4 with members of the Assembly Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics and will hear reports from the task forces on academic integrity and sexual misconduct. On Nov. 11 the SCC will meet with leaders of the men's athletic program. The Nov. 18 meeting will probably be a decision-making meeting, with votes on any action items to be taken to the U Senate Dec. 2.

Faculty Consultative Committee (FCC) will meet Oct. 28 with VP Cerra to talk about issues in the Academic Health Center and with members of the budget management task force to talk about budget issues.

FCC will elect a chair-elect at its Nov. 11 meeting. All elected members whose term continues into next year will be on the ballot, and all voting members of FCC will vote. Balloting will go on as many times as necessary until someone has a majority. In the past, FCC chairs have been elected at the end of the academic year.

Open enrollment for medical insurance, dental insurance, short- and long-term disability insurance, additional employee and spouse life insurance, and health care and dependent care reimbursement accounts will continue through Nov. 15. If you currently have Medica Primary or Prudential DMO, you must choose a new plan. PreferredOne State Care Team is a new medical plan option. If you haven't received open enrollment packet at your campus address by Oct. 20, contact Employee Benefits at 612-624-9090 or 800-756-2363, press option 2.

Provider directories for the medical and dental plans have been sent to departments and will also be available at the Employee Health and Benefits Fair Oct. 26 at Coffman Union in Minneapolis and Oct. 27 at the Student Center in St. Paul. Details about the fair were sent in a separate flyer.

Nominations are now being accepted for 2 distinguished teaching awards: the Award for Outstanding Contributions to Postbaccalaureate, Graduate, and Professional Education and the Horace T. Morse-U of M Alumni Association Award for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Education. Deadline for receipt of dossiers is Jan. 28, 2000. For nomination procedures contact the deans' offices or call Karen Linqvist at 612-624-9817. Guide-lines can be found on the Web at www.umn.edu/ohr/awards/.

Deadlines for submitting nominations for the Outstanding Service Award, honorary degree, Alumni Service Award, and naming of buildings for 1999-2000 academic year are Nov. 17, Jan. 19, and April 19. Nominations should be submitted to the All-U Honors Committee, c/o Vickie Courtney, U Senate Office, 427 Morrill Hall.

Mortgage company providing the loans and servicing for the Faculty Mortgage Program changed its name in September. Knutson Mortgage was purchased by Temple-Inland Mortgage Corp. more than a year ago but delayed changing the name until this September. Contacts and service people have not changed as part of the corporate name change: you can still receive the same service and answers to your questions from Rich Carlson at 612-204-2327, or 800-698-9751 outside the Twin Cities. Temple-Inland also provides reduced mortgage origination fees to all U employees not eligible for the Faculty Mortgage Program.

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CROOKSTON—UMC Golden Eagles football game against Concordia of St. Paul will be in the Metrodome Oct. 29 at 7:30 p.m. The UMC Alumni Association has secured the use of a suite in the Dome for a reception open house for UMC alumni, faculty, staff, and friends.

Singing group Peaceful Women will perform at UMC Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. in Bede Ballroom. Performance is free to UMC students, faculty, and staff.

DULUTH—UMD was a participant in the 1999 College Fair held at the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center Oct. 13. More than 100 colleges and organizations participated in the event sponsored by the Minnesota Association for College Admission Counseling.

UMD Department of Music will hold a faculty artist concert featuring faculty member Daniel Lipori, bassoonist, Oct. 28 at 8 p.m. in 90 Bohannon Hall. Concert is free and open to the public.

Royal D. Alworth Institute for International Studies presents "New Russia Addresses Violence Against Women: Part II," an International Brown Bag Series program, Oct. 21 at noon in the UMD Kirby Student Center Bull Pub. Speakers Mary Ness and Tricia O'Keefe are management team members of the Women's Coalition of Duluth and members of the Duluth/Petrozavodsk (Russia) exchange addressing domestic violence.

MORRIS—Interim chancellor Sam Schuman was honored during Founders Day at the U of North Carolina, Asheville. Schuman was the school's 3rd chancellor. In his speech about Schuman, Kevan Frazier, a student who has returned as a faculty member, said, "Dr. Schuman's genuine concern for students was obvious in his strong relationship with the students of this campus....He loves being with students because he truly understands that they are the lifeblood of any university."

Jim "Doc" Carlson, professor of music, was chosen as one of 4 Music Educators of the Year by the Minnesota Music Educators Association. The selection recognizes outstanding contributions to music education.

TWIN CITIES—This year's 2-day Beautiful U celebration is Oct. 27-28. Wednesday is dedicated to the year's largest recycling and trash collection effort, Thursday to showing off new public spaces and building projects. Cleanup Oct. 27 will begin with kick-off breakfast at 10 locations on campus, 7-9 a.m. Workers will collect an estimated 30 tons of trash and recyclables, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and Crud Busters, a costumed clean-up crew, will prowel the historic knoll area in search of grime. In the afternoon, T-shirt clad volunteers from Dayton Hudson will join Goldy Gopher and regents in a window-washing spree outside Williamson Hall.

Beautiful U highlights Oct. 28 begin at 9 a.m. with sculptor Ian Dudley greeting visitors in Bell Museum's new sculpture garden, which features his latest work, a life-size bronze moose and 3 timberwolves. A tree-planting ceremony on the knoll, 10-11 a.m., will honor Vern Mattson, a U truck driver who died last year and left the U \$5,000 for on-campus tree planting. President Yudof matched the donation and will host the event. Thank-you luncheon for students and staff will be 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on the Washington Ave. Bridge and at the St. Paul Student Center. From noon to 2 p.m., Yudof will open a 1911 time capsule discovered during demolition of Millard Hall and preside over a groundbreaking ceremony on Moos plaza for the new Molecular and Cellular Biology Building. Formal reopening ceremony for the newly renovated Church Street plaza will be at 2 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to serve lunch on the Washington Ave. Bridge and at St. Paul Student Center Oct. 28. Shifts are available 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Call Jodi Miller at 612-624-1682 or e-mail jmiller@mailbox.mail.umn.edu.

President Yudof and Judy Yudof invite neighborhood children and children of U staff and faculty to visit Eastcliff for a Halloween party Oct. 29, 3-5:30 p.m. (recommended for children up to age 10). Come in costume and bring your camera. Plans include Tunnel of Terror, Teddy Bear Band, and light refreshments. To attend, respond by Oct. 26 to Dana at 612-627-6800 or eastclif@umn.edu. For more information, see events Web site at events.tc.umn.edu

Ground was broken Oct. 15 for an addition to the Architecture Building. Members of the design community were invited, and William Conway, the new head of the architecture department, talked on "new constructions."

Events: Lecture by Robin Cohen on "Migration and Identity" is Oct. 21 at 1 p.m. at Coffman theater (not Oct. 12 as listed in last week's Brief). • Jonathan Arac, professor of English at U of Pittsburgh, will present "Toward a Critical Genealogy of the U.S. Discourse of Identity, Phase One: 1930s-50s" Oct. 22 at 4:30 p.m. in 134 Folwell Hall. • Inaugural Hymie Gordon Memorial Lecture, "Academics, Advocacy, and Ethics," by Robert George of Princeton U, will be Oct. 27, 8 p.m., Grand Ballroom, Radisson Hotel Metrodome, sponsored by Program in Human Rights and Medicine, free and open to the public. Call 612-626-6559 or visit www.umn.edu/phrm.

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Goal of \$1.3 billion has been set for the U's fund-raising campaign, President Yudof announced at a celebration in front of Coffman Union Oct. 21. Mascots from the 4 campuses—the Golden Eagle from UMC, Bulldog from UMD, Cougar from UMM, and Goldy Gopher from the TC campus—were lifted higher and higher in a cherry picker before a banner with the big number was unfurled amid fireworks and maroon and gold streamers.

Yudof said the campaign was the U's "worst kept secret," and the size of the goal was the only remaining unknown. Almost half of the goal—\$628 million—has already been raised during the campaign's quiet phase. Goals within the goal are \$275 million to recruit and retain faculty, \$225 million to attract and keep promising students, \$40 million for strategic opportunities, \$350 million for research priorities, \$345 million for service and outreach, and \$65 million to support improvements in libraries and investments in selected new facilities.

Men's basketball program will be under a self-imposed one-year ban on postseason play, Yudof announced at a news conference Oct. 26. Program will also be on probation for an unspecified period of time.

Yudof discussed the fund-raising campaign with the Faculty Consultative Committee (FCC) Oct. 21. Key number to watch will be the increase in the endowment, he said. Endowment is now \$1.5 billion, and his hope is to move that up to \$2 billion. Although \$1.5 billion may sound like a big endowment, a fact sheet shows that the \$23,883 endowment per student is half that at the U of Michigan and one third that at the U of Texas.

One major goal of the campaign is "to recruit and develop and retain the most outstanding faculty we can," Yudof said in his announcement speech. He told the FCC that money will not be used for across-the-board salary increases, but he will seek "more flexible endowments" so that "a lot more than 10% of the faculty will benefit," not just those in endowed chairs or professorships. For example, if a chair is unfilled for a year or more, the money could be used to award summer stipends to junior faculty.

