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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AN ON-CAMPUS GOPHER FOOTBALL STADIUM were presented to the Governor's Stadium Commission by U officials on Jan. 6. The commission, which is charged with making recommendations regarding Twins baseball and Vikings football facilities, invited the U to present the findings of its recently completed stadium feasibility study. The study recommends a 50,000-seat, open-air, on-campus facility at a projected cost of \$180 million, with another \$42 million needed for site preparations and infrastructure improvements. For more information on the feasibility study, see <http://www.umn.edu/stadium/>

PRESIDENT BRUININKS HAS BEEN NAMED "MINNESOTAN OF THE YEAR" by *Minnesota Monthly* in their January 2004 issue. Bruininks was honored for his handling of "one of the U's most challenging years--and one of its most successful."

A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR GISELA KONOPKA, who died Dec. 9 at age 93, will be held Jan. 9, 10 a.m-12 p.m., Memorial Hall, McNamara Alumni Center. Konopka, professor emerita in the Department of Social Work, was born in Berlin and was a resistance fighter during World War II. She escaped from a concentration camp and arrived in the United States in 1941. She was professor of social work at the U from 1947 to 1978 and wrote the highly acclaimed *The Adolescent Girl in Conflict*. The U's Konopka Institute is named in her honor. For more information on the memorial, contact Linda Boche at 612-626-1980 or boche001@umn.edu

2. News and Announcements

NOMINATIONS FOR OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS are being sought through Feb. 13. The awards honor outstanding community service activities of faculty, staff, and members of the greater U community. Contributions and accomplishments must result in long-term and lasting changes for the public good and demonstrate an unusual commitment to the U and greater community. Any person or group may make a nomination. For more information, contact Sue Engelmenn at 612-626-9186 or engel026@umn.edu or see <http://www.umn.edu/civic>

THE U'S HUMPHREY INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS SEEKS NOMINATIONS for the 2004 Hubert H. Humphrey Public Leadership Awards. This program honors individuals, organizations, or projects that have made demonstrated contributions to the common good through public leadership and service. Nominations must be postmarked no later than Jan. 15. For more information, see http://www.hhh.umn.edu/news/headlines/2003/dec10_04hhh_awards.htm

NOMINATIONS FOR THE NEW DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP AWARD for international alumni and friends are being sought through Feb. 16. Information on the award, the nomination process, and the nine winners in 2003 is available at <http://www.international.umn.edu/awards/leader/leader.html>

NOMINATIONS FOR THE JOSIE R. JOHNSON HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD are being accepted for the 2004 award year. Deadline for submission is Feb. 13. For more information, see <http://www.oma.umn.edu/jaward.html>

APPLICATIONS FOR FACULTY SEED GRANTS are now being accepted by the Juran Center, which will fund up to six proposals for research beginning next summer. Proposals will be funded up to a maximum of \$10,000 each and should lead to large-grant funding from sources such as the National Science Foundation or other foundations or corporations. Research topics proposed should address issues concerning the achievement and sustainability of customer preference or process excellence in organizations, including business, health care, education, and government. Faculty interested in a seed grant must apply by Jan. 15. For more information and application guidelines, contact the Juran Center at 612-625-4554 or juran@csom.umn.edu

U COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT GAVE TEACHER AWARDS to four Minnesota educators on Jan. 5. Recipients of the new awards are Mary Bloomgren, Peter Hobart Primary Center, St. Louis Park; Lois Demers, Hopkins High School; Jeffrey Paul Miller, Saint Peter High School; and Arnold Rethemeier, Perham High School. The college created the award to annually recognize educators who, through their teaching, have exerted a profound influence on the lives of students. MORE: <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1037>

EFFECTIVE JAN. 1, THE MILEAGE ALLOWANCE for personal vehicle use on approved U business increases from 36¢ to 37.5¢ per mile. The standard rate for moving expenses has also increased, from 12¢ to 14¢ per mile. For more information, contact Sarah Stulc at 612-624-7819 or stulc001@groupwise.umn.edu

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED HOW MANY STUDENTS are attending all U campuses (63,769) or been asked where the U ranks nationally in the number of Ph.D. degrees awarded (5th)? *Facts & Figures* is a brochure of current information about the U and can be used for a wide variety of purposes and audiences, including prospective students, business leaders, visiting scholars, and others. A free PDF version is available at <http://www.umn.edu/urelate/ufacts/> To order a full-color, high-quality version of the brochure, available for \$12 for 50 or \$45 for 200, contact Jerrod at pubasst@umn.edu

3. Campus Events and Information

U Wide Event:

THE U LEGISLATIVE NETWORK WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING on Jan. 22, 5:30-7:30 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center, Minneapolis. Alumni, students, faculty, staff, and friends are invited to join President Bruininks and UMAA president Jerry Noyce for an insider preview of the U's 2004 capital bonding request to the Minnesota State Legislature. Learn what you can do as an advocate for the U and connect with other advocates from around the state of Minnesota. To RSVP, see <http://www.thedatabank.com/dpg/1634832> or call 612-625-9174 and leave your name, address, city, state, zip code, phone, and e-mail. For more information, visit <http://www.supporttheU.umn.edu>

Crookston:

CHARLES CASEY, DEAN AND DIRECTOR OF THE U OF M EXTENSION SERVICE, visited the UMC campus on Jan. 6 to see the newly opened Regional Extension Center in 251 Owen Hall, one of 18 extension centers located across the state.

Duluth:

UMD STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF RECENTLY SENT 48 BOXES OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES and \$600 to help schools in Bosnia. Organized by Betsy Albert-Peacock, instructor in the Department of Education, the donations were made to Sgt. Kris Rosendahl, an undergraduate in the secondary education program who is currently serving with the National Guard in Bosnia. Part of his job entails working with the schools in the area, most of which have no supplies and still show the effects of war. "I am overcome with pride," he said about the donations. "Every time I am asked where I get all of my stuff, I say, 'My fellow students up at UMD care enough about the world around them to give me a hand.'"

Morris:

CARLA RILEY IS THE NEW ASSOCIATE FUND DEVELOPMENT OFFICER in the Office of External Relations, a position funded by the U of M Foundation. Riley earned a bachelor's degree from UMM in English and German and a master's degree in English from The University of St. Thomas. She worked for several years for Campaign Consultants of America, a capital campaign consulting firm for nonprofit organizations.

DO YOU HAVE FOND MEMORIES OF THE WEST CENTRAL SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE? Would you share them as part of a program to develop a preservation plan for the former WCSA campus? UMM was recently awarded \$180,000 from the Getty Grant Program to develop a written preservation plan for the WCSA and Experiment Station Historic District. As part of the process, photos of the campus are being borrowed from people who lived and worked there. For more information, contact Sue Dieter at 320-589-4394, extension 1818.

Twin Cities:

BEGINNING SPRING SEMESTER, THE 60-FOOT-LONG BUSES on the campus shuttle service will serve the normal Campus Connector service instead of the limited stop service. Parking and Transportation Services will continue to offer limited stop service as in the past, but with shorter buses. All riders are reminded to double-check the bus they are boarding by reading the marquee panel.

THE PHYSICS FORCE, THAT MADCAP GANG OF PHYSICISTS, will present a free Physics Circus for all ages on Jan. 15, 7 p.m., Northrop Auditorium. Watch as they drop a physicist 20 feet, collapse a 55-gallon drum, and send a roll of toilet paper skyward, all to illustrate basic principles of physics. The Physics Force comprises U of M physics professor Dan Dahlberg and area physics teachers.

LIVE SATELLITE BROADCASTS FROM THIS YEAR'S JASON EXPEDITION in Panama will be downlinked to the Bell Museum auditorium. The JASON Project is a multidisciplinary program that explores planet earth and exposes students to leading scientists. Broadcasts are open to school groups and the general public and will be aired Monday-Friday, Jan. 26-Feb. 6, at 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and noon. It will also air during Biodiversity Family Day on Saturday, Jan. 31. For more information, call 612-624-9050 or see <http://www.bellmuseum.org>

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THE NEW U CENTER OF EXCELLENCE IN CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH (CECMH) will be launched by President Bruininks on Jan. 30, 1 p.m., at Black Bear Crossings on the Lake Pavilion Place Meeting Center, 1360 N. Lexington Parkway, St. Paul. CECMH aims to shorten the time it takes for mental health research to travel from researchers to professionals who work on such issues in communities. The CECMH is part of the President's Initiative on Children, Youth, and Families. MORE: <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1105>

H. TED DAVIS, DEAN OF THE U'S INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (IT), will return to a faculty position in fall semester. Davis, 66, was appointed dean in November 1995 and is the third-longest-serving dean in IT's history, as well as the third-longest-serving among current deans on the Twin Cities campus. "I've had an incredible experience, but after 9 years as dean and 24 in administration, it's time to pass the torch," said Davis. MORE: <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1104>

THE 2004 GREAT CONVERSATIONS SERIES will kick off with President Bruininks exploring the issue of creativity with best-selling author Richard Florida on Jan. 20, 7:30 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall, Minneapolis. The two will talk about how governments, universities, developers, and designers can work together to generate creative places and spaces. Tickets are \$23 for faculty, staff, and students and \$28 for the general public. For tickets, call 612-624-2345 or see <http://www.cce.umn.edu/conversations> MORE: <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1099>

2. News and Announcements

THE PERFORMANCE OF CURRENT U MEDICAL PLANS is being reviewed by the U Benefits Advisory Committee. Comments about the service that faculty, staff, and family members received from their medical plans during 2003 are welcome and can be sent to the following e-mail addresses: for HealthPartners, gdw@umn.edu ; for Patient Choice, litma001@umn.edu ; for PreferredOne, pehng@mrs.umn.edu ; for Definity Health, mcgehee@math.umn.edu

APPLICATIONS FOR THE SPRING SEMESTER GRANT-IN-AID OF RESEARCH, ARTISTRY, AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, run by the Office of the Dean of the Graduate School, are now being accepted. The application deadline is Feb. 9. For more information, see <http://www.grad.umn.edu/faculty-staff/funding/dean/gia> or call Research Support Services at 612-625-2356.

PHARMACEUTICAL-CARE CLINIC PATIENTS ARE NEEDED to help prepare pharmacy students for new professional responsibilities. Patients will receive a comprehensive assessment of all their medication-related needs by an advanced-standing pharmacy student in the presence of experienced faculty. Pharmacists will soon be providing this service as part of the new Medicare Prescription Drug Act. This is a College of Pharmacy program, and there is no charge to patients. For more information or to set up an appointment, please call 612-626-1467.

THE U ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003 is now available. It includes an independent auditors' report, financial statements and footnotes, and overviews of the U's finances and activities. A PDF version of the report can be found at http://process.umn.edu/groups/controller/documents/main/controller_home.html A limited number of printed copies are available by calling University Relations at 612-624-6868.

COMPUTER INSURANCE FOR U DEPARTMENTS is available from the Office of Risk Management. The Electronic Data Processing (EDP) insurance has a \$500 deductible (compared to the \$10,000 deductible of most policies) with a policy period of March 1, 2004, to March 1, 2005. To apply, departments must submit an EDP Renewal Notice, EDP Inventory Form, and a list of items to be included under the EDP policy. Deadline for forms to be submitted is Jan. 31. For more information, contact Pam Ubel at novic002@groupwise.umn.edu or 612-624-5884.