Most gifts are targeted for specific purposes, Yudof said, and most donors don't ask for guidance in directing their gifts to areas of greatest need.

Faster response to whistle-blowers was another topic Yudof discussed with the FCC. "We're slow on the draw," he said. Someone may make an allegation of operational or financial mismanagement, months will go by when nothing seems to have happened, and in frustration "the whistle-blower goes to the media." Yudof said he has asked VP Carrier to set a series of deadlines for administrators to respond to allegations.

Another concern is the long period of silence after a charge has been made public, he said. Investigation may be in process, but "all communication stops" and "somebody is left hanging out there." Marvin Marshak added that too often the timing is controlled by the last issue to be resolved. "We mix the capitol felonies, the felonies, the misdemeanors, and the violations." It might be possible to clear someone publicly of the most serious allegations while still pursuing the others, he said.

More faculty input on decisions about what buildings to request from the legislature will be on FCC agenda Oct. 28. Topic came up during discussion with associate VP Richard Pfitzenreuter about 6-year capital plan.

Georgina Stephens, associate VP and treasurer, is on administrative leave effective Oct. 20. Leave will allow the U to review matters brought to its attention arising from non-U litigation and real estate transactions. No U funds were involved in these transactions.

Update to the U-Wide Policy Library includes 3 new U/Faculty Senate policies on syllabus requirements, reorganizations, and academic progress of undergraduates. In addition, policies were added on removing invalid costs from sponsored accounts and use of U telephone services, including cell phones. Update to special expense policy expands options for employee recognition gift certificates (\$10, \$25, and \$50). Call U Bookstore 612-626-1657 to order. See the What's New section of U-wide policy home page at www.fpd.finop.umn.edu. To receive e-mail notification of policy changes, call 612-624-1611 or e-mail process@tc.umn.edu.

The Faculty One Stop Web site (onestop.umn.edu/Faculty) became available Oct. 12 to assist faculty with links to information on human resources, sponsored projects, teaching, governance, and U policies. Send comments to feedback@onestop.umn.edu.

CROOKSTON—UMC Golden Eagles will travel to Minneapolis to play the Concordia–St. Paul Golden Bears in a football game slated for the Humphrey Metrodome Oct. 29. Game time is 7:30 p.m. Beginning at 6 p.m. UMC will have a stadium box (129B) at the 5 yard line on the concourse level on the downtown side (Chicago Ave.). Bill Kelly of Norwest Corporation and Sen. Roger Moe, who made this reception possible, both plan to attend.

Regent Pat Spence and board of regents executive director Ann Cieslak will visit UMC Oct. 28.

Haunted house will be in Bede Student Center Oct. 29, 4–5:30 p.m. for young children, 6:30–10 p.m. for older children and adults; and Oct. 30, 3–5:30 p.m. for younger children, 6:30–11 p.m. for adults and older children. Cost is \$2. Profits will be donated to Violence Intervention Project and Habitat for Humanity. For questions call 218-281-8505.

DULUTH—UMD faculty, staff, and students will hold the UMD Nightwalk for Safety Oct. 28, 6–7:30 p.m. Purpose of the annual event is for participants to walk together noting areas for campus safety improvements.

UMD residence hall students will host Halloween Halls of Terror Oct. 31, 5–7 p.m. All Duluth area children (ages toddler to 12 years) and their parents or grandparents are invited to trick or treat through colorfully decorated residence halls guided by students and advisers. Admission is free. For information call 218-726-7381.

Dr. Gerald Hill, associate dean of the School of Medicine—Duluth and former director of the U of M Center of American Indian and Minority Health, received the 1999 American Indian Physician of the Year Award.

MORRIS—Kickoff of UMM's \$6 million fund-raising campaign was Oct. 15. Interim chancellor Schuman said the campaign is "true to ourselves, at our best" and "true to the dreams of those whose courage created this place 40 years ago, true to the work and energy and imagination of all of us who are part of UMM's very extended family, true to our predecessors—the Sisters of Mercy and their American Indian Boarding School, and the West Central School of Agriculture—and true to the hopes, aspirations, and talents of those who will be on our campus a year from now and a century from now." More than \$3.5 million has already been raised.

Resources will target longer term student scholarship support, faculty, and academic facilities. UMM alumni John Dayton '69 and Bob Gandrud '65 cochair the campaign executive committee. President Yudof participated in the Oct. 15 announcement.

TWIN CITIES—Researchers at the Cancer Center have received a 4-year, \$2 million grant from the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command to study the role of angiogenesis (the growth of new blood vessels) in the development of ovarian cancer. What they learn will be key in the development of therapies to prevent ovarian cancer. Team is led by Sundaram Ramakrishnan, associate professor of pharmacology, obstetrics, and gynecology.

Events: This is homecoming week. Theme is Laissez Les Bons Temps Rouler—Let the Good Times Roll. Parade will be Oct. 30, 9 a.m., from Sanford Hall to Williams Arena. Grand marshal is Regent Spence. Game against Purdue will be 11:10 a.m., Metrodome. Homecoming chili feed will be at 2:30 p.m., Coffman plaza. For a complete list of events see www.umn.edu/cic/homecoming. • Technology Enhanced Learning seminar series, featuring award-winning U faculty, continues Oct. 28 at noon in 2-101 Basic Sciences with Linda Lindeke and Barbara Schaer-Mady, School of Nursing, and Sara Aase, U College. See www.umn.edu/dmc/initiatives/seminar-series. • Glenn Gaesser will talk on "Big Fat Lies About Healthy Weight: A Review of the Evidence for Recommendations" Nov. 2, 4 p.m., 15 Food Science and Nutrition. Call Marla Reicks at 612-624-4735 for more information.

Announcements: Immigration History Research Center project, Documentation of the Immigrant Experience, has been named one of America's Treasures by Save America's Treasures, a public-private partnership between the White House Millennium Council and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Center's documentation of the immigrant experience was highlighted at the National Preservation Council in Washington, D.C., Oct. 20. • Employee Benefits offers a presentation for faculty and staff on optional retirement plan Oct. 28, 9:30–10:30 a.m., 210/215 Donhowe. To register call 612-624-9090 and press 1. • Free parking is available on campus at night and on Sundays. Enter after 8 p.m. and exit before 8 a.m. at 4th St. Ramp, Oak St. Ramp, Washington Ave. Ramp, 19th Ave. Ramp, and 21st Ave. Ramp and park for free. Park free in these same facilities, except Washington Ave. Ramp, all day on Sundays. Program is not in effect during special events. Call 612-626-7275 for event dates. If you have questions or comments, contact Scott Anderson at 612-624-5001 or ander491@tc.umn.edu. • Starting Nov. 1, Disability Services offices will be located in the U Gateway Center, 200 Oak St. Phone numbers and e-mails will remain the same. Offices will be closed Oct. 29 and Nov. 1 for the move; in case of emergency, call 612-624-0594.

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President Yudof on Friday renewed the U's offer to meet former athletic academic counselor Alonzo Newby at his convenience and at the U's expense to obtain his testimony for the investigation into academic misconduct in the men's basketball program. Yudof made the offer following published reports that Newby claims that the U "never seriously made an attempt to get me [Newby] to come forward."

"We'll go anywhere, any time to meet with Newby," Yudof said. "We've requested his testimony on many occasions, and we would be grateful for his cooperation, but under no circumstances will we pay Alonzo Newby for his testimony." Newby has refused to provide testimony unless he is paid 3 years' salary (\$132,500).

Yudof expects to receive the final report on the basketball investigation around Nov. 10. Report will then be reviewed by the general counsel's office, and Yudof will determine the action steps the U will take. The report, along with the action steps, will not be released until Nov. 18 or 19.

McNamara Alumni Center will be the name of the Gateway building at the corner of Oak St. and Washington Ave. S.E. in Minneapolis. Celebration to name the U's new welcoming center was Oct. 29. Name honors the generosity of alumnus and entrepreneur Richard "Pinky" McNamara, who last year gave \$10 million to the U, a gift that was divided between the Gateway, CLA, and men's intercollegiate athletics.

Standing-room-only audience in Moos Tower auditorium heard VP Cerra talk about the future of the Academic Health Center (AHC) Oct. 25, and he talked about the same issues with the Faculty Consultative Committee (FCC) Oct. 28. "Our financial future remains an unanswered question, especially for the Medical School," he said. "The swirling and rapidly evolving health care marketplace continues to challenge our development."

Faculty attrition is a big problem in the Medical School. In the clinical departments there has been a net loss of about 97 positions, or a 19% contraction, since 1995. That loss has slowed, Cerra said, and "we've been able to do some stellar recruitments and stellar retentions." Cerra said he has conducted exit interviews with most faculty who have left, and money is almost never the reason. What people say is, "If I have to spend all my time in the clinic and I can't teach and can't get in my lab, why shouldn't I just be in private practice?"

Cerra said he does not have the answers, but he proposed a process, including a faculty-administrative partnership to develop a vision for the AHC by June 30, 2000. Reserves are adequate and "we do have time," he said, but a plan is needed. "I think it is doable. I think we are 4 years ahead of the rest of the country."

Budget management was the other big topic at FCC meeting. FCC was joined by Finance and Planning Committee to hear a report from Dean Rosenstone, chair of the budget management task force. Task force is now consulting widely and trying to "raise the flag about the issues" so that people can make their views known. One big issue is how to decide whether a set of services or expenditures should be treated as common goods or as the responsibility of individual units. "You come at it over and over and over again, and each time it gets a little sharper and a little fuzzier," Rosenstone said. "It's a very, very difficult question."

Another issue is making better connections among the U's various budget-setting and planning processes. Richard Pfitzenreuter said the U has made a lot of progress in linking the major processes—the biennial request, the annual budget, the compact cycle—but one of the things that worries him most is "all those surprises" that result from miscellaneous decisions units make that then have fiscal implications on the whole budget.

"Timing is everything," Chuck Campbell said; Fred Morrison agreed and said the trouble is that allocation of funds to academic units always comes last. He suggested setting an amount, maybe \$10 million, to support new common goods and asking central administration to make choices within that fixed number.

Recipients of the 1999 U College distinguished teaching awards are Ann Ahlquist, social work; Valerie Miner, English; Judith Puncochar; educational psychology; and Dwight Purdy, English, Morris. Awards were presented at a ceremony Oct. 25.

Reception for new international faculty, staff, and researchers, as well as their departmental mentors and colleagues, will be Nov. 11, 4:30–6:30 p.m. (short program at 5 p.m.), Weisman Art Museum, TC campus. RSVP requested by Nov. 8. Call 612-625-7753.

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CROOKSTON—Torch and Shield and Donor Recognition Program and Campaign Minnesota kickoff for UMC campus will be Nov. 3. President Yudof is keynote speaker. Advisory committees will meet throughout the day.

DULUTH—The UMD College of Science and Engineering held its 11th annual Engineering/Industry Banquet Oct. 7. Scholarships totaling nearly \$50,000 were presented to 63 students, along with 4 special industry recognition awards to area businesses. Louis Benepe, chief plant engineer, Hibbing Taconite Co., received the college's Special Recognition Award for his "extraordinary contributions to the strength and quality of programs at UMD."

President Yudof, Judy Yudof, and VP Gardebring visited UMD Oct. 27, touring the UMD/Chester Park Lab School, the new UMD Digital Imaging Lab, and the UMD library construction site. They also met with area community leaders and UMD faculty, staff, and students.

UMD Royal D. Alworth Institute for International Studies will present 2 programs: "The United Nations and the Future of Humanitarian Intervention" by Stephen Schlesinger Nov. 8, noon, Ballroom A, Kirby Student Center; and "Peace in Ireland?" by Peter Catterall Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m., Ballroom B, Kirby Student Center. Both lectures are free and open to the public. Receptions will follow each presentation.

MORRIS—Briggs Library is a recipient of Bush and Mellon Foundation funding to access JSTOR, a fully searchable database of scanned images of 117 major research journals in 10 academic disciplines.

Events: John Frohnmayer, former chair of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), will speak as part of Campus Activities Council Convocations Series Nov. 8, 7:30 p.m., Edson Auditorium; Frohnmayer received national attention for his views on the First Amendment during a highly visible NEA funding controversy. • Performing Arts Series: Montana Repertory Theatre, *It's a Wonderful Life*, Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m., Edson Auditorium. Professional Acting Techniques workshop, 3 p.m., also on Friday, in 125 Humanities Fine Arts. For workshop or ticket information, call Student Activities, 320-589-6080.

TWIN CITIES—Coffman Union will close for renovation Nov. 15. Time capsule from the 1970s renovation of Coffman was opened at a ceremony Oct. 28. Renovation will include more student-centered services, such as a 24-hour computer lab; walk-up Internet kiosk stations; bookstore with a coffee shop; satellite offices for financial aid, student employment, and registrar; both social and quiet lounges; and a food court with a wide variety of choices.

"Biotech Breakthroughs: From Lab to Market," a U-industry symposium, will be Nov. 15, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m., at the Radisson Hotel Metrodome. Keynote speaker is Philip Noguchi, director of FDA's Division of Cellular and Gene Therapy. President Yudof will also speak. Topics include gene and cell therapy, advances in tissue engineering, and business strategies. Reception follows at Basic Sciences and Biomedical Engineering. To register, call 651-265-7840.

Events: France's 30-member Lyon Opera Ballet will perform the ballet *Carmen*, as well as *Solo for Two*, at Northrop Auditorium Nov. 6 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 7 at 2 p.m. Artistic director Yorgos Loukos speaks at a free Performance Preview before each program, 7:15 p.m. Saturday and 1:15 p.m. Sunday, in Studio 4, lower level under the Northrop stage. • "New Directions in Scholarly Publications" with Julia Blixrud, Leonard Kuhl, Victor Bloomfield, and James Cogswell, Nov. 9, 2–4 p.m., 2-101 Basic Sciences and Biomedical Engineering. Sponsored by U Libraries. Contact Peggy Johnson at m-john@tc.umn.edu. • "Gangs and Their Impact on Refugee Communities" is first event in Year-2000 Roundtable Program Series, Nov. 10, 4:30–6 p.m., in 525 Science Classroom Building.

More events: The U will host a public arts benefit to raise money for students affected by last summer's earthquake in Turkey Nov. 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Weisman Art Museum. Benefit will feature a silent auction of paintings, textiles, and sculptures donated by local and national Turkish and American artists; music and poetry performances; and personal accounts of the earthquake from survivors living in the Twin Cities. Suggested donation is \$15. • Next session in Dean's Conversation Series will be Nov. 12, 3–5 p.m., 385 Law Building. Topic is "Accommodating Special Needs of Faculty, Staff, and Students Within the ADA Context." RSVP to Linda Shimmin at shimm001@tc.umn.edu or 612-625-2023. • "Growing Pains: Making Sense of Sprawl," Nov. 16–17, presented by Humphrey Institute Policy Forum and Masters of Urban and Regional Planning Program, Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center. Contact Victoria Wilgocki at 612-625-8330 or vwilgocki@hhh.umn.edu.

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More faculty oversight of athletics and changes in reporting relationships are recommended in Report of the Special Senate Committee on Student Academic Integrity. Chair Tom Clayton met with the Senate Consultative Committee (SCC) Nov. 4. With a packed agenda, and media people present, the SCC heard several proposals and perspectives on athletic issues.

Two key proposals are that the vice presidency now concerned with student development and athletics should, in the future, be concerned solely with student development and that the athletic directors should report to a senior central administrative officer who reports directly to the president. President should decide among his colleagues "the person best able to exercise the authority required," the report says.

Competitive pressures have led to bringing in some athletes who are "seriously underprepared if not downright unqualified for university studies," the Clayton report says, and "it is precisely these least-well-prepared students who often can make the difference between a winning and a losing season." Committee says "a student's being academically at risk upon admission is not necessarily an insurmountable problem," but problem arises with students who are found to be at the U "for the sole purpose of competing in intercollegiate athletics."

Students in athletics may not be alone in their involvement in misbehavior, the report notes. "We heard allusions made to faculty members, at Minnesota and elsewhere, who readily give what seem to be inappropriately high grades, often prematurely, for very modest—and sometimes no—academic work."

Coaches and other athletic staff should not directly contact faculty "about the academic standing or progress of a student in a course," the report says. "No matter how innocent the intent, there is likely to be a perception of pressure." All contact should be through academic counselors.

President Yudof said he appreciated the thoroughness of the report and indicated that it was a thoughtful response to the academic misconduct issue.

Proposed bylaw change would reconstitute the Assembly Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics as the Faculty Academic Oversight Committee for Intercollegiate Athletics. Number of faculty and academic professional members would be increased, and they would be the only voting members of the committee. Similar proposal was made in 1992 by an ad hoc committee chaired by Burton Shapiro, who also spoke at SCC meeting. Assembly vote in 1992 was 92 in favor and only one opposed, but the amendments failed for lack of a quorum (96).

Shapiro report also warned against "attempts by some individuals in athletics to hire individuals for counseling and tutoring outside the purview of [the Athletic Academic Counseling Office]." Clayton report notes that the "unfortunate practices that surfaced in the spring of 1999 were apparently in prospect if not in progress in 1992," and problems might have been avoided if the Shapiro report had been adopted and implemented.

Sara Evans presented recommendations from the 4-person panel that looked at sexual misconduct and domestic abuse investigations. Biggest proposal, and one that would require resources, is to hire a professional to conduct an investigation after an assault or other offense has been alleged. Panel recommends that any report of sexual assault should go immediately to Student Judicial Affairs and that U procedures should continue independently of any court action. Current practice in rape cases has been to let them go to court and suspend U procedures for fear of contaminating a criminal process, but Evans said it is important for the U to enforce its own values.