TRAINING SERVICES OFFERS SEVERAL WORKSHOPS designed to help individuals and departments develop and enhance service-related skills. Some of the available workshops are "FISH," Jan. 21, 9-11 a.m., an introduction to the FISH! service philosophy made famous by Pike Place Fish Market in Seattle; "Process of Evaluation," Jan. 23, 9-11 a.m., which covers service evaluations, when to use them, and how to establish them; and "Intro to Setting and Measuring Service Standards," Jan. 28, 8:30-11:30 a.m., an introduction to the importance of service standards and how to set them. For more information and to enroll online, see <https://onestop2.umn.edu/training/category.jsp?category=SRV+IMP> or contact Training Services at trngsvcs@umn.edu or 612-626-1373.

3. Campus Events and Information**U-wide Event:**

THE U OF M ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S 100TH BIRTHDAY PARTY will be Jan. 30, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. A new U of M musical cheer will be performed for the first time in public during the party, which will also feature free lunch, birthday cake, prize giveaways, and birthday games. The party is free and open to the public. For more information, see <http://www.alumni.umn.edu/100>

Crookston:

STUDENTS IN UMC'S STUDENT CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS have been named outstanding volunteers by the Volunteer Awards Committee of the Crookston City Council. Student representatives were presented with an award at the council meeting Jan. 13. In a letter to UMC's Office of Student Activities and Service Learning, Crookston mayor Don Osborne congratulated the UMC student clubs and organizations.

Duluth:

KYLE SCHWEIGERT HAS BEEN NAMED HEAD FOOTBALL COACH for the UMD Bulldogs. Schweigert has been an assistant coach for the University of North Dakota's football program for 15 years. He replaces Bob Nielson, who became the UMD athletics director Dec. 1.

SUBHASH BASAK, senior research associate, UMD Natural Resources Research Institute, recently traveled to India as an invited speaker at Delhi University and to present the Distinguished Professor Ashis Chandra Memorial Lecture, "Drug Discovery in the Postgenomic Era," at the University of Calcutta in Kokata.

Morris:

PETER COYOTE IS SLATED AS THE 2004 UMM COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER. Best known for his appearances in *Erin Brockovich*, *Patch Adams*, *Outrageous Fortune*, and *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial*, Coyote is also a long-time supporter of the nation's independent film movement and the author of *Sleeping Where I Fall*, a memoir of San Francisco in the 1960s and '70s.

" PRAIRIE YARD AND GARDEN," produced by Media Services on the Morris campus in association with Pioneer Public Television, is in its 17th season. The program airs on PPTV Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. UMM is one of the few colleges in the nation that provide students with an opportunity to work on a PBS television series.

"EXISTENTIAL ISSUES: IDENTITY, SELF, AND COMMUNITY," which exhibits the work of three artists--Mike Stephens, Becki Smith, and Anthony Peruzzo--will be in the Humanities Fine Arts (HFA) Gallery Jan. 15 through Feb. 6. A public reception to open the exhibit will be held Jan. 15, 6:30-8:30 p.m., with a lecture by Peruzzo at 7:15 p.m. in 2 HFA.

Twin Cities:

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2004 PRESIDENT'S STUDENT LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE AWARD are now being accepted. This annual award recognizes the accomplishments and contributions of outstanding student leaders on the TC campus. Undergraduate, graduate, and professional students can nominate themselves or be nominated by faculty, students, or staff. Application deadline is Feb. 13. For more information, see <http://www.sao.umn.edu/Awards/plsa.php> or contact Erik Dussault at dussa001@umn.edu or 612-626-6919.

"PLANTS TO THE RESCUE: RESTORING WATER QUALITY" will be held Jan. 15, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. The conference is designed for landscape architects, city and government planners, nursery representatives, scientists, urban foresters, arborists, and other professionals and individuals. Cost is \$95 for arboretum members and nonmembers, \$50 for students. Professionals can earn 6.5 development hours. For registration or information, call 952-443-1422.

LAURA GURAK has been named head of the Department of Rhetoric. Gurak holds a B.A. from the College of St. Rose and an M.S. and Ph.D. from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. She joined the U faculty in 1994 and was promoted to associate professor in 1998 and professor in 2002. Gurak is founder and director of the Department's Industrial Affiliates Program and Internet Studies Center and is a faculty fellow at the U Law School.

KRIS WRIGHT has been named director of the Office of Student Finance, effective Jan. 1. Wright has been the interim director for the past 18 months.

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PRESIDENT BRUININKS EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT WITH THE GOVERNOR'S \$76.6 million capital budget proposal, which funds less than half of the \$155.5 million in state bonding the U is seeking. "After the devastating budget reductions the U experienced last year, I am deeply disappointed in this recommendation," he said. The U seeks funding for critical health and safety projects, renewal of old and outdated classrooms and buildings, and critical infrastructure projects, such as new roofs and ventilation systems. MORE:

<http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1114> . For additional information on the U's capital request, see <http://www.umn.edu/govrel> . For information on supporting the U's capital request, see <http://www.supporttheu.umn.edu> .

NOMINATIONS FOR THE PRESIDENT'S EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAM are being accepted through Feb. 13. The program develops leadership skills of U staff. P & A, civil service, and bargaining unit staff from all campuses are eligible. The 2004-05 program will accept up to 25 participants, who will devote up to 8 hours a week on program activities. A list of past and current participants, more information, and applications are available at <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/pe1> .

GENEVA SOUTHALL, a longtime music professor and chair of the U's Department of African American and African Studies, died Jan. 2 at her daughter's residence in Iowa City after a long illness. She was 78. A musical memorial service will be held Jan. 25, 6 p.m., at Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church, 511 Groveland Ave., Minneapolis. MORE: <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1098> .

2. News and Announcements

THE OFFICE FOR UNIVERSITY WOMEN SEEKS NOMINATIONS for the following annual awards recognizing the contributions of U women: the Mullens/Spector/Truax Women's Leadership Award, the Rusty Barcelo Award, the Civil Service/Bargaining Unit Award, and the Sharon L. Doherty Award. The deadline for all nominations is Feb. 27. Awards will be presented at "Celebration of U Women" on April 22. Award descriptions, criteria, and nomination materials are available at <http://www.umn.edu/women> . For questions and more information, call 612-625-2385 or e-mail women@umn.edu .

THE PULSE SURVEY--an ongoing U-wide effort to "take the pulse" of U employees--will kick off in February. The online survey will ask a variety of questions about faculty and staff job experiences and perspectives on the U as a workplace. The survey will be administered on a regular schedule in the years ahead to track employee attitudes, perspectives, and satisfaction levels. Further details about the survey will be provided in the coming weeks. Faculty and staff are encouraged to complete the survey and may do so on work time.

NEW ONLINE SERVICES FOR EMPLOYEES--including statements on employee reimbursements and flexible spending account reimbursements--are available through the Human Resources employee self-service Web site at <http://hrss.umn.edu/index.html> . Social Security numbers are also being eliminated from all pay statements beginning in February as a result of growing concern about possible theft of the numbers. Contact the HRMS/Payroll call center at 612-625-2016 with questions.

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U-wide Event:

U OF M ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING will be Jan. 22, 5:30-8:30 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center, Minneapolis. The event is free and open to the public and will feature President Bruininks and U supporters from around the state. Reservations are required and can be made online at <http://www.supporttheu.umn.edu> or by calling 612-625-9174. MORE: <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1117> .

Crookston:

SEVERAL UMC FACULTY AND STAFF MEMBERS WERE HONORED at the 62nd annual Crookston Area Chamber of Commerce awards dinner Jan. 12. The chamber's Business Entrepreneur Award, recognizing a local business that exemplifies the entrepreneurial spirit, was presented to Larry Leake, assistant professor of aviation, and his wife, Ellen, owners of the Willow and Ivy gift store. Jerry Knutson, associate professor of biology, received the Partners in Education Award, presented to an individual who has made significant contributions to Crookston's educational system. The Chairman's Award for Service to the Community was presented to Pam Holsinger-Fuchs, director of UMC's Office of Student Activities and Service Learning, and her husband, Tom Fuchs.

THE 29TH ANNUAL AG-ARAMA, a winter competitive event that focuses on agriculture and natural resources, will be held Jan. 31. An awards ceremony will be held at 2 p.m., along with a dedication of public art by Minneapolis-based artist Susan Warner. A related alumni social is set for that day 5:30-7 p.m. at the Irishman's Shanty of Crookston, followed by a campus dance at the Crookston Armory from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. For more information, see <http://webhome.crk.umn.edu/clubs/aqarama> .

Duluth:

THE ANNUAL UMD NIGHTWALK FOR CAMPUS SAFETY will be held Feb. 2, 5-6:30 p.m. Participants will meet inside the Kirby Plaza bus hub entrance at 5 p.m. and are encouraged to wear warm clothing and to bring flashlights. The purpose of the nightwalk is to walk together, observe all outside areas of the campus, and make recommendations for possible future campus improvements. Everyone is welcome.

THE TWEED MUSEUM OF ART will present "Sue Johnson: the Alternate Encyclopedia" Jan. 27 through March 28. The show examines the way nature is pictured, described, and archived by combining Johnson's own prints and paintings with natural history specimens, manufactured goods, and toys. The opening reception and lecture on Jan. 27, 6 p.m., is free and open to the public.

Morris:

THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AWARDED \$176,009 TO UMM under the Grants to Combat Violent Crimes Against Women on Campuses Program. UMM was one of only 10 new programs funded this year. The program provides opportunities for higher education institutions to partner with police, prosecutors, members of the judiciary, victim advocates, health care providers, and other related groups in order to reduce violent crimes against women on campus. MORE: <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=90> .

SUE DIETER '86 HAS BEEN NAMED PUBLISHER of the *Morris Sun Tribune*, effective Jan. 26. Sue replaces longtime publisher Jim Morrison, whose departure ends the Morrison family's 105-year ownership of the newspaper.

Rochester:

THE U'S CENTER FOR ANIMAL HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY held the workshop "FSIS Rule to Reduce Listeria Monocytogenes in Ready-to-Eat Meat and Poultry Products" on the Rochester campus Jan. 20. The workshop was designed to help local meat and food processors better understand and implement new governmental operational directives.

Twin Cities:

FACULTY AND STAFF WHO WILL BE AWAY FROM THE TWIN CITIES during the next academic year and would like to rent their homes to new U faculty or staff can contact the Relocation Assistance Program (RAP) for assistance at rapland@umn.edu or 612-626-0775.

FACULTY AND STAFF CAN RECEIVE DENTAL CARE at affordable reduced rates at the School of Dentistry, whose dental clinics provide a full range of dental services including all dental specialties (braces, crowns, oral surgery, root canals, dentures, and more) and cosmetic services. Treatment is provided by experienced dental and dental hygiene students, dental residents, and faculty members. The clinics accept all U dental insurance. To make an appointment or for more information, call 612-624-8400.

JOHN GEER will speak on "Negative Campaigning in the 2004 Presidential Election" Jan. 22, 3:30-5 p.m., 215 Humphrey Center. Geer is the author of the forthcoming book, *Attacking Democracy: A Defense of Negativity in Presidential Campaigns*.