Norm Chervany, faculty rep for men's athletics, said, "The vast majority of the student athletes on this campus are very good students and very typical" of all students. When asked about the decision for the academic counselor for basketball to report to an associate athletic director instead of the director of academic counseling, he said it was an attempt to deal with the problem that 2 key people—Clem Haskins and Elayne Donahue—did not work well together. "In retrospect, would I have liked to have not done that? Absolutely," he said, but the reported academic fraud "occurred before the change, during the change, and after the change."

VP Boston met with the SCC to give his response to the Clayton committee recommendations. Athletic director Mark Dienhart is on the agenda for the Nov. 11 SCC meeting.

Benefits open enrollment ends Nov. 15. Changes to medical and dental coverage (changing plans or adding/canceling family coverage), short- and long-term disability, and employee and spouse life insurance must be submitted by that date. If you have Medica Primary or Prudential DMO, you must choose a new plan for 2000. Deadline is also Nov. 15 to enroll in a health care or dependent care reimbursement account for 2000. Employee Benefits will accept enrollment forms received by 4:30 p.m. Nov. 15 or postmarked by Nov. 15.

CROOKSTON—Two individuals were honored at the annual Torch and Shield Recognition. Peter Zetterberg, senior analyst for Institutional Research and Reporting, was recognized for his work with semester conversion, tuition modeling, and compact planning; and Twylla Altepeter, managing editor of the *Crookston Daily Times*, was recognized for her support of UMC in the newspaper and through the UMC Alumni Association.

DULUTH—Tom Isbel, associate professor of theater and 1999 McKnight Summer Fellow, will present a program explaining his research and performing readings from his original play about the Japanese-American internment camps of World War II. Presentation will be Nov. 17, 1 p.m., UMD Bullpub, free and open to the public.

Forty-five students are participating in the 1999–2000 UMD Study in England Program. Students spend the academic year at Westhill College in Birmingham, England, 110 miles north of London. UMD faculty members form the core of the instructional staff. Robert Evans, philosophy, is program director.

Faculty members Paul Kprof, chemistry, and Ann Bergeron, theater, will present "Movement on Your Monitor: From Molecules to Musicals" Nov. 12 at 9 a.m. in the Garden Room. Both graduates of the UMD Faculty Tech Camp, they will demonstrate fresh approaches to teaching with the Web.

MORRIS—Senate Higher Education Finance Committee staff is scheduled to visit campus Nov. 30. They will tour new construction facilities and hear capital request details.

Nancy "Rusty" Barcelo, associate VP for multicultural affairs, visited UMM Nov. 8 to assess the First Year Seminar course due to its diversity focus. Barcelo met with campus reps, including Minority Student Program staff.

Search committee for the West Central Research and Outreach Center department head announces candidates and interview dates: Dennis Johnson, Nov. 16, Morris, Nov. 17, St. Paul; James Shaffer, Nov. 23, Morris, Nov. 24, St. Paul; Greg Cuomo, Nov. 29, Morris, Nov. 30, St. Paul; Gawain Willis, Dec. 9, Morris, Dec. 10, St. Paul.

TWIN CITIES—Bob Kommerstad, Law School graduate and founder and chair of Provident Investment Counsel in Pasadena, CA, has committed to donating \$1 million to establish Kommerstad Law and Entrepreneurship Center.

Announcements: U Card Office is moving to 720 Washington Ave. S.E., Room 10, effective Nov. 16. On Nov. 12 and 15, all U Card business will be conducted out of the Rec Sports and St. Paul Gym U Card satellite locations. • Julia M. Davis Speech-Language-Hearing Center is located in Shevlin Hall and offers clinical services in audiology and speech-language pathology to individuals of all ages who have communication problems. To schedule an appointment for hearing testing, or evaluation of a speech or language disorder, contact 612-624-3322. • Fall auction of U vehicles Nov. 13, 11 a.m., Holman Building. Details at www.umn.edu/fleetsrv or call 625-3033. • Leading national experts will address "Reality vs. Hype in Communicating Science and Technology" Nov. 16 at the downtown Minneapolis Radisson Plaza Hotel, sponsored by Minnesota Journalism Center. Cost is \$15 for the public, free for faculty and students. Register by Nov. 12 by calling 612-625-8095.

More announcements: Copyright permission requests for spring 2000 course packets should be submitted to the Copyright Permissions Center as soon as possible to allow maximum processing time. Source information forms may be dropped off at any Printing Services location or submitted directly via fax, 612-626-9810, or campus mail, 106 Printing Services Building, 2818 Como Avenue S.E., Minneapolis MN 55414. Contact Lois Williams at 624-8258 for more information. Also, submit requests via the Web www.umn.edu/printing. • Employee Benefits offers a presentation for faculty and staff on the Optional Retirement Plan Nov. 11, 9:30–10:30 a.m., 210/215 Donhowe. To register call 624-9090 and press 1. • Department of Ophthalmology offers laser vision correction at a discount to people affiliated with the U. Call 612-625-1615 or 626-5010. All employees are eligible to pay for this surgery with pre-tax dollars through a Health Care Reimbursement Account; deadline for enrollment is Nov. 15.

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Resolution endorsing most recommendations of the Special Senate Committee on Student Academic Integrity (the Clayton committee) was approved unanimously by the Senate Consultative Committee (SCC) Nov. 11. SCC took action after hearing from men's athletic director Mark Dienhart, women's faculty rep Mariah Snyder, and past and current members of the Assembly Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics.

In the first paragraph, SCC "recognizes the contributions of hundreds of students and dozens of coaches who participate in the varsity athletic programs of the Twin Cities campus while fulfilling their obligations as members of the University and greater communities, and congratulates them on their accomplishments and expresses appreciation for their contributions to our University."

Resolution then "condemns the misconduct of the few who have brought disrepute on the athletic program and onto the University and deplores the failure of those responsible for the management and oversight of those programs to exercise the necessary control to maintain the standards that the University community rightfully expects; calls upon the University administration to make clear the responsibility and accountability of those who, by their acts and omissions, have brought this situation upon all of us," and "censures any faculty member who may be found willingly to have participated in any acts of academic misconduct."

Dienhart said a structural fix is not the answer, but he acknowledged that an organizational change might be important for symbolic reasons. After Dienhart's comments, David Hamilton said he "didn't get the sense that you thought anything was wrong." Dienhart said, "Something was horribly wrong." He placed the blame on "2 employees who have admitted lying and admitted cheating," and to some extent on Clem Haskins, a "power coach" who tried to wrap his arms around his team and keep everyone else out. Still, Dienhart said, "those of us in men's athletics are profoundly saddened that we brought this embarrassment to the University."

Contact between coaches and faculty was the subject of some discussion. Consensus was that contact should be encouraged except on the topic of an individual student's academic performance. Mary Dempsey told Dienhart that many faculty care about athletics; she has been a football fan so long that she has tickets on the 50-yard line. Marvin Marshak encouraged reinstating a program to invite faculty to be guest coaches.

Academic fraud needs to be addressed in the U as a whole, Bill Flanigan said. "No one in their right mind believes all the academic fraud" at the U "was the activity of a dozen or so basketball players." Clayton committee addressed issues in athletics first but also has a broader charge to look at academic misconduct overall.

Regents at a closed-door meeting were briefed on the external investigation of academic misconduct allegations. Report is expected to be made public late this week, along with action steps the U will take.

Regents established a special committee on the Academic Health Center (AHC) to help guide the AHC as it prepares its strategic plan for the 21st century. Among the challenges the AHC faces is fully funding the cost of medical education. Regent Spence said that by establishing the committee the board "is demonstrating our commitment to ensuring that the health professional education program [at the U] continues to be one of the best in the world." Committee members are Regents Baraga, Larson, Neel, and Reed. First meeting will be Dec. 8.

New policy on principal investigators was approved. Policy defines who can be a principal investigator for purposes of receiving grant funding from the federal government and others. Policy is one of a series of actions the U has taken to improve grants management in response to concerns the NIH raised when it placed the U on "exceptional status" in 1995. The U has also implemented a new electronic grants management system.

Regents voted 7-3 to allow alcoholic beverage service at Northrop Auditorium. Although alcohol sales on campus are prohibited by regents policy, the resolution provides an exception to allow Northrop to sell beer and wine at select events for a year. Exception was requested to generate additional revenue by improving Northrop's competitiveness and help fund Northrop's renovation. Split vote was first in Yudof's presidency.

Regents accepted President Yudof's work plan for 2000, which was reviewed by the board's Presidential Review Committee. Plan focuses on strengthening the U community, becoming a more service-oriented U, improving teaching and research, and meeting citizen expectations. It advances the president's existing priorities: investing in strategic initiatives (molecular and cellular biology, agricultural outreach, design, digital technology, and new media) and improving the undergraduate experience.

Six-year, \$602.7 million capital plan was approved, including capital requests totaling \$391.8 million in the 2000, 2002, and 2004 legislative sessions, as well as U debt of \$79.5 million and a targeted \$131.4 million in fund-raising.

CROOKSTON—Crookston Area Chamber of Commerce was recognized for supporting the Agassiz Bowl Scholarship, awarded to an area student majoring in agriculture, and the Crookston Birthday Celebration Scholarship.

Community nutrition practicum class is planning a free diabetes screening for Nov. 18 in 131 Sahlstrom Conference Center, noon–2 p.m. All faculty and staff may stop by for screening.

Singer-songwriter Peter Mayer will perform Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Roost.

DULUTH—UMD's historic Glensheen estate will present an afternoon reception and high tea Nov. 21 at 3 p.m. Music professor Ann Anderson and the Duluth Arts String Quartet will perform. Open to the public; tickets \$15.

Timothy Colburn, associate professor of computer science, has written the book *Philosophy and Computer Science* published by M. E. Sharpe, Inc., of Armonk, NY.

Carol Johnston, senior research associate at UMD's Natural Resources Research Institute, has been reappointed to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Science Advisory Board. Johnston has been a member of the board since October 1995. Her new term runs until Sept. 30, 2001.

MORRIS—Chancellor Search Committee heard results of reference checks of 15 chancellor candidates and selected 10 candidates for further appraisal. Committee can be reached at chancellorsearch@mrs.umn.edu or 320-589-6342.

Students Rebecca Hachfeld and Sarah Stein were semifinalists in their divisions during the regional competition of the National Association of the Teachers of Singing auditions at St. John's U Nov. 5–6. They are vocal students of Janet Ahern, assistant professor of music.

TWIN CITIES—Regents Professor Richard Goldstein has been elected a foreign member of the Royal Academy of Engineering and will attend a dinner Nov. 22 in London to receive the honor. The honor is bestowed only on foreign members who have made exceptional contributions to engineering.

Series of spectacular chemistry demonstrations by professors Marv Lang and Don Showalter from the U of Wisconsin at Stevens Point highlighted the 7th Chemistry Day at the U Nov. 13, sponsored by the chemistry department. The 70-minute demonstration was titled "Yes, Virginia—Learning Chemistry Can Be Fun."

U of M Marching Band Indoor Concert will be Nov. 21 at 3 p.m. in Northrop Auditorium. Jerry Luckhardt is conductor. Tickets are \$11.50 for adults, \$9.50 for children. Call 612-624-2345.

On March 27–29, 2000, the TC campus will host a national teleconference involving thousands of men and women faculty, staff, and students across the country, "Women's Lives, Women's Voices, Women's Solutions: Shaping a National Agenda for Women in Higher Education." The U has contributed funds to help defray cost for U faculty, staff, and students. The 3-day conference fee for U faculty and staff is \$100 until Jan. 1, 2000 (after Jan. 1 the cost is \$150); fee for students is \$50. To register, see www.umn.edu/women/wihe.html or call Jill at 612-626-7205.

Next Technology Enhanced Learning seminar will be Nov. 23, 12–1:30 p.m., Minnesota Commons Room, St. Paul Student Center. Award-winning faculty projects being presented include development and use of a CD-ROM to teach how to conduct physical examinations of dogs; and creation of electronic materials for a distance learning class on the history of maps and early map makers. For disability accommodations, call the Digital Media Center at 612-625-5055; for more information, see www.umn.edu/dmc/initiatives/seminar-series.

Announcements: Coffman Union is now closed for renovation, but most services will continue in alternative locations during the 20-month renovation period. For relocation information, go to www.coffman.umn.edu and click on Coffman Renovation News or stop by relocation information carts in front of Coffman Mon.–Fri. through Nov. 24. • Office of the General Counsel moves Nov. 22 to the McNamara Alumni Center (Gateway), suite 360, 200 Oak St. S.E., Minneapolis. Telephone and fax numbers remain the same: 612-624-4100 (phone), 612-626-9624 (fax).

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President Yudof held a news conference Nov. 19 to report findings of independent investigators into allegations of significant cheating in the men's basketball program. "The findings compel a disturbing conclusion: Between 1993 and 1998 there was systematic, widespread academic misconduct in the men's basketball program," he said. "In addition, there were cash payments to student-athletes and there was an effort by Coach Haskins to interfere with the investigation." Yudof also said the U violated the NCAA standard for institutional control. Basketball program "became a kind of isolated fiefdom, allowed to operate virtually unchecked."

Yudof accepted the resignations of VP McKinley Boston and men's athletics director Mark Dienhart. Both are "honorable men with integrity," he said, and nothing in the report shows that either one knew about the cheating, but "the facts show that they had strong reason to be suspicious of the operation of the basketball counseling program," and they missed opportunities to act even though "plenty of warning signals were sent."

Dienhart, who held his own news conference earlier the same day, resigned effective Dec. 6. Yudof will appoint an interim men's athletics director within the next few weeks, and the search for a permanent director will begin immediately. Boston will retain responsibility for student development until the end of his contract on June 30, 2000. Search will begin immediately for a new VP for student development. Contracts of senior associate men's athletics director Jeff Schemmel and compliance officer Chris Schoemann will not be renewed.

Management of intercollegiate athletics programs will be assigned to the president's chief of staff, Tonya Moten Brown, beginning Dec. 1. Yudof will confer with regents, faculty, and others on the issue of converting the chief of staff's position into a VP for administration, with a recommendation to the regents likely in February.

Investigators received new information implicating Haskins within the past few weeks, Yudof said. Decision to buy out Haskins' contract in June was based on information available at the time, he said, and he would not have made the same decision "if I knew then what I know now." He said he believed then and still believes it was important to get a new basketball coach in place right away. When asked if the U will take Haskins to court to try to get some of the money back, he said, "We're looking at that."

A small number of cases of faculty complicity are cited in the report, Yudof said, and in a faculty of thousands this is "not an epidemic." The faculty members will be disciplined through collegiate procedures, with due process. Names of faculty members and student-athletes were deleted from the report before it was made public.

Coaches are not to contact faculty about student grades, he said, and no instances of such contact were found in other sports. He urged that in the future "the first time that happens the faculty member call 911-YUDOF and we'll put a stop to it," or "call Tonya Brown, preferably."

Yudof apologized to the people of Minnesota. "I am deeply sorry," he said. "I apologize for what has happened and what did not happen to prevent this activity. I regret we've brought shame and embarrassment upon the University for which you've demonstrated such loyalty. I hope that you will accept this heartfelt apology and join with us as we begin rebuilding trust."

Regent Spence and chief of staff Tonya Brown also made statements at the news conference. "This is a sad day," Spence said. "The cheating and the breakdown in institutional control for men's basketball have brought dishonor to our great University. For this, the board also apologizes to the citizens of Minnesota. It is our hope that today we can begin the process of healing and restoring the public's confidence and trust."

Senate Consultative Committee (SCC) met Nov. 18 to start working on bylaw amendments to implement the recommendations it made a week earlier, many of them from the Clayton committee report. Discussion centered on the membership and responsibilities of a new faculty oversight committee. Reviewing transcripts of all student-athletes is "a substantial task," Fred Morrison said. "You really need the professional advisers,"

Marvin Marshak said. Checking GPAs is automatic, Marshak said, but someone needs to know if the courses taken are the right courses. Mary Jo Kane said the issue is "students staying eligible by taking courses that go nowhere." Athletes in the past have had eligibility trouble because they could not get into a major even though they had a 2.0 GPA; many programs set their own higher admission standards. Judith Martin said these 2nd-tier admission standards are now out, although programs that have 300 applicants for 100 spaces can still take the top 100.

Employee Benefits offers a presentation for faculty and staff interested in enrolling in optional retirement plan Nov. 29, 2:30–3:30 p.m. 210/215 Donhowe Building, and on interactive TV to several locations (UMC, UMD, UMM, Rochester, 4 Magrath Library, TC). To register call Twin Cities 612-624-9090 and press 1, Crookston 218-281-8354, Duluth 218-726-7822, Morris 320-589-6021, Rochester 507-280-2834.

CROOKSTON—Ag Activities Day, sponsored by the Center for Agriculture and Natural Resources at UMC, is scheduled for Dec. 3. High school students and members of 4-H clubs and FFA chapters from Minnesota and North Dakota are invited to compete in ag-related contests. UMC Ag Activity Day scholarships of \$750 will be awarded for high individual performance, \$600 for 2nd high individual, and \$450 for 3rd high individual in each contest.

DULUTH—Biology professor John Pastor is the recipient of the first UMD Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Research. Pastor will receive his award in a public ceremony Nov. 29 at 3:15 p.m. in 185 Life Science Building. Following presentation of the award, he will present a seminar entitled "Beauty and Aesthetics in Mathematical Ecology and Art." A faculty-staff reception will follow at 4:30 p.m. in the Griggs Center.

Events: UMD Chemistry and Biochemistry Club will present a chemistry magic show Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. in 200 Chemistry Building. Demonstration is free and open to everyone. • Pianist Violetta Petrova will perform an all-Brahms concert Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Tweed Museum of Art. Tickets are \$8, \$6, and \$4.

MORRIS—Thirty-seven sections of the First Year Seminar (FYS)—more than 500 students—will present projects, exhibits, and performances at the FYS Jamboree Dec. 2, 11 a.m.–7 p.m. in Oyate Hall and Edson Auditorium. The Jamboree will showcase the inaugural year of FYS, a class in which all freshmen participate. This year's FYS focuses on human diversity.