JULIA HEIMAN will speak on "Recent Developments and Controversies in Female Sexual Dysfunction Research" Jan. 23, 12-1 p.m., 2-520 Moos Tower. Lunch will be provided. Heiman is a professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at the University of Washington, Seattle.

"HEALTHY LIVING: WELLNESS AND AWARENESS" symposium will be Jan. 24, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. The symposium focuses on different aspects of healthy living and how they relate to people's mental, physical, and spiritual well-being. Cost is \$40 for Arboretum members and \$50 for nonmembers and includes gate admission, continental breakfast, and handouts. For registration or more information, call 952-443-1422 or e-mail education@arboretum.umn.edu .

A DISCUSSION ON "QUEER COMMUNITIES--ECONOMIC STATUS AND CLASS" will be held Jan. 28, 12-1 p.m., 319 Coffman Union. The discussion will be facilitated by Susan Raffo, editor of the anthology *Queerly Classed: Gay Men and Lesbians Write about Class*.

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THE U OF M ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (UMAA) WILL CELEBRATE its 100-year anniversary by presenting a new musical cheer to the U--along with other festivities--on Jan. 30, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center, TC campus. Created by U alumnus Brad Stokes, the cheer is the result of a recent UMAA-sponsored contest inviting alumni to submit original cheer compositions. MORE: <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1122> .

THE U'S VITAL AGING NETWORK (VAN) WON THE DREAM KEEPER AWARD presented at the state's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday celebration on Jan. 19. Two awards are made each year by the State of Minnesota Council on Black Minnesotans and a governor's commission responsible for the celebration. VAN is an Affiliated Program of the College of Continuing Education whose mission is to promote self-determination, community involvement, and personal enrichment for and with older adults through education and advocacy. For more on VAN, see <http://www.van.umn.edu> .

ZACHERY COELIUS, a senior honors student in the College of Liberal Arts on the TC campus, has been selected for the *USA Today* 2004 All-USA Academic first team. *USA Today* solicited nominations from universities around the country and selected 20 students to the team from thousands of nominees. The paper will publish a profile of the students who made the team in their Feb. 12 edition. MORE: <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1123> .

2. Feature Stories

UNIVERSITY'S STATE BONDING REQUEST: There's a skyway on the Twin Cities campus that literally connects the University's past with its present. You can leave a building built in 1912--Jackson Hall--and cross into one built in 1996--Basic Sciences and Biomedical Engineering. It's those kinds of connections that keep the University linked to its great tradition while continuing to move forward. And it's the reason the U's request for state bonding money is so important. MORE: <http://www1.umn.edu/urelate/brief/extra/bonding.html> .

THE (UNOFFICIAL) U WINTER SURVIVAL GUIDE: Whether it's enduring the 10-minute walk from the Gopher Lot or waiting in the cold for the Campus Connector, members of the U community are forced to deal head-on with Old Man Winter every day. Here are some winter survival tips (but if all else fails, hibernate until spring). MORE: <http://www1.umn.edu/urelate/brief/extra/winter.html> .

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Council of Academic Professionals and Administrators (CAPA) News

CAPA urges all P&A employees to contact their state legislators in support of the U's bonding request. P&A employees can speak effectively on why the U is so important to the state since they represent such a broad range of roles at the U. MORE: <http://www1.umn.edu/ohr/capa> .

Civil Service Committee News

Civil Service members can contribute to making the U a great place to learn and work in many ways. First, the Civil Service Committee has several subcommittees searching for representatives. In addition, members can participate in the governance process by working on a wide range of committees, including the Equity, Access, and Diversity Committee; Benefits Advisory Committee; and others. MORE: <http://www1.umn.edu/csc/Brief%20Extra/January%2004%20Brief%20Extra.htm> .

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Work Life: While it's impossible to know exactly how many faculty and staff members at the University have kids, one thing is certain--there are a lot of them. And as these kids grow up and leave their homes, many faculty and staff may experience what sociologists call empty nest syndrome. MORE: <http://www1.umn.edu/urelate/brief/extra/emptynest.html> .

Great Service: With their "Students First" and "No Students Left Behind" philosophy, the College of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences is on the forefront of the Great Service initiative. MORE: <http://www1.umn.edu/urelate/brief/extra/great%20service.html> .

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MINNESOTA STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION BEGAN FEB. 2. It is a capital bonding year and expected to be a short session. President Bruininks made the case for full funding of the U's capital budget request to the House Higher Education Finance Committee at a hearing held on campus Feb. 3. For information on the U's request, go to <http://www.umn.edu/govrel> .

GOVERNOR PAWLENTY HOSTED U AND MAYO CLINIC OFFICIALS Feb. 3 to announce the first research grants awarded by the Minnesota Partnership for Biotechnology and Medical Genomics. Four collaborative projects will share \$3 million provided by the U, Mayo Clinic, and the state. Recipients are teams of U and Mayo researchers working on cardiovascular disease, prostate cancer, Alzheimer's disease, and obesity. For more information, see <http://www.ahc.umn.edu/news/NewsFiles/partnership020304> .

PRESIDENT BRUININKS'S SPEECH AT THE MINNEAPOLIS CLUB Feb. 4, "The University of Minnesota: An Update on a Statewide Resource," will focus on challenges and opportunities facing the state's only land-grant, research institution. It will be his first address to the group since becoming president in February 2003. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1142> .

2. News and Announcements

LEGISLATIVE CALL-IN DAY FOR THE U will be Feb. 5. Faculty and staff are urged to call their legislators and ask them to support the U's full capital request. For more information, including your legislators' phone numbers and talking points, go to <http://www.supporttheU.umn.edu> .

U's COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE (CALA) maintained its place as 13th in the nation out of 130 programs ranked by the Design Intelligence organization; its facilities were ranked 1st. Among public universities, it ranked 7th, and 2nd in the Big Ten after Michigan. CALA information is on the Web at <http://www.cala.umn.edu> .

CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL SERVICES became available Feb. 1 for faculty and staff on the Crookston, Duluth, Morris, and Rochester campuses. All employees can receive help finding child care from CareQuest, which provides quick access to current openings in licensed child care and tailors requests based on location, type of care, hours, smoking or pet concerns, and special needs. CareQuest has been serving Twin Cities employees for 11 years. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/ghr/worklife/childcare%20resource.html> .

UPLAN SATISFACTION SURVEY DEADLINE IS FEB. 6. Take five minutes to rate your experience in a UPlan medical option for 2003. The Benefits Advisory Committee will use survey data acquired to maintain quality of UPlan medical options. Survey is on the Web at <http://uplansurvey.umn.edu> .

FINANCIAL ONE STOP enables departments to find out how to do financial tasks and complete them more easily and efficiently. Tasks include traveling on U business, generating revenue from external sales, and more. For more information, see http://process.umn.edu/groups/controller/documents/main/osf_home.cfm .

NEW AND UPDATED POLICIES have been added to the U Policy Library on the Web, which contains all Board of Regents, Faculty Senate, and U-wide policies. Changes include modifications to U real estate policy, new policy for conducting research on human embryos and stem cells, and more. For more information, see "What's New" on the Policy Library site at <http://www.fpd.finop.umn.edu/groups/ppd/documents/main/policyhome.cfm> .

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U-wide Event:

STUDY ABROAD CURRICULUM INTEGRATION CONFERENCE will be Apr. 15-17. It will showcase shared efforts of all U campuses and will respond to national interest in the U's effort to meet its goal of study abroad for half of graduating seniors. Deadline to register is Mar. 1, but space is limited. For more information, see <http://www.Umabroad.umn.edu/conference> .

TECHNOLOGY-ENHANCED LEARNING (TEL) SEMINAR SERIES continues this spring, free for faculty, staff, students, and the public. Topics include inquiry-based learning (Feb. 4), learning technologies and public engagement (Mar. 4), student views of TEL (Mar. 30), and disciplinary TEL teaching communities (Apr. 27). For more information, see <http://events.umn.edu/event?occurrence=374913;event=104365> .

TECHNOLOGY-ENHANCED LEARNING GRANT PROGRAM 2004 assists faculty members with TEL projects. Deadline is Feb. 17. For details, see <http://dmc.umn.edu/grants> .

Crookston:

NEWLY ESTABLISHED REGIONAL U OF M EXTENSION CENTER IN CROOKSTON will host an open house on Feb. 12, 2-4 p.m., at the center's new office suite, 251 Owen Hall, UMC campus. Faculty and staff of center invite all members of the UMC campus community and the region to attend. Regional centers are described on the U of M Extension Service Web site at <http://www.extension.umn.edu/changes> .

Duluth:

SUMMER APARTMENTS ARE AVAILABLE TO RETIREES for five-, eight-, and ten-week rental periods. Requests are now being accepted by UMD's Summer Housing Office. This year marks UMD's 28th year of offering summer housing for seniors. For information, call 218-726-7390, fax 218-726-7142, e-mail sumhsg@d.umn.edu, or see <http://www.d.umn.edu/housing/summer/> .

"MAKING CHOICES: WOMEN SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS TALK ABOUT CAREER CHOICES AND ISSUES" will feature a panel of professional women representing industry, government, consulting, and higher education, Feb. 10, 6 p.m., Kirby Student Center ballroom. Informal discussion will follow. Free and open to the public.

Morris:

AN IRON CHEF COMPETITION at UMM on Jan. 28, organized by student Keng Vang, was a benefit for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The competition and an Asian ethnic dinner theater at a Morris coffeehouse are part of Vang's project through the Minority Mentorship Program. His mentors are Siobhan Bremer (theater), Carol McCannon (Student Activities), Aaron Wise (Sodexo Campus Services), all of UMM, and Pat Flicker at the Common Cup Coffee House. For more information about the Minority Mentorship Program, see <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/services/mmp/mmp.htm> .

HAND-HELD CELL PHONES, old and new, are being collected at UMM in support of the work of Someplace Safe, formerly the Fergus Falls Women's Crisis Center, in collaboration with the Morris Lions Club. Phones are distributed to women in crisis so they can call 911. UMM will also be a collection site for obsolete eyeglasses. Both projects are coordinated by Community Service and Volunteerism in the Office of Student Activities. For more information, see <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/academic/fclt/ocsv/index.html> .

Rochester:

NEW STUDENT SERVICES DIRECTOR is Kendra Weber. She will serve prospective and currently enrolled UMR students. Her duties will include managing student services operations, including academic advising, program registration, and admission; conducting institutional research; and acting as the student liaison for UMR students and other U campuses. Weber earned a master's in counseling and student personnel services from Oklahoma State University and brings more than nine years of college and university-level experience to her new position.

Twin Cities:

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS ELIMINATED THE GRADUATE PROFICIENCY TEST for a second language Jan. 27. Second-language proficiency remains a requirement for a bachelor of arts in CLA and can be demonstrated by course work or the widely recognized Language Proficiency Exam. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1132> .

A CAMPUS COMPUTING NETWORK UPGRADE--"Gopher GigaNet"--is coming soon. The first shipment of equipment is due in mid-February. Networking and Telecommunication Services will provide informational seminars before installation begins. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/nts/networkupgrade/> .