Research by Morris campus faculty can be accessed on the Web at www.mrs.umn.edu/research.

Sen. Cal Larson (R-Fergus Falls) and the staff of the Senate Higher Education Budget Division will visit UMM Nov. 30. A tour of the old and new science facilities will focus on gathering information about UMM's capital request for the year 2000—\$8.2 million for renovation of the old science building.

TWIN CITIES—Gopher football team has qualified for its first postseason bowl since 1986. U of M Alumni Association is organizing the only official U of M football bowl tour. Packages will include guaranteed game tickets, extra events, and a high-quality travel organization. If you want to receive information when bowl bid is announced, call 877-GO4-BOWL or visit www.gophers.alumniholidays.com. Final details will be announced by Dec. 5.

The 1999 U of M Community Fund Drive raised \$802,226 for Twin Cities charitable organizations. This was the 2nd highest amount in the history of U campaigns, with the 2nd highest percentage (29%) of pledging U employees. The volunteers who made it happen "would like to thank their fellow employees for the generosity that strengthens the University's partnership with our greater community."

Announcements: U Libraries received a \$68,000 National Leadership Grant from Institute of Museum and Library Services to support a weeklong training institute in late July 2000 for 20 U.S. librarians of color in the first 3 years of their careers. Contact Linda DeBeau Melting (l-debe@tc.umn.edu) or Peggy Johnson (m-john@tc.umn.edu) with questions. • U of M Toastmasters, a public speaking group, meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month in 6-101 Basic Sciences and Biomedical Engineering. For more information, call Kelly at 612-625-2012. • Coffman Copy Center has moved to 101 Norris Hall, due to the Coffman remodeling. Course materials previously processed through Coffman will now be handled at the Norris location. Call 612-625-3971.

More announcements: School of Nursing Foundation is holding a 2-day jewelry and estate sale Dec. 1–2, 8 a.m.–4 p.m., in the hallway across from the Outside In cafeteria, 2nd floor concourse, Phillips-Wangenstein Building. Sales from antique and contemporary jewelry as well as linens and collectibles from around the world will benefit nursing education programs and scholarships. Contact Laurel Mallon or Jane Pederson at 612-624-2490. • Healthy nonsmoking women aged 30–50 wanted for an exercise intervention study. Volunteers will be assigned to a treatment or no-treatment group and undergo measurements including body fat percentage, blood pressure, fasting glucose and insulin, blood cholesterol, caloric intake assessments, resting metabolism, and muscle strength. Monetary compensation plus 6-month membership in the U Recreation Center. Call 612-625-8056 for more information.

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U Senate will meet Dec. 2 at 2 p.m. in 25 Law Building and at designated locations in Crookston, Duluth, and Morris. Student Senate will meet at the same locations at 11:30 a.m.

Faculty Consultative Committee (FCC) heard committee reports at Nov. 18 meeting, before the Senate Consultative Committee convened to discuss athletic issues as reported in last week's *Brief*.

Len Kuhi said the Senate Research Committee (SRC) has spent time on an issue that shows the need for procedures to be drafted rapidly to accompany the intellectual property and principal investigator (PI) eligibility policies. Problem the SRC faced was the removal of PI status. Policy provides that for regular faculty, PI status is almost a birthright, but it can be removed for just cause. SRC has also been interested in a forum on the use of animals in scientific research, and vice provost Vic Bloomfield has said he will organize such a forum to be held in the spring.

Judith Martin said one of the biggest struggles facing the Senate Committee on Educational Policy (SCEP) is the development of calendars for 2001–04 and when spring break will occur. SCEP will recommend that spring break occur after the 8th week of classes, so that half-semester courses can be offered. SCEP is also working on a classroom expectations guidelines document and a policy to discourage placing class notes on the Web. David Hamilton said that in the Medical School, students tape and transcribe the lectures, which he declines to edit although there are mistakes in them, but the notes are still published as his—and when students fail, it becomes his fault. Issue is intellectual property, he said.

Fred Morrison was reelected FCC chair for 2000–01 in a secret-ballot election Nov. 11. Electing the FCC chair for the following year early in the academic year was agreed upon at the retreat on the Crookston campus.

Upcoming changes in electronic connections to the Web were discussed when the Senate Committee on Finance and Planning (SCFP) met with associate VP Stephen Cawley Nov. 16. Current situation is that the U provides free access to the U's network through the modem pool for all faculty, staff, and students. Cost to the U is \$36 per year, per person. Situation works reasonably well, Cawley said; it allows the U to ensure that it has a faculty, staff, and student body that is connected.

Within a few years—maybe 3 years—basic telephone line connection speeds will be too slow for downloading the multimedia-rich content that will be common on the Internet. In order for home users to achieve higher speeds, their home telephone lines will need to be upgraded to digital lines at a cost of \$40–\$50 a month, and not all residences will have access to digital line service. People will consider current modems too slow, Cawley said, but the fact that digital lines will not be available to everyone, and that the upgraded service will cost more money, means there is the potential for creating the haves and have nots.

Policy question will be whether to pay for upgrading faculty residential telephone lines to digital service. Cost might be between \$7.5 million and \$10 million annually, and much more if staff and students were included.

Senior VP Cerra and associate VP Katherine Johnston of the Academic Health Center (AHC) talked with SCFP about the financial status of AHC. Big problem is the decline in private practice revenue in the Medical School. Cerra said the revenue has declined about 3% a year, but the revenue the practice plan gives to the dean, after paying expenses and faculty compensation, has declined by 50%. Faculty must spend about 30% more time in the clinics to generate less income. With less time for teaching and research, many depart.

AHC must do whatever it needs to do to pay for education, Cerra said; the overriding message is that education cannot be paid for from clinical income. Cerra emphasized that he is not seeking funds through retrenchment elsewhere in the U. The Medical School quasi-endowment has cash reserves, and there is time to deal with problems. Plans are under way to generate more revenue by getting more funds into the state trust fund to support medical education, and \$500 million of the capital campaign is for medical education through endowments.

Nominations for the Distinguished McKnight University Professorship are due in the Graduate School, 321 Johnston Hall, by Dec. 17. Tenure-home departments may nominate one full professor for this midcareer award. See the Graduate School's May 10 letter to department heads for eligibility and complete nominating instructions (available at www.grad.umn.edu/faculty/mcknight.html) or call 612-625-7579.

CROOKSTON—The Farm Wrap program has been selected to be included in an upcoming national videoconference on Workforce Preparation. According to Tom Willis of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Wrap is one of 8 exemplary programs chosen from across the country to be featured in the broadcast scheduled for January 2000. A number of key partners, including the U of M Extension Service and UMC, came together to create the Farm Wrap program to help rural families make a transition out of farming. More information on the videoconference can be found on the Web at idea.exnet.iastate.edu/projects/wfpconferences.

Fall semester United Staff Association meeting will hold a presentation on depression, stress, and SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorder) Dec. 2, 2–3:30 p.m. in ABC Sahlstrom Conference Center.

DULUTH—Melanie Shepard, associate professor, Department of Social Work, and Ellen Pence, Minnesota Program Development, recently coedited a book, *Coordinating Community Responses to Domestic Violence: Lessons from Duluth and Beyond*.

Events: UMD Department of Theatre presents *Sylvia*, a comedy by A. R. Gurney, Dec. 2–5 and 7–11 at 8 p.m. in the Marshall Performing Arts Center. For ticket information and reservations, call 218-726-8564. • Department of Music will host the Big Band Extravaganza Dec. 7 at 8 p.m. in the Marshall Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$8 and \$5. For reservations call 218-726-8208.

MORRIS—Five candidates for chancellor are being considered Nov. 30–Dec. 14. They are Sam Schuman, UMM interim chancellor since 1998, Nov. 30–Dec. 1; Jerome Garris, director of foundation and corporate relations at Claremont McKenna College (California), Dec. 2–3; Nicholas Henry, president of Georgia Southern U, Statesboro, 1987–98, and professor of political science at Georgia Southern since 1998, Dec. 6–7; Roy Austensen, provost and vice president for academic affairs at Valparaiso U (Indiana) since 1992, Dec. 9–10; and John Ettling, interim vice president for academic affairs and provost at the U of North Dakota, Grand Forks, since July 1998, Dec. 13–14.

Each candidate will participate in extensive interviews with campus committees and groups and community representatives, and will be the guest at a public presentation and reception. A public reception in the Senior Citizen Center, 603 Oregon Ave., will also be held for each candidate.

TWIN CITIES—Golden Gopher football team has accepted an invitation to play the U of Oregon Ducks in the Wells Fargo Sun Bowl Dec. 31 in El Paso, Texas. Sun Bowl tickets can be purchased at the athletics ticket office in Mariucci Arena or by calling 612-624-8080 or 1-800-U-GOPHER. Official tour, including lodging, tickets, airfare packages, and special events, is being sponsored by U of M Alumni Association. Call the toll-free Bowl Hotline at 1-877-GO-4-BOWL (1-877-464-2695). For complete bowl information go to the Web site at umn.edu/ubowlinfo.

Volunteers are needed to serve food at pre-bowl pep rally for students, staff, and faculty Dec. 8, 11:30 am–1:30 pm., Washington Ave. pedestrian bridge, west end. Contact Peg Wolff, 612-624-6504 or pwolff@mailbox.mail.umn.edu.

Campus Club board of directors has voted to suspend luncheon service through the reopening of Coffman Union in about 2 years. "During the next 18 months the Campus Club board, the Faculty Consultative Committee, and central administration will work together to ensure that the club, when reestablished, will be a vibrant and exciting facility, one that will enhance the meaning and sense of community on our campus," Hyman Berman, Robert Bruininks, and Fred Morrison say in a Nov. 24 e-mail message, which also discusses short-term plans for finding other opportunities for luncheon gatherings.

U computer scientist Nikolaos Papanikolopoulos will demonstrate how 9-ounce robots can jump, maneuver, and transmit information during a showcase for the soup-can-sized creations Dec. 6, 2 p.m., S-166 Kolthoff Hall. Robots are designed to function as tools in an array of police and military situations—for example, to scan the inside of a building where a fire or hostage situation has occurred, paving the way for rescuers and limiting the loss of life. Robots are the result of a 3-year, \$4.9 million project funded by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency.

Admission ambassadors are sponsoring a toy drive for Toys for Tots. Look for boxes around campus or the main drop-off location in the Office of Admissions at 240 Williamson Hall. Toy drive will run through Dec. 10.

Minnesota Orchestra and U of M Choral Union will perform Beethoven's *Ninth Symphony* Dec. 10–12 at Orchestra Hall (11 a.m. Friday, 8 p.m. Saturday, 7 p.m. Sunday). Tickets range from \$19.75 to \$47.50. Call 612-371-5656.

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Tom Moe, chair of the Minneapolis law firm Dorsey & Whitney, has been named interim director of men's intercollegiate athletics on the TC campus. He has taken a leave of absence from Dorsey & Whitney and has made a commitment to the U for at least 7 months. Moe, wearing maroon and gold, and chief of staff Tonya Moten Brown made statements and answered questions at a news conference Dec. 6.

Moe starts immediately and, in fact, traveled with President Yudof to Chicago Dec. 5 to attend a meeting of the Big Ten Academic Integrity Summit. After the news conference Monday, he met with coaches and staff members in men's athletics. He will not be a candidate for permanent athletic director (AD). Moten Brown said she hopes to name a search committee for AD by Jan. 1 and wants someone on the job "no later than August."

Moe said serving as interim AD "will give me an opportunity to give something back to the school to which I owe so very, very much." He attended the U on a football scholarship, graduated with a degree in economics in 1960, and graduated from the Law School in 1963. He said he has the enthusiastic support of Dorsey & Whitney, because he and his partners regard the U as "the most important asset in this state" and want to support it "in any way we can." When he was asked to take the job, Moe said, "the answer was pretty easy." Job itself "will be far from easy," he said, but "I frankly can't wait."

Challenges include "need to restore public confidence" and "need to come together and heal as a community," he said. One immediate goal, which Moe will be heavily involved in, will be working to "create an environment and a compensation package to entice [football coach] Glen Mason to remain here for a long, long time." Football team has had "a series of 5-year rebuilding programs," Moe said, and "we need continuity" and need 12-year-old boys in Minnesota to say, "I want to play for the Gophers and Glen Mason."

Regents meeting begins this evening (Dec. 8) with a discussion of the strategic planning process in the Academic Health Center. Topics for meetings Dec. 9–10 include rebuilding the humanities and arts, systemwide enrollment trends and management, annual collegiate compact review, cost of and access to higher education in graduate and professional schools, professional development leave policy, staff recruitment and hiring, state of Minnesota economic update, and Fred Morrison's report from the Faculty Consultative Committee.

Warren Ibele, who retired last spring as professor of mechanical engineering, will chair a small group to review the identified cases of academic misconduct that emerged in the investigation of cheating in the men's basketball program. VP Bruininks told the Faculty Consultative Committee (FCC) that Ibele agreed to the assignment on a Tuesday and "on Wednesday he was on the job." Review will probably be completed by March 1.

Issues of misconduct in the basketball program have "gone to the heart of the University's academic reputation," Bruininks said, and he told the FCC "how much I admire the work the faculty did and the leadership you assumed. I know we're just part way there." Clayton committee report was "a very fine job," he said.

Global seminars, offered by the Global Campus in collaboration with the academic departments, are a new study-abroad option. They are fashioned after the freshman seminar, but with enrollment open to all undergraduate students on all 4 campuses. Seminars are faculty led, 3-credit, 3xxx-level courses taught overseas during the 3-week intersession in May, and in a limited number of cases, during winter break. Six programs this May range from Shakespeare in London to Agriculture in Australia. Scholarships of \$750 are offered through central funds, and Global Campus is also able to offer \$500 scholarships out of its own scholarship fund. Applications available in 102 Nicholson Hall on the TC campus, or call 612-626-9000.

Applications and nominations are now being accepted for position of provost at the U of Minnesota Rochester. Provost will work in partnership with U deans and academic leaders of other state institutions of higher education to enable the delivery of coordinated upper division, postbaccalaureate, graduate and continuing education programs at the University Center Rochester. For a full position description and more information, see www.umn.edu/ohr/jobs.

International travel grants for faculty members are available to support activities beginning Jan. 1–May 31, 2000, with funding from the Office of International Programs, China Center, and McKnight Arts and Humanities Fund. Deadline is Dec. 15. Call 612-625-7753, or 624-1002 for China travel. Reminder: Guidelines are also available on the Web at www.international.umn.edu/isp/funding/travelinfo.html.

Sesquicentennial Executive Committee has established a fund for students, staff, and faculty who want to develop projects involving the U's history during the sesquicentennial year. Any college, department, unit, registered student organization, or staff or faculty member can submit an application. The maximum amount available for each request is \$10,000. Proposals will be evaluated by the Sesquicentennial Executive Committee's grant subcommittee on the basis of several criteria such as impact and involvement.

Proposals should be submitted by 4:30 p.m. March 3, 2000. Winners will be announced by April 3. For details, check out the sesquicentennial Web site at www.umn.edu/sesqui/resources/grants.html. For questions about project development and planning, call sesquicentennial coordinator Sue Eastman at 612-624-0818.

The University of Minnesota year 2000 Web site (www.umn.edu/oit/year2000) provides up-to-date year 2000 information, tools, and resources for the U community.

CROOKSTON—New UMC study-abroad program for summer 2000, open to students in any major, is called Global Communications. UMC students can earn credit while traveling and learning with teachers from UMC, Bemidji State U, and Virginia Tech. Program will be based at Virginia Tech's Center for European Studies and Architecture (CESA) in Riva San Vitale, Switzerland. Students will spend time in residence at CESA and will travel to other European locations. They will have the chance to visit the offices of several multinational organizations and to visit areas of interest on their own.

Thirty citizens from northwestern Minnesota gathered in Thief River Falls recently to begin organizing a new model for providing health care coverage. Small business, industry, farming, health care, and government were represented. Meeting was convened by Barbara Muesing, UMC civic health initiative coordinator, and Liz Quam Berne, executive VP of Advocates for Marketplace Options on Mainstreet.

UMC community campaign concluded this past week. Employees contributed more than \$6,600 to United Way and more than \$350 to the Minnesota Environmental Fund, exceeding the goals that were set for these campaigns.

DULUTH—UMD's Glensheen historic estate holiday presentation, "Christmas at Glensheen: Old Fashioned Christmas," opened Nov. 26 and continues through Jan. 30. Holiday brunches (including tour, gourmet meal, and entertainment by area musicians) will be Dec. 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 14, 16, 18, and 19. Information or reservations: 218-726-8910, 1-888-454-GLEN, or www.d.umn.edu/glen.

UMD will present "Sounds of the Season" featuring the U Singers, Concert Chorale, Chamber Singers, and instrumental ensembles Dec. 12 at 3 p.m. in the UMD Marshall Performing Arts Center. For tickets call 218-726-8208.

MORRIS—Thirty-seven sections of First Year Seminar (FYS) met together in a culminating FYS Jamboree Dec. 2. Event was a forum for projects and performances from the more than 500 students who are enrolled in the FYS during fall semester. Among events were a stage performance of a Greek play, a student Web site researching international human rights, portrayal of the Harlem Renaissance, posters, storytelling, and dance lessons.

TWIN CITIES—In celebration of postseason bowl and tournament bids for the football and volleyball teams, President Yudof is hosting a free Texas-style chili feed today (Dec. 8), 11:45 a.m.–1 p.m., on the west end of the Washington Ave. Bridge. Football team will play the U of Oregon Ducks in the Wells Fargo Sun Bowl in El Paso, TX, Dec. 31. Volleyball team defeated Sacramento State in the 1st round of the NCAA tournament and Southern California in the 2nd round. They will play number 1 Penn State in the 3rd round Dec. 9.