DIGITAL MEDIA CENTER FACULTY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM provides faculty members with release time to research the impact of digital technology on teaching and learning and to design and share new processes. Application deadline is Feb. 20. For more information, see <http://dmc.umn.edu/fellowship> .

CENTER FOR WRITING'S SPRING WORKSHOPS for faculty, TAs, and other instructors in all disciplines will include teaching with writing in the lab sciences (Feb. 11), teaching writing in multisection courses (Feb. 18), and writing as a means to learning (Mar. 5). For more information, see <http://writing.umn.edu/home/events.htm> . To register, call 612-626-7579 or e-mail writing@umn.edu .

"COPS, DONUTS, STUDENTS, AND CHILI"--a free lunch to express appreciation to students and build community--will be sponsored by the Minnesota Student Association, the Minneapolis and U police departments, and the Office of Student Affairs. Feb. 4, 12-2 p.m., Washington Avenue Bridge near Northrop Mall.

"GENE(SIS): CONTEMPORARY ART EXPLORES HUMAN GENOMICS" showcases powerful new artwork created in direct response to the Human Genome Project. Lectures and special events are planned. Jan. 31-May 2, Weisman Art Museum. See <http://www.weisman.umn.edu/genesis/index.html> .

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"THE 2004 STATE OF STUDENTS OF COLOR" CONFERENCE at the U will address Minnesota's persistent failure to educate students of color at the same rate as their white counterparts, from kindergarten through college. The conference is based on the Minnesota Minority Education Partnership's second report, which was a collaboration of state educators, including U faculty members. Event participants will include Minnesota education commissioner Cheri Pierson Yecke; keynote speaker will be national correspondent Ray Suarez. Feb. 12-13, Coffman Union. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1153> .

ROUNDTABLE ON THE HEALTH SECTOR'S ROLE in local and global development will be hosted by deans of the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, School of Public Health, and Carlson School of Management, along with regional executives and health leaders. Feb. 18, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1149> .

U GAVE TWO PRESENTATIONS AT THE LEGISLATURE this week. On Feb. 9, VP Pfitzenreuter testified before the House Higher Education Finance Committee, responding to the governor's budget recommendation for less than half of the U's capital request. On Feb. 10, President Bruininks presented the U's request to the Senate Higher Education Budget Division. He gave an overview of each project in the request and emphasized the broader importance of maintaining the U's infrastructure. In addition, on Duluth Day, Feb. 9, Chancellor Martin and other UMD representatives visited with legislators. President Bruininks and others from across the U continue to meet with legislators on the request and other issues, including Extension. For more information and a schedule of activities, see <http://www.umn.edu/urelate/qovrel> .

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REGENTS WILL MEET FEB. 12-13. The U's Plan, Performance, and Accountability Report will be reviewed before going to the legislature. Other topics include a work session on issues around associated organizations, such as the University of Minnesota Foundation and the alumni association, and federal relations plans and priorities for 2004. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/regents/> .

U LOBBY DAY IS FEB. 18, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. This year, faculty, staff, students, alumni, and community supporters from all campuses will lobby together. Buses will run between the McNamara Alumni Center and the capitol all day. Because the governor recommended less than half of the U's request for funding, U community members are urged to contact their legislators. To register for lobby day or see the schedule, go to <http://www.umn.edu/qroots/LobbyDay.php> .

THE U IS EXPLORING the need to upgrade the infrastructure necessary to support clinical education, research, and patient care in the Academic Health Center (AHC), in partnership with U of M Physicians and Fairview Health Services. The success of AHC schools and colleges depends on vision and facilities for a clinical enterprise, according to senior VP Cerra. A program manager will be hired soon to keep planning on track and ensure that academic and business questions are addressed. For more information, contact Mary Koppel, 612-624-5100 or koppe006@umn.edu .

GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTED GARY CHRISTENSON, director of the Mental Health Clinic at Boynton Health Service, as a psychiatrist member of the State Advisory Council on Mental Health Feb. 3. His term continues until the end of 2006.

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U-wide:
U CHINA CENTER celebrated its 25th anniversary Jan. 21 with a Chinese New Year celebration attended by 400 people. For more information, see <http://www.chinacenter.umn.edu/> .

Crookston:
NEW STUDENT CENTER construction is rescheduled to begin in May and end in summer 2005, in time for the Crookston campus centennial. Roers' Construction, Inc., of Fargo has been selected to serve as general contractor. For more information, see <http://www.crk.umn.edu/newsevents/notices03-04/RoersConstr.htm> .

FACULTY SEMINAR SERIES features faculty, researchers, extension staff, and occasional guests. Research entomologist Ian MacRae will speak on digital mapping of insect pest populations. Feb. 19, 3-4 p.m., Youngquist Auditorium, Northwest Research and Outreach Center.

Duluth:
"BREAK THE ICE" RECEPTION FOR UMD ALUMNI season ticket holders and Bulldog Club members will be held before the Bulldog vs. Gopher men's hockey game. Feb. 14, 5:30-7 p.m., French River Room, Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center. To RSVP, call 218-726-7164 or e-mail alumni@d.umn.edu .

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC presents UMD Vocal Jazz Cabaret, including ensembles Lake Effect and Chill Factor. Feb. 19-21, 7:30 p.m., Weber Music Hall. For more information, call 218-726-8877.

UMD THEATRE presents the 1950s classic Twelve Angry Men. One person's conscience leads the jury into heated debate as they decide the fate of a young man on trial for the murder of his father. Feb. 12-15 and 18-21, 7:30 p.m., 2 p.m. matinee on Sundays, Marshall Performing Arts Center. For tickets, call 218-726-8561.

Morris:
FIFTY PAINTINGS that document the history of the Hmong people, by UMM alumnus and Minnesota state representative Cy Thao, '95, will be displayed in the Humanities Fine Arts (HFA) Center gallery Feb. 12-Mar. 5. Thao will attend an opening reception on Feb. 12, 8 p.m., in the gallery, and give a public lecture, "Stories Without Words: The Hmong Migration," on Feb. 13, 3 p.m., HFA recital hall.

ANNUAL PRIDE OF THE PRAIRIE COMMUNITY EXPO will feature representatives from 20 west central Minnesota farms and organizations, a farmers market, a spring meal, and local music. Feb. 17, 2-6:30 p.m. For more information, see <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/current.php> .

Rochester:
100TH PATENT of UMR faculty member Hal Ottesen was issued Jan. 13. "Method and apparatus for identifying spindle imbalance in a hard disk drive" (US 6,678,108) was the result of continuing disk-drive research between Ottesen and Gordon Smith, a senior technical staff member at IBM in Rochester.

Twin Cities:
A BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITION sponsored by the Carlson School of Management provides free help in developing a new business. New Venture Challenge will award \$40,000 U of M students and alumni for submitting winning business plans. Deadline is Mar. 22. For more information, see <http://www.newventurechallenge.com> .

A NEW ART GALLERY IN COFFMAN UNION is located in the theater reception room, overlooking the fountain terrace. First exhibit, "A Breath of Fresh Air," features paintings of graduate student Gregory Rose. Opening reception Feb. 12, noon-2 p.m. For more information, call 612-625-0239 or see <http://www.spsc.umn.edu/vac> .

TRAINING FOR GLOBAL UNDERSTANDING, a series of sessions for faculty and staff that promote deeper understanding of the U's international community and strategies for crossing cultural barriers in meetings, classrooms, and service settings, begins Feb. 17. Sponsored by International Student and Scholar Services. For more information and a schedule, see <http://www.iss.umn.edu> .

"DISCOVERING YOUR PLACE" is a student event to promote retention and graduation, sponsored by the Career Development Network and the Academic Advising Network. Students can take a brief interest inventory and find U majors and opportunities that match their interests. Feb. 25, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Great Hall, Coffman Union. For more information, see <http://www.ucs.umn.edu/career/discover.html> .

MORE EVENTS include the Dance Theater of Harlem (Feb. 11), author Verlyn Klinkenborg (Feb. 16), Learning Abroad Center spring fair (Feb. 18), "A National Perspective on Current Highway Safety Issues" winter luncheon of the Center for Transportation Studies (Feb. 18), and "Service, Struggle, Strength: 150 Years of African American Service in the YMCA," on display at the Andersen Library (through March 10). These and many more events are posted on the Events Calendar at <http://events.umn.edu> .

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STEM CELL RESEARCH prompted two bills in the legislature this week: one would eliminate state funding for the U if it pursues embryonic stem cell research on any lines other than those approved by the federal government; another supports research on all lines of embryonic stem cells and declares the value of open scientific inquiry and publicly funded research. No hearings on either bill have been scheduled. For more information about U stem cell research, see <http://www.ahc.umn.edu/news/NewsFiles/stemcell021204> .

ECONOMIC-IMPACT STUDY ON U-MAYO PARTNERSHIP was released to legislators on Feb. 17. A copy can be downloaded from the Minnesota Partnership for Biotechnology and Medical Genomics Web site at <http://www.mayouminnesotapartnership.org> .

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION REORGANIZATION was accepted by the regents Feb. 13 and will be effective Mar. 1. Changes to existing positions are designed to improve U effectiveness in three areas: academic programs on the Twin Cities campus; systemwide strategic planning, budgeting, and institutional research and accountability; and long-term financial analysis, planning, and management. Christine Maziar's title will change to senior vice president for academic affairs and provost, primarily responsible for academic programs and student affairs on the Twin Cities campus. Robert Jones's title will change to senior vice president for system administration, primarily responsible for strategic planning, institutional research and accountability, and programs such as the extension service and international programs. Richard Pfitzenreuter's title will change to vice president and chief financial officer, primarily responsible for long-term, systemwide financial management. Changes were announced as part of a news release on the regents meeting; see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1169> .

2. News and Announcements

NEW RESEARCH ON STRESS, HORMONES, AND SMOKING CESSATION found that stress affects men and women differently in relation to nicotine addiction and relapse, U researchers announced in Seattle Feb. 13. Team was led by UMD School of Medicine's Mustafa al'Absi. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2004/February/13.html> .

TODAY IS U LOBBY DAY for faculty, staff, students, and alumni from all campuses. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/groots/LobbyDay.php> .

REGENTS APPROVED "ACCOUNTABLE TO U," the 2004 Plan, Performance, and Accountability Report, on Feb. 13. The report includes a new self-assessment that shows the U compares favorably with peer institutions. The report will go to the legislature this week. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/urelate/govrel/uplan.html> .

CAPITOL CONVERSATIONS series provides a sustained forum for dialogue between legislators and U faculty. Topics relate to policy-relevant research on children, youth, and family issues. President Bruininks kicked off the first conversation Feb. 10, "Supporting Minnesota's Teachers," attended by more than 40 legislators and faculty. The series continues with "Violence Prevention" (Feb. 18) and "Learning and Development in Out-of-School Hours" (Feb. 25). For more information, see <http://www.cyfc.umn.edu/policy/capcon> .

MINNESOTA EMPLOYMENT EXPO will feature 80 top local and national companies seeking college-educated employees and interns. Free and open to U alumni, students, and degree-holding members of the public. Mar. 4, 1-7 p.m., Radisson Hotel Metrodome. For more information, see <http://www.alumni.umn.edu/expo> .

3. Campus Events and Information

U-wide Events:

FINANCIAL BROWN-BAG LUNCH SESSIONS for employees include "How to Get Out of Debt and Build Wealth" (Feb. 19) and "Improving Your Financial Management Skills" (Feb. 26). Sponsored by Employee Benefits, with guest presenters. 12-1 p.m., 215 Donhowe. Videotapes will be available. For more information, call Myron Guthrie at 612-624-8550 or see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/eb> .

WORK/LIFE BALANCE PROGRAMS on a range of topics--parenting, elder-care issues, choosing child care, and flexible work arrangements--are free for U employees. Two spring programs on parenting include "Ages and Stages: Birth to Age 5" (Feb. 24) and "Developing Respect and Responsibility: Building Character in Children" (May 20). Offered in partnership with the Working Family Resource Center. For more information, see http://www.umn.edu/ohr/worklife/workshops_events.htm .

Crookston:

BLACK EAGLE, a play about Ronald McNair, a scientist aboard the ill-fated space shuttle *Challenger*, combines drama and humor. A touring production of Mixed Blood Theatre, presented in honor of Black History Month. Feb. 25, 8 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium.

SNOW DAZE annual winter fun festival for students is Feb. 23-28. For more information, see <http://www.crk.umn.edu/newsevents/notices03-04/snowdaze2004.htm> .

Duluth:

MUSICA ITALIANA, works by Italian composers, will be performed by faculty Jeanne Doty, piano, and Rudy Perrault, violin, on Feb. 24, Weber Music Hall. For more information or tickets, call 218-726-8877.

PROPOSALS FOR UMD TECHFEST 2004 are now being accepted. Faculty, staff, and students are invited to propose demonstrations of successful uses of technology to enhance student learning. Techfest will be Apr. 2; proposal deadline is Mar. 12. For more information, e-mail spihlaja@d.umn.edu, call 218-726-7587, or see <http://www.d.umn.edu/itss/etrq/techfest> .

Morris:

"DEADLY PURSUASION: ADVERTISING AND ADDICTION" will be presented by author Jean Kilbourne as part of the Campus Activities Council's Convocations Lecture Series and as a keynote for UMM Women's Week. Feb. 24, 7:30 p.m., Edson Auditorium. For more information, see <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=102> .

26TH ANNUAL JAZZ FEST will be Apr. 1-3. Advanced ticket order forms are available at the information desk and the Office of Student Activities in the Student Center and have been sent to Performing Arts season-ticket holders. Orders will be processed Feb. 28. Any remaining tickets will go on sale Mar. 1. For more information, see <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/stuorgs/ummjazz/jazzfest.html> .

Rochester:

SEMINAR SERIES ON MAKING BETTER CONSUMER CHOICES continues with "How Green is Your Valley?" Flo Sandok, artist, environmental advocate, and teacher, will talk about using butterfly gardens, prairies, and nontoxic lawn care products to make peace with nature and neighborhoods. Feb. 28, 9 a.m.-noon. For more information, see <http://www.r.umn.edu> .

Twin Cities:

FOUNDERS DAY, FEB. 25, WILL MARK THE U'S 153RD ANNIVERSARY. Events include a free concert by the U Symphony Orchestra (Feb. 21); a free chili feed on Northrop plaza (Feb. 25); a Great Conversations event, "The Loss of 9/11," with journalist Gail Sheehy and U professor Pauline Boss (Feb. 25); and theater and museum events. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/twincities/founders> .

CAMPUS NETWORK UPGRADE TOWN-HALL MEETINGS will be presented before installation begins. Everyone is invited to attend; advance registration is required. Meetings in St. Paul are scheduled for Feb. 24 and Mar. 3. To register, ask questions, or watch for upcoming dates, see <http://www.umn.edu/nts/networkupgrade> .

McKNIGHT SUMMER FELLOWS David Chang, history; Brenda Child, American studies; and Michael Gaudio, art history, will present their research, Feb. 25, 3:30-5 p.m., Campus Club, Coffman Union. More presentations through Apr. 22. For more information, see <http://events.umn.edu/event?occurrence=376993;event=105010> .

DEADLINE TO NOMINATE U WOMEN for several awards and to apply for grants from the Office for University Women is Feb. 27. For more information, plus a preview of Women's History Month events, see <http://www.umn.edu/women/bulletin.html> .

U NIGHT WITH THE TIMBERWOLVES will offer discounted tickets and a pre-game question-answer session with alum Kevin McHale. Mar. 5, 5 p.m., Target Center. For more information, call Aaron Steele at 612-673-1685 or see http://www.nba.com/timberwolves/tickets/group_tickets.html .

MORE EVENTS include environmental law expert Barbara Freese on her book *Coal: A Human History* (Feb. 18), "Geometric Impressions," opening at the Larson Gallery (reception Feb. 19, on display through Mar. 12), Spark 2004 festival of electronic music and art (Feb. 20-22), "The Moral Passage of HIV/AIDS" (Feb. 23), the 6th Annual Latke-Hamentash Debate (Feb. 25), and "Biodiversity 911: Saving Life on Earth," on display at the Bell Museum (through May 2). These and many more events are posted on the Events Calendar at <http://events.umn.edu> .

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Published once every month, *Brief Extra* features top U news, columns, and articles of special interest to University faculty and staff.

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METRO BUS STRIKE COULD OCCUR AS EARLY AS MAR. 2. Parking and Transportation Services is working to support impacted students, staff, and faculty; approximately 14,000 students and 1,500 employees have U-Pass or Metropass cards. Faculty and staff are urged to find carpool options. If a strike occurs, Buckeye and Fairgrounds parking lots will be opened for \$1.75 to drivers who can show a U-Pass or Metropass. For more information and updates, see <http://www.parkandtrans.umn.edu> .

"REINING IN COMPETITION FOR CAPITAL" will feature global experts addressing rising challenges faced by city and state officials in attracting new business and jobs to their communities. Hosted by the Humphrey Institute, Feb. 27-28. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1177> .

U CAPITAL REQUEST was presented by President Bruininks to the House Capital Investment Committee on Feb. 24. The Legislative Network needs help building public support for the University capital request throughout the state. To find out how you can help, call Mike Dean at 612-626-0913 or see <http://www.umn.edu/groots/phone.php> .

TODAY IS FOUNDERS DAY. On the Twin Cities campus, free chili will be served on Northrop plaza from noon to 1 p.m., and other events are planned. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/twincities/founders> .

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THE FOUNDERS WOULD BE PLEASED: The U was a young 39 years old when Nicholson Hall was built for chemistry on the Twin Cities campus. With capital bonding support passed in 2002, rehabilitation starts next month. When it ends in 2005, Nicholson will join a humanities district emerging east of the historic knoll area. MORE: <http://www.umn.edu/urelate/brief/extra/nicholson2004-02-25.html> .

EATING WELL IS THE BEST BET: Health and nutrition professor emeritus Ancel Keys turned 100 last month. "He is simply a public health giant," says Mark Becker, assistant vice president and dean of the U's School of Public Health. "Few, if any, figures in the 20th century can match his contributions to the biology and epidemiology of coronary heart disease." Keys invented K-rations during World War II and, in the 1950s, began to advocate a Mediterranean diet. MORE: <http://www.umn.edu/urelate/brief/extra/keys2004-02-25.html> .

3. Work and Life Resources

Council of Academic Professionals and Administrators (CAPA) News

What do University Libraries, General College, and the School of Social Work have in common? They've all been honored as outstanding places for Professional and Academic (P&A) staff to work. Nominate U units that value P&A staff for the 2004 award by Mar. 18. MORE: <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/capa> .

Civil Service Committee News

On Dec. 18, the Civil Service Committee recommended a 2004-05 pay plan for civil service employees not covered by collective bargaining agreements. The plan includes a 2-percent across-the-board pay increase effective June 14 and a 1-percent adjustment effective Dec. 13. The plan will advance through the budget process and, pending approval, would become effective June 14. MORE: <http://www.umn.edu/csc> .

Apply to serve on the U-wide Civil Service Committee, a group of 15 members appointed by the president and approved by the Board of Regents. Six seats are open for the term beginning July 1--four for the Twin Cities campus and one each for Crookston and Duluth. The committee's mission is to represent the interests of civil service employees and participate in U governance to support the U's overall mission. Deadline to apply is Apr. 2. MORE: <http://www.umn.edu/csc/application/application.html> .

Resources from Human Resources

Work/Life: With the new year still fresh, many are sticking with their resolutions to exercise and eat well. Ruth Rounds, manager of the U's Wellness Program, describes what the U is doing to support faculty and staff in their health and wellness goals. Coming in 2004: a U-wide walking program, and a health survey in late spring. MORE: <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/worklife/articles.htm> .

Great Service: Teaming for great service is a concept being used to meet service goals in the College of Continuing Education, Housing and Residential Life, University Stores, and other campus units. It's an idea that can be applied in other U settings, too. What is teaming, and how can more departments and offices use it? MORE: <http://www.umn.edu/urelate/brief/extra/teaming2004-02-25.html> .

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Neuroscience graduate program selected for Carnegie initiative. U faculty and researchers testified at the legislature last week about climate change. U computer systems architect and pioneer Frank Grewe died Feb. 24.

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AGRICULTURAL ISSUES AT THE U will be the topic of a joint hearing of the Agriculture and Rural Development Finance Committee and the Higher Education Finance Committee Mar. 4. VP Muscoplat and Minnesota Extension Service dean Casey will present the U's work to support rural Minnesota. For more information about legislative activities, see <http://www.umn.edu/urelate/govrel> .

INTEGRATION OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD RESEARCH is needed to improve health, according to a new National Research Council report. VP Muscoplat was a featured presenter at a workshop about the report for key government agencies and other organizations Feb. 24 in Washington, D.C. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1188> .

METRO TRANSIT BUS STRIKE could begin as early as Mar. 3. As *Brief* goes to press on Mar. 2, negotiations have ended and a strike appears likely. TC campus classes and workplaces will continue normal operations. Parking and Transportation Services (PTS) and other offices have made plans to keep transportation running as smoothly as possible. Staff and students are urged to form car pools and use alternative forms of transportation. Grassroots efforts are encouraged. For updates, see <http://www.metrocommuterservices.org> or see "Hot Topics" on the PTS Web site at <http://www.parkandtrans.umn.edu> .

MUSICOLOGIST MIRJANA LAUSEVIC and two TC campus students joined 37 others in a vocal performance of early-American shaped-note music at the Academy Awards Feb. 29. Lausevic was a music coach for actors in the Civil War movie, *Cold Mountain*. Students Kimberly Dahmer and Kristin Irving founded and lead the U's Sacred Harp choir. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1186> .

2. News and Announcements

NEUROSCIENCE GRADUATE PROGRAM in the Medical School was selected as one of nine programs in the country to be part of Carnegie Initiative on the Doctorate, a five-year action and research project aimed at improving doctoral education at U.S. universities. For more information, see <http://www.neuroscience.umn.edu> .

U FACULTY AND RESEARCHERS FROM UMD, UMM, AND UMTC testified at the legislature on the potential impact of climate change in Minnesota. They spoke to the Jobs, Energy, and Community Development Committee Feb. 25. Those testifying included David Tilman, regents professor, UMTC; Peter Wyckoff, assistant professor of biology, UMM; Lucinda Johnson, senior research associate, Natural Resources Research Institute, UMD; and Steve Polasky, professor of applied economics, UMTC.

FRANK GREWE, U computer systems architect and pioneer, died Feb. 24. In his 26 years at the U, Grewe created systemwide e-mail and online directories, single sign-on authentication, and other systems that touch most U employees' lives every day. He also built a team that could keep those systems running during rapid growth. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1196> .

NEW SPACE MANAGEMENT OFFICE was created Mar. 1, when space planning staff in the Capital Planning and Project Management office were reassigned to the senior VP for academic affairs and provost. Michaelen Fox was named director. Staff will maintain the same services to U campuses and departments. The office will be located on the 4th floor of the Donhowe Building.

DEADLINE FOR PULSE SURVEY OF U EMPLOYEES is Mar. 5. Survey will be an ongoing U-wide effort to "take the pulse" of U employees. Get your survey ID number from President Bruininks's e-mail message sent Feb. 16 or call 612-624-6076. Then access the survey at <http://www.irr.umn.edu/hr/pulse04/staff2> .

3. Campus Events and Information**U-wide:**

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY event sponsored by the Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights, the U's Human Rights Program, and the Womens Foundation of Minnesota, will feature more than 40 organizations. Mar. 6, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Mondale Hall, Minneapolis. For more information, see <http://events.umn.edu/event?occurrence=377027;event=105049> .

UMD WILL HOST "TRANSPORTATION IN RURAL AND SMALL URBAN AMERICA" CONFERENCE Mar. 14-15. Northeast Minnesota legislators and local, state, and national transportation professionals will attend. The public is invited to an open forum on Mar. 15, 1 p.m., Weber Music Hall. Sponsored by the James L. Oberstar Forum on Transportation Policy and Technology. For more information, see <http://www.cts.umn.edu/events/oberstarforum> .

FRIENDS OF EASTCLIFF HAVE INTRODUCED A BOOK CLUB to support the historic home of U presidents and showcase authors who are faculty, staff, or alumni or have strong ties to the U. For more information, see <http://www.bookstore.umn.edu/eastcliff.html> .

SPLIT ROCK ARTS PROGRAM will offer summer workshops in the Twin Cities for the first time in 2004, as well as at the Cloquet Forestry Center. For more information, call 612-625-8100 or see <http://www.cce.umn.edu/splitrockarts> .

Crookston:

CAMPUS LANDMARK BEDE HALL FELL to demolition crews Mar. 1 to make way for a new student center, due to be completed by the end of summer 2005. For more information, including photos, see <http://www.crk.umn.edu/campusinfo/tour/BedeHall> .

UMC GOLDEN EAGLES HOCKEY TEAM won the Harris Cup for the second year when they bested Marion College Feb. 29 and became the Midwest Collegiate Hockey Association champions. The Eagles also set a new MCHA record with 12 all-academic team members. For more information, see <http://www.crk.umn.edu/people/athletics/hockey/HKNews> .

INTERNATIONAL DINNER SERIES continues with "Yugoslavia: Serbia and Montenegro at the Crossroads of Europe and Cultures," presented by business management freshman Nikola Zecevic. Mar. 8, 6 p.m., Sahlstrom Conference Center. For reservations or more information, see <http://www.crk.umn.edu/newsevents/notices03-04/internatdinner04.htm> .

Duluth:

WORLD-RENOWNED JAZZ PIANIST WILLIAM "BILLY" TAYLOR will receive an honorary degree, Doctor of Humane Letters for Cultural Contributions, at UMD Mar. 5. He will perform the same evening at 7:30 p.m. in Weber Music Hall. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/unirel/homepage/btaylor.html> .

UMD HEALTH SERVICES reports strong cost-containment despite escalating health care costs. As the first-line health-services provider for a campus of 10,000 students, it has expanded services to the growing UMD community while keeping per-capita costs below a 3 percent inflation rate. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/news> .

RESEARCH ON PERUVIAN MUMMIES, led by UMD School of Medicine professor Arthur Aufderheid, has identified Chagas Disease, a parasitic blood illness for which the Red Cross will soon start screening donated blood. The research could provide clues for combating the rare but deadly disease. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/news> .

Morris:

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES has raised the West Central School of Agriculture and Experiment Station to a level of national significance. One of the most intact examples of a residential agricultural high school still standing in the United States, it is also probably the earliest and most intact U.S. campus designed by a team of noted landscape architects. For more info, see <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=109> .

Rochester:

UMR JOINED MORE THAN 300 AREA BUSINESS LEADERS and community members at "Rochester on Tour at the Capitol" Feb. 25. Representatives highlighted educational opportunities and research activities to their legislators and staff.

Twin Cities:

"WOMEN LEADERS TALK ABOUT PUBLIC SERVICE" will feature former Minneapolis mayor Sharon Sayles Belton, council member Lisa Goodman, and Minnesota secretary of state Mary Kiffmeyer. Mar. 4, 3-4:30 p.m., 303 Coffman Union. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1198> .

MINNESOTA CONSORTIUM FOR COMPLEMENTARY AND ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE (CAM) CLINICAL RESEARCH announced a new Web site with information about seminars, postdoctoral fellowships, and internships. For more information, see <http://www.mncam.org> .

INITIATIVES IN DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY GRANT PROGRAM supports faculty research. Deadline is Mar. 15. For more information, see <http://www.dtc.umn.edu> .

LOCAL ARTISTS ARE INVITED to display work at a spring arts and crafts festival Apr. 21 on Northrop plaza. Sponsored by the Visual Arts Committee of the Minnesota Programs and Activities Council. Deadline for proposals is Mar. 14. For more information, see <http://www.spsc.umn.edu/vac/artfest.php> .

VOLUNTEERS FOR BEAUTIFUL U DAY are needed Apr. 22. Stencil a storm drain in St. Paul, compete in the Custodial Challenge, or repaint the outside of the Washington Avenue bridge. For a complete list of activities, see <http://www.facm.umn.edu/BeautifulU> .

MORE EVENTS include "Developing Flexible Work Arrangements" (Mar. 3), the Minnesota Employment Expo (Mar. 4), the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard Drill Team (Mar. 5), "Translations/ferrals: Vernacular/pop Culture on the Concert Stage" dance performance (Mar. 5), Sugar Snow Days at the arboretum (Mar. 6), and "The Sandwich Generation: A Hero or a Sub?" (Mar. 9). These and many more events are posted on the events calendar at <http://events.umn.edu> .

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Legislative update: U bonding request moves forward in the House.
Stadium discussion continues.**2. News and Announcements**Regents will meet Mar. 11-12.
Teaching and advising awards announced.**3. Campus Events and Information****4. Links****1. Top Stories**PRESIDENT BRUININKS will join leaders of the Itasca Project to discuss ways to improve quality of life as part of the annual "What's Next? What's Real? The ChangeMakers" series. He will address regional prosperity and how the U and business community work together. Mar. 10, 4:30 p.m., Minneapolis Hilton. U faculty, staff, students, and alumni can register at a discounted rate. For more information, see <https://www.collaborative.net/events/register.cfm?EventID=193> . Type "UM" after your name to receive the discount.AT THE LEGISLATURE last week, the House Higher Education Finance Committee included all U projects in its bonding recommendations to the House Capital Investment Committee but with several changes in priority and amounts. The governor released his supplemental budget last Thursday, proposing no cuts to the University and including \$1 million for 4-H programs. Cuts to higher education and the U remain possible. Watch for updates at <http://www.umn.edu/urelate/govrel> . Sign up for a calling night at <http://www.umn.edu/groots/phone.php> .

THE U CONTINUES TO MONITOR STADIUM DISCUSSIONS at the capitol. One bill is expected to be introduced that would fund an on-campus Gophers-only stadium and potentially require 75 percent funding from the U and 25 percent funding from the state. While the capital request is the highest priority, the U supports an on-campus Gophers-only facility.

2. News and AnnouncementsREGENTS WILL MEET MAR. 11-12. The agenda will include recognition of McKnight Land-Grant professors, a presentation by associate VP Rinehart on enhancing student engagement, an update on the Minnesota economy, and more. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/regents> .

MORSE-ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS for outstanding contributions to undergraduate education are Philip Baird, Center for Agriculture and Natural Resources, UMC; Pieranna Garavaso, humanities, UMM; Howard Mooers, geological sciences, UMD; Claudia Neuhauser, ecology, evolution, and behavior, UMTC; and John Watkins, English, UMTC. They will be honored at a ceremony Apr. 26.

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO POSTBACCALAUREATE, Graduate, and Professional Education Award recipients, UMTC, are Kristin Anderson, epidemiology; James Carey, physical medicine and rehabilitation; Susan Galatowitsch, horticultural science; Glenn Giesler, neuroscience; Mats Heimdahl, computer science and engineering; Cynthia Peden-McAlpine, nursing; Kathryn Sikkink, political science; and Madelon Sprengnether, English. Ceremony in their honor will be Apr. 26 in conjunction with Morse-Alumni Awards.

JOHN TATE AWARD recipients for excellence in undergraduate advising are Dorothy Anderson, forest resources, UMTC; Linda Miller Cleary, English, UMD; Sally Taylor Lieberman, CLA honors, UMTC; and Ann Pineles, IT lower division programs, UMTC. Ceremony in their honor will be Apr. 23.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GRANTS for faculty are available from the Office of International Programs and the McKnight Arts and Humanities Fund. Deadline is Apr. 1 for activities beginning May-August. For more information, see <http://www.international.umn.edu/travelgrant> .CLASSES WITHOUT QUIZZES gives the public a chance to spend Saturday, Apr. 3, sampling classes and hearing from faculty researchers in the College of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences. Topics range from gardening and lawns to plant pathology in Antarctica and ending world hunger. Registration is required, and space is limited. For more information, see <http://alumni.coafes.umn.edu/forum> .**3. Campus Events and Information****U-wide:**FELLOWSHIPS FOR MID-CAREER PHOTOGRAPHERS residing in Minnesota will be awarded by the UMTC Department of Art and the McKnight Foundation of Minneapolis. Information sessions will be held in Duluth, Rochester, and the Twin Cities. Deadline is Apr. 22. For more information, contact George Slade at 612-626-9640 or slade003@umn.edu or see <http://www.mcknightphoto.org> .**Crookston:**

"WATER QUALITY and the New York City Drinking Water Supply Watersheds" will be presented by David Arscott, research scientist for Stroud Water Research Center in Pennsylvania, as part of the faculty seminar series. Open to students, faculty, staff, and community members. Mar. 12, 3:30 p.m., Agricultural Research Center.

UMC WILL HOST CAREER DAY, an annual event of the Crookston Chamber of Commerce. About 400 juniors from area high schools will attend career sessions offered by more than 40 local and area occupational speakers. Opening speaker will be Bethany Meier, who will participate in the Miss Minnesota pageant this summer. Mar. 16, 9:30 a.m. For more information, see <http://www.crk.umn.edu/campusinfo/calendars> .**Duluth:**AMERICAN INDIAN PROJECTS, School of Social Work, received a three-year, \$150,000 grant, from the Otto Bremer Foundation, for a collaborative project with the Search Institute. The project will develop a culturally appropriate model of the developmental asset approach to community development. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/unirel/homepage/sw.html> ."VISITING NIGER" will be presented by retired UMD anthropologist Sharon Kemp and her husband, who both traveled to Niger last year. Program will be sponsored by the Alworth Institute of International Studies. Mar. 11, noon, 200 Chemistry. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/calendar> .**Morris:**UMM CENTER FOR SMALL TOWNS and the Extension Service will host Kim Leval, senior policy analyst with the Center for Rural Affairs in Nebraska and executive director of the Consortium for Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education. She will lead an informal public forum about national policy issues and available programs. Mar. 11, 9-10:30 a.m., West Central Research and Outreach Center. For more information, see <http://www.centerforsmalltowns.org> .

MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH PAUL GROVE was named Coach of the Year for the fourth time by the Upper Midwest Athletic Conference. Grove led the Cougars to a second-place finish with a 9-3 conference record, one game behind regular-season champ Northwestern College.

Rochester:

DRUG PRICING national expert Stephen Schondelmeyer, U professor of pharmaceutical economics, will speak at a program sponsored by the Rochester Area Alumni and Friends of the U. Reception follows. Mar. 15, 7-8:30 p.m., HB117 Heintz Center Auditorium. For more information, call 507-281-7791.

Twin Cities:McKNIGHT SUMMER FELLOWS presenting next are Randy Moore, General College, on the history of the evolution-creationism controversy; Martha Tappen, anthropology, on research from a paleolithic site at Dmanisi, Georgia; and Gilbert Tostevin, anthropology, on Neanderthal and modern human interaction 40,000 years ago. Mar. 11, 3:30-5 p.m., Nolte Library. More presentations through Apr. 22. For more information, see <http://events.umn.edu/event?occurrence=377342;event=105138> ."PARTNERS IN LEARNING: A CAMPUSWIDE SYMPOSIUM on Best Practices to Enhance Student Learning," for faculty, instructional staff, and grad teaching assistants, will be sponsored by the Council for Enhancing Student Learning, the Office of the Senior VP for Academic Affairs and Provost, the Center for Teaching and Learning Services, and the Academy of Distinguished Teachers. Apr. 19, Coffman Union. For more information or to register, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/CTL/learning.htm> .NETWORK UPGRADE TOWN HALL MEETINGS in St. Paul were a success. More seminars about the upgrade, before installation starts, will be held for each section of the campus. Everyone on campus is invited to attend. Registration is required due to limited seating. Dates are Apr. 2 and 5 for East Bank, south of Washington Ave. View these and more scheduled dates and times, register, and ask questions in advance at <http://www.umn.edu/nts/networkupgrade> .DAVID BRANCACCIO, veteran broadcast journalist and co-host of *NOW With Bill Moyers*, will speak on "Invested Interests, Globalization's New Challenge and What It Means for Your Money." Sponsored by TIAA-CREF with support from Employee Benefits. Mar. 24, 3-4:30 p.m., Coffman Union theater, followed by a chance to meet the speaker. Reserve free tickets at 800-877-6602 or smuellner@tiaa-cref.org . For more information, see <http://events.umn.edu/event?occurrence=377340;event=105136> .CLA WILL HOST ITS FIRST WORLD-LANGUAGES DAY Mar. 15, an opportunity for high school juniors to explore languages and cultures of the world and to experience life at the U. The event is full. For more information, see <http://worldlang.cla.umn.edu> .MORE EVENTS include *Ship Fever* author and Guggenheim fellow Andrea Barrett (Mar. 10); Robert Beck lecture, "Scienceophobia" (Mar. 11); string-theory world expert Briane Greene (Mar. 11); and Nederlands Dans Theater (Mar. 16). These and many more events are posted on the events calendar at <http://events.umn.edu> .**4. Links**Show your support for the U. Join the Legislative Network: <http://www.supporttheU.umn.edu> .
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A BILL IN SUPPORT OF A GOPHERS-ONLY STADIUM at UMTC was introduced Monday at the legislature. While the capital request remains the top priority, the U supports this legislation. A 50,000-seat facility near Mariucci and Williams arenas would be financed with substantial private fundraising and a significant state contribution. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1221&from=umnnews> .

REGENTS MEETING LAST WEEK included a preview of the economic context for the next budget cycle, a facilities assessment that identified maintenance needs for the next decade, and approval of a policy to support the U's technology transfer activities by giving more small or early-stage companies the ability to license technologies developed by U researchers. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1230&from=umnnews> .

PRESIDENT BRUININKS will be a guest today on the Don Shelby Show, WCCO, 83.0 AM radio. Mar. 17, 3-4 p.m.

2. News and Announcements

McKNIGHT LAND-GRANT PROFESSORS for the two-year period beginning July 1 are Baoquan Chen, computer science and engineering, UMTC; Alec Habig, physics, UMD; Heiko Jacobs, electrical and computer engineering, UMTC; Jonathan Marchant, pharmacology, UMTC; Kristopher McNeill, chemistry, UMTC; Joachim Mueller, physics and astronomy, UMTC; Aaron Redish, neuroscience, UMTC; J. B. Shank, history, UMTC; and Kathleen Thomas, child development, UMTC. Recipients are awarded two years of research funding and a leave of one year. They were recognized by the regents Mar. 12. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1200&from=umnnews> .

GRADUATE STUDENT RICHARD HERMES WON A LUCE SCHOLARSHIP for a professional internship in Asia, one of 15 in the nation. Hermes is working toward a master of fine arts in creative writing at UMTC. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1233&from=umnnews> .

U CHIEF OF POLICE George Aylward will leave Apr. 2 to become director of security at Yale University. Assistant VP Hestness expects to make an announcement about future leadership within a few weeks.

A NEW WEB PUBLICATION, *UMNnews*, was introduced by University Relations Mar. 1. *UMNnews* will bring readers research and art updates, breaking stories, the latest U news and events, and expert faculty and staff commentaries on national and international issues. The site also serves as an online home for *M*, *eNews*, and *Brief*. See *UMNnews* at <http://www.umn.edu/umnnews> .

"EVEN MOTHER NATURE LOVES MAROON AND GOLD" postcards and notecards are still available. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/urelate/mothernature> .

FACULTY INTERACTIVE RESEARCH PROGRAM GRANTS promote faculty projects that involve a significant issue of public policy for the state or communities, and include interaction and engagement with Minnesota groups, agencies, or organizations involved with the issue. Deadline is Mar. 25. Sponsored by the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs. For more information, see <http://www.cura.umn.edu/programs/FIRP/announce.html> .

3. Campus Events and Information**U-wide:**

"MINNESOTA WATER 2004: POLICY AND PLANNING TO ENSURE MINNESOTA'S WATER SUPPLIES" conference will feature regional experts and policymakers. Sponsored by the U's Water Resources Center and cosponsored by UMD's Sea Grant Program and Natural Resources Research Institute. Mar. 23-24, Radisson Metrodome, Minneapolis. For more information, see <http://wrc.coafes.umn.edu/Water2004> .

Crookston:

FOUR FINALISTS for the UMC academic affairs vice chancellor position will visit and present public forums: Robert Aronstam, Guthrie Research Institute, Sayre, PA; Adenrele Awotona, Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA; Mark McColloch, U of Pittsburgh at Greensburg, PA; and Daniel Svedarsky, interim vice chancellor, UMC. Mar. 24-30. For more information, see <http://www.crk.umn.edu/newsevents/notices03-04/VCAAfinalists.htm> .

SPRING SEMESTER CONVOCATION will feature sociology professor, wildlife artist, and ecology award-winner Glinda Crawford and biology professor and author Richard Crawford, University of North Dakota. Mar. 24, 10 a.m., Kiehle Auditorium. For more information, see <http://www.crk.umn.edu/newsevents/notices03-04/spring04convo.htm> .

"PROTECTING OUR FOOD SYSTEM FROM INTENTIONAL ATTACK" workshop will be sponsored by Crookston Regional Extension Center, U of M Center for Public Health Preparedness, and U of M Center for Public Health Education and Outreach. Mar. 30, 1-5 p.m., Sahlstrom Conference Center. For more information, see <http://safety.coafes.umn.edu/AqPHP> .

Duluth:

BAEUMLER-KAPLAN HOLOCAUST COMMEMORATION Endowment Campaign announced an anonymous gift of \$50,000. The endowment was established to ensure that lessons of the Holocaust are disseminated to the public, and especially young people, in the Twin Ports area. The annual program of speakers, films, art, and more will begin Apr. 13. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/cla/holocaust/2004bkprogram.htm> .

UMD UNIVERSITY FOR SENIORS, a life-long learning institute, will celebrate 15 years and dedicate a new center. Mar. 20, 5:30 p.m., Kirby Plaza, third-floor rotunda. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/qoto/seniors> .

"DESIGN@UMD2" will showcase graphic design seniors' work. Apr. 2-16, M-F, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Oslund & Associates, Minneapolis warehouse district. Opening for professionals Apr. 2, 4-8 p.m. For more information, see <http://www.design.d.umn.edu> .

Morris:

UMM CHEMISTRY STUDENTS will present an on-campus dress rehearsal of "Science Sensations Showcase," a chemistry road show for Morris-area third-graders. Amazing feats of science are designed to generate enthusiasm for science among elementary-age students. Mar. 17, 7:30 p.m., Science Building auditorium. For more information, see <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=115> .

31st ANNUAL WORLD TOUCH CULTURAL HERITAGE WEEK will kick off with diversity consultant, Hmong storyteller, comedian, and rap artist Tou Ger Xiong (Mar. 18). This year's theme is "Cultural Preservation Through the Indigenous Peoples of the World." Other guests and events will include film director Chris Eyre (Mar. 22), author Christina Garcia (Mar. 23), Mixed Blood Theatre's *Daughters of Africa* (Mar. 24), Japanese film *Ringu* (Mar. 24), a peace run (Mar. 25), poet Denise Sweet (Mar. 25), and a powwow (Mar. 27). For more information, see <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=114> .

Twin Cities:

AS THE METRO BUS STRIKE enters its third week, spring break gave students a reprieve. Many employees continue to find alternative ways to get to work. "The Metro Transit bus strike has caused hardships for many U employees and students who routinely use the bus," said human resources VP Carol Carrier. "Many members of the U community have helped out by offering car pooling and other arrangements for colleagues stranded by the strike. We are all appreciative for that support." Watch for updates that affect parking and transportation at <http://www.parkandtrans.umn.edu> .

PARKING ALERT: High school and collegiate athletic tournaments at UMTC this month are expected to further limit parking. Faculty, students, and staff are urged to plan ahead, carpool, arrive early, and use the Fairgrounds Lot in St. Paul, which only rarely fills to capacity and costs \$3.25 per day. High school girls' basketball tournaments are Mar. 17-18, boys' tournaments Mar. 19 and 24-27. College women's basketball tournaments are Mar. 20-23. For more information, look for parking rates, events, and hot topics at <http://www.parkandtrans.umn.edu> .

INSTALLATION OF THE CAMPUS COMPUTER NETWORK UPGRADE BEGINS MAR. 17. Five installation teams are at work; conversion to the new network begins in July. Installation does not affect service, but call 612-301-4357 (1-help) to report trouble. To register for building notifications, see <http://www.umn.edu/nts/networkupgrade> .

JOIN A TEAM FOR "RELAY FOR LIFE," a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. Apr. 24, Fieldhouse. Pick up an information packet Mar. 23, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. or 3-6 p.m., Moos Tower, second floor (next to Java City). Registration deadline: Apr. 2. For more information, e-mail meyer004@umn.edu .

"RESPONDING TO GRADUATE-LEVEL WRITING" will feature a cross-disciplinary panel of instructors addressing ways to inspire effective revisions, working with students whose first language is not English, and strategies for coauthoring. Mar. 24, 2:30-4 p.m., 207a Lind.

PRERETIREMENT SEMINAR for Civil Service and represented bargaining unit staff will be presented by the Office of Human Resources. Employees age 55 and over have been sent information packets. Mar. 30, 1-3 p.m. or 5-7 p.m., 210-215 Donhowe. To register, complete the form in the packet or call Myron Guthrie at 612-624-8550.

HOST FAMILIES OR INDIVIDUALS are needed for college-age international students Apr. 4-7 while they attend orientation for the Minnesota Agricultural Student Trainee (MAST) program. Students will need room and board for three nights and transportation to and from the St. Paul campus. For more information, call Sue Rains-Johnson at 612-624-2732.

VOLUNTEERS FOR DENTAL CARE are needed by fourth-year dental students, who seek patients for the upcoming Central Regional Dental Board exam. Volunteers must not have had their teeth cleaned for two years; if selected, they will receive free dental care and possible compensation. For a free dental screening, call 612-625-9923.

TWO CHILDREN'S BOOKS selected for the 2004 U Reads list were *The Polar Express*, by Chris Van Allsburg, and *The Wump World*, by Bill Peet. The U's Kerlan Collection holds studies for other books by Van Allsburg and six sheets of studies for *The Wump World*. A sample will be on display in the case inside the plaza door of Andersen Library, Mar. 8-31. For more information about the Kerlan Collection, see <http://special.lib.umn.edu/clrc/kerlan.html> .

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH events continue with a lecture by Roe vs. Wade attorney Sara Weddington (Mar. 24), film series (Mar. 25 and 30), and poetry slam (Mar. 29). For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/women> .

MORE EVENTS include a National Academy of Science lecturer on genetic dissection of cell wall structure and function (Mar. 19), Great Conversation on "Bioethics in the National Spotlight" (Mar. 23), book signing for *Employment With a Human Face: Balancing Efficiency, Equity, and Voice*, by professor John Budd (Mar. 25), feng shui lectures and seminars sponsored by the Center for Spirituality and Healing (Mar. 25-27), CNN anchor Aaron Brown on "World Events and the Media" (Mar. 27), MIT finance and economics professor Stephen Ross on "Behavioral Finance: The Closed End Fund Puzzle" (Mar. 30), and "Reframing the Public Dialogue About the Needs of Young Children" (Apr. 1, register by Mar. 29). These and many more events are posted on the events calendar at <http://events.umn.edu> .

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Note from the managing editor: After several weeks as interim editor, Gayla Marty has agreed to take the reins as editor of *Brief*. She brings to the task many years of experience at the U and a keen understanding of news and issues important to faculty and staff. *Brief* is in good hands. --Ann Freeman, managing editor.

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"THE UNIVERSITY AND ENGAGED RESEARCH: WHY IT MATTERS" will be the topic of a U-wide interactive panel discussion for faculty, staff, students, and community members. Discussion will explore ways for public engagement to be incorporated into U research initiatives from early planning stages. The event will open with a reception and a welcome by President Bruininks. Kettering Foundation president David Mathews will speak on "The Engaged University: Breaking New Ground." Senior VP Jones will moderate a panel representing four of the president's interdisciplinary initiatives. The audience is invited to bring examples from their own initiatives, projects, and grants and to engage in discussion. Sponsored by the Council on Public Engagement. Apr. 8, 2:30-5 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center. For more information, see <http://events.umn.edu/event?occurrence=377570;event=105249> .

PATRICK LLOYD, D.D.S., M.S., will become dean of the School of Dentistry Apr. 1. Lloyd has served at Marquette University and the University of Iowa. He is the president-elect of the American College of Prosthodontics (ACP), founding chair of its geriatrics committee, and has served as editor-in-chief of ACP's *Journal of Prosthodontics* for 10 years. For more information, see <http://www.ahc.umn.edu/news/NewsFiles/lloyd031204> .

2. Feature Stories

SUMMER CAMPS INTRODUCE YOUTH TO THE U: It's that time of year when parents are scrambling to get summer programs lined up for their children and reservations made. If you are one of those parents or know one, check out what the U campuses have to offer--from the tried and true to the brand new. MORE: http://www.ur.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Summer_camps_introduce_youth_to_the_U.html .

A SPEECHWRITER'S WORLD: When the president's speechwriter, Dan Gilchrist, was asked to recommend a book for the 2004 U Reads list, a favorite children's book was the first thing that popped into his head--*The Wump World*, by Bill Peet. Last week at the U's Kerlan Collection, Gilchrist got to see early drafts of the book's wump-y illustrations. MORE: http://www.ur.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/U_Reads_Childrens_book_leaves_a_lasting_impression.html .

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Council of Academic Professionals and Administrators (CAPA) News

P&A staff member Randy Croce admits that, before he went to his first calling night in support of the U's bonding request, he expected the worst. Instead, "virtually everyone I called supported the University and wanted to know what they could do to help. . . . The experience was actually uplifting." Join CAPA staff and others to support the U in the coming critical weeks of the session. MORE: <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/capa> .

Civil Service Committee News

April 2 is the deadline to apply to serve on the U-wide Civil Service Committee, a group of 15 members appointed by the president and approved by the Board of Regents. Six seats are open for terms beginning July 1: four for the Twin Cities campus and one each for Crookston and Duluth. The committee's mission is to represent the interests of civil service employees and participate in U governance to support the U's overall mission. Applicants are asked to complete a short form and meet with a search committee Apr. 16. MORE: <http://www.umn.edu/csc/application/application.html> .

Resources From Human Resources

Work/Life: A pushy driver nudges your bumper in heavy traffic . . . a colleague takes credit for your ideas . . . you get left out of the loop on an important decision. The more people you interact with every day, the more things happen that can irritate, annoy, and madden you. Here are some practical ways to cope with anger and all its cousins. MORE: <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/eap/coanger1.htm> .

Great Service: What can the U learn about service from a large health maintenance organization? HealthPartners senior VP Scott Aebisher recently shared with the U's Great Service Initiative steering committee some ideas for encouraging excellent service. With 630,000 patients to satisfy, HealthPartners keeps a close watch on service goals. MORE: http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Publications/Brief/Great_service_at_HealthPartners.html .

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1. Top Stories

CARLSON SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT RECEIVED A \$10 MILLION GIFT to support expansion of its undergraduate program by up to 50 percent. Alumnus Herbert Hanson, Jr., '49, and his wife, Barbara, announced the donation Mar. 26. A new facility with a target opening date of 2008 is planned next to the existing building in Minneapolis, west bank. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1239&from=umnnews> .

U ATHLETICS TEAMS SCORED MAJOR VICTORIES MAR. 28. UMTC Golden Gopher women's hockey team won its first National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) championship over Harvard 6-2. UMD men's hockey team advanced to the Frozen Four for the first time since 1985 by besting the Gophers 3-1. Gopher women's basketball team advanced to the NCAA Elite Eight for the first time with a 76-63 win over Boston College. For more information, see http://www.ur.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Banner_day_for_Gopher_women.html and <http://www.umdbulldogs.com> .

U SCIENTISTS CRACKED THE GENOME SEQUENCE of a deadly intestinal parasite, described in research published Mar. 25. For more information, see <http://www.ahc.umn.edu/news/NewsFiles/genome032504> .

2. News and Announcements

PRESIDENT BRUININKS will be a guest on *Midday*, Minnesota Public Radio, broadcast statewide on 91.1 FM radio and on the Web. He will discuss U priorities, including the legislative request and Gopher stadium, and will take listener calls. Apr. 1, 11 a.m.-noon. For more information, see <http://www.mpr.org> .

THE SECOND SEASON OF *TECH TALK* will begin the week of Apr. 4. The TV show gives insight into technology in everyday life for everyone from techies to Luddites. "Buying a Computer" is the first episode. *Tech Talk* is broadcast statewide and on the Web. For more information, see <http://techtalk.umn.edu> .

90TH BIRTHDAY OF NORMAN BORLAUG, U alumnus and Nobel Prize winner, was celebrated Mar. 25. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1236&from=umnnews> .

"DAYS OF GREAT ILLUMINATION: B. F. SKINNER in the Gold Medal Flour Mill," an illustrated lecture by UMTC psychology professor Gail Peterson, will demonstrate an important scientific discovery Skinner made atop the mill doing top-secret research during World War II. A U professor and noted American psychologist, Skinner would have been 100 this year. Apr. 1, 7 p.m., Mill City Museum. For more information, see <http://www.millcitymuseum.org> .

CIVIL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES ARE NEEDED in U governance. Openings are anticipated on many senate and assembly committees, task forces, and boards. Deadline to apply is Apr. 15. For more information about committees, see <http://www.umn.edu/usenate/committees.html> . For an application to become a civil service representative, see <http://www.umn.edu/csc> or contact Brenda Boever, boeverba@mrs.umn.edu or 320-589-6466.

CIVIL SERVICE STAFF DEVELOPMENT FUNDS are still available. Non-bargaining-unit civil service staff members employed at least 75 percent time may apply for a one-time grant or up to \$100 per year to reimburse out-of-pocket expenses such as registration fees for a seminar, workshop, conference, or course. For an application or more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/csc> .

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U-wide:

TRAVEL INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND STAFF and departmental staff are scheduled in anticipation of summer travel. Reentry into the United States is increasingly difficult or impossible. Apr. 6, 3 p.m., and Apr. 14, 10:30 a.m., 101 Walter Library; Apr. 21, 2 p.m., and May 4, 2:30 p.m., 110 Heller Hall. For more information, see <http://www.iss.umn.edu> .

THE SCIENCE BEHIND EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH and its policy implications will be the topic of a U faculty discussion. Panelists will include Stem Cell Research Institute director Catherine Verfaillie, Center for Bioethics director Jeff Kahn, and Program in Human Rights in Medicine cochair Steve Calvin. VP Cerra will moderate. Apr. 13, 6:30 p.m., Coffman Union theater.

Crookston:

20TH ANNUAL NORTHWEST URBAN FORESTRY WORKSHOP will address local urban forestry initiatives, invasive species, and urban forest pests. Apr. 2, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Agricultural Resource Center. For more information, see <http://www.crk.umn.edu/cal/urbanforest> .

ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL DINNER will feature foods from Ghana, Vietnam, Serbia, and Montenegro and entertainment planned by UMC international students. UMC has 36 international students from 16 countries. Apr. 3, 6 p.m., Brown Dining Room. \$10, advance tickets only. For more information, call Brent Melsa at 218-281-8540 or -8538.

Duluth