Announcements: Employee Benefits offers a presentation for faculty and staff on the optional retirement plan Dec. 20, 2:30–3:30 p.m., 210 Donhowe Building. To register call 612-624-9090 and press 1. • The St. Paul Student Center Board of Governors is sponsoring a Toys for Tots drive until Dec. 17. Drop off new, unwrapped toys in any of the boxes located across the St. Paul campus and in the St. Paul Student Center. • Office of the Bursar in Williamson Hall on the East Bank will be closed for remodeling Dec. 22–Jan. 3. Both the offices in St. Paul (Coffey Hall) and on the West Bank (Anderson Hall) will be open for service during this time. For questions, call 612-625-8341.

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Gov. Jesse Ventura and Lt. Gov. Mae Schunk visited 2 regents committees Dec. 10, visited research labs in St. Paul, and saw the Riverbend Commons area. The U is the state's biggest institution and "our job is to support you," Ventura said. "To be bluntly honest, though, it's a lot like Christmas. You make a long list and put in all you want, but you don't always get everything you ask for." Still, Ventura said, "I'm very supportive of the U."

In his visit to Harvard, Ventura said, economists told him that a state's best investment is in its infrastructure. Investment in the U will determine "what our state will be in the future," he said. President Yudof said, "I'm thrilled with the governor's analysis," and said human infrastructure is as important as physical.

Regents heard a presentation on the proposed West Bank Arts District, a plan to create a vibrant arts community anchored by a new Studio Arts building adjacent to the Barbara Barker Dance Center on the West Bank. Plan had been for Ventura visit to include a stop at this district, but he ran out of time.

Board received the U's 1999 *Annual Report*. The U has total assets of \$3.1 billion, an increase of \$248 million or 9% over fiscal year 1998. Overall fund balances total \$2.2 billion, an increase of \$66 million over the previous year. "A robust economy and legislative support have helped put the University of Minnesota in a strong financial position as we enter the new millennium," Regent Spence said. "Combined with the capital campaign, our sound finances will help the University recruit and retain the best and brightest faculty and students."

Fred Morrison told regents that the Faculty Consultative Committee passed a resolution censuring any faculty member found to have willingly engaged in academic misconduct. Faculty complicity will be reviewed by a special panel and discipline applied on a case-by-case basis.

Regents received a progress report on the Enterprise Systems Project, an initiative to replace outdated information management systems. While major progress has been made, the software, developed by PeopleSoft, came with serious limitations that caused significant delays in the disbursement of student financial aid during fall semester, said associate VP Robert Kvavik. Regents and administrators said they are committed to address-sing the problems and improving communications with students about them.

Enrollment trends on all 4 campuses were reported. In 1999 the TC campus enrolled nearly 2,000 (59%) more freshmen than in 1992, admissions director Wayne Sigler said, and the class that entered this fall has the highest high school class rank "in the history of the school." Enrollment is up at UMD and UMC, chancellors said. UMD hit 8,500 this fall, and "we can't go above 9,000," Chancellor Martin said. "By 2002 we are projecting a shortage of beds," she said. UMC full-year-equivalent enrollment has gone from 1,000 to more than 1,400 without an increase in faculty, Chancellor Sargeant said; biggest concern is the need for about 15 more faculty.

Entering classes at UMM have been "remarkably consistent" in their high quality, said interim chancellor Sam Schuman, but the class size has bounced up and down. Primary competitor now is the TC campus, which "has done dramatically better at making itself an attractive place" for the students UMM traditionally draws—top students from outstate Minnesota. Too many people still don't know about Morris, he said. "We don't want to be the best kept secret in Minnesota higher education. We don't want to be a secret at all."

Policy on professional development leaves for P&A staff was brought to regents for review. VP Carrier said an innovation is the concept of a minileave, which would allow up to 6 weeks for a professional development activity. All leaves would be funded at the unit level. Leaves would not be entitlements; people would have to submit proposals. Current policy is "not very flexible," Carrier said, and not many people take leaves.

Staff recruitment and hiring was another topic. Norma Peterson, director of the Job Center on the TC campus, told of recruiting efforts in a time of low unemployment. One strategy has been the Golden Opportunities image campaign, with billboards and posters. "I think we're doing pretty well," she said; 8 to 10 qualified applicants are referred for each job. The big advantage the U has is that people like the stimulating environment and the opportunity to be in a culture of learning, she said.

Guaranteeing a job to every freshman has been a successful program in the past 2 years, Peterson said. Regent Hogan expressed happy amazement at the guarantee. Peterson said the program was a partnership with Admissions, as a recruiting tool for students. "We've always had open student jobs," she said, and Parking and Food Services are units that hire hundreds of students.

CROOKSTON—The Northwest Minnesota INFOCON is providing technology training to K–12 teachers in its 13-member group. INFOCON, comprising public and private K–12 schools in northwestern Minnesota, received a \$250,000 grant from the Minnesota Department of Children, Families, and Learning. Money provides schools with laptop computers and teachers with technology training at UMC.

DULUTH—UMD Center for Economic Development (CED) has moved into new offices in the Duluth Technology Village. Ribbon-cutting ceremonies, open house, and tours were Dec. 8. Chancellor Martin and Rep. James Oberstar were among speakers at the ceremony. Mission of the center is to support the growth, diversification, and stability of the economy of northeastern Minnesota. It has provided assistance to northeastern Minnesota businesses since 1986. Expansion of CED offices to the Duluth Technology Village will allow clients greater accessibility to the center's outreach services. Stephen Marder is CED director.

UMD student newspaper *The Statesman* conducted a food drive through Dec. 14. All donations were given to the Salvation Army.

MORRIS—Five chancellor candidates have completed the interview process at UMM. Search committee will meet Dec. 17 to select those names that will be forwarded to President Yudof, along with the committee's report.

Recent visits by state and federal legislators have provided opportunities for dialogue between legislators and faculty, students, and staff. Visitors have included members of the House Higher Education Finance Committee, Sen. Cal Larson (R-Fergus Falls) and the Senate Higher Education Budget Division, Rep. George Cassell (R-Alexandria) and Carol Cassell, Sen. Charles Berg (I-Chokio), Torrey Westrom (R-Elbow Lake), and U.S. Sen. Paul Wellstone. Morris campus is requesting, in its capital request, \$8.2 million for Phase III of the science project, which includes renovation and safety improvements for the existing Science building.

TWIN CITIES—Deadline for nominating TC and nonrepresented UMD faculty candidates for the Senate Consultative Committee is Dec. 23. Nominations should be forwarded to the Senate Office, 427 Morrill Hall, 612-625-4859, fax 626-1609, e-mail boldt002@tc.umn.edu. Include service and qualifications. Current members whose terms continue beyond this year are Linda Brady (COAFES), Joseph Massey (Natural Resources), Fred Morrison (Law), V. Rama Murthy (IT), and Paula Rabinowitz (CLA). Members whose terms expire June 30 are Mary Dempsey (Medical School), David Hamilton (Medical School), and Mary Jo Kane (CEHD). A nomination form has been sent via e-mail and campus or U.S. mail to faculty members.

Deadline for nominating Medical School, Nursing, and Public Health faculty for Academic Health Center Faculty Consultative Committee is Dec. 23. Nominations must be made within a faculty member's college and include service and qualifications. Current members whose terms continue beyond this year: Muriel Bebeau (Dentistry), James Boulger (UMD-Medicine), Robert Miller (Medical School-basic sciences), Stephanie Valberg (Vet Med), and Timothy Weidmann (Pharmacy). Members whose terms expire June 30: Patricia Ferrieri (Medical School-clinical sciences), Judith Garrard (Public Health), and Kathleen Krichbaum (Nursing). This is a separate request from the call for nominations for Senate Consultative Committee, but places to send nominations are the same as above.

Faculty obituaries: Tom Jones, a Regents Professor of History who taught at other colleges after he retired in 1977, died Dec. 6 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Hospice in St. Paul. He was 90. • Carlo Terzuolo, professor emeritus of physiology, died recently at 74 at his retirement home in Biella, Italy. He joined the physiology faculty in 1959 as its first neurophysiologist and Hill Family Professor and retired in 1994.

Last-minute year 2000 (Y2K) resources: If you suspect a Y2K problem, and a vendor product (e.g., software) is involved, review the vendor's Web site for product information, or visit the U year 2000 Web site (www.umn.edu/oit/year2000). • Notify your departmental technical contact to report a potential Y2K problem. • If you don't have a departmental technical contact, contact the Academic and Distributed Computing Services help line at 612-626-4276. • If you suspect a Y2K problem is hardware related, contact Computer Repair Services at 624-4800.

Science and Engineering Library will close Dec. 24 and remain closed until Jan. 3. The library and its collections will be unavailable during this time as the staff and collections move out of Walter Library. Details about the move and the library's availability during December and January are located at sciweb.lib.umn.edu/renovate/timeline.html. More information about the Science and Engineering Library during the 2-year Walter Library renovation is available at sciweb.lib.umn.edu/renovate/main.html.

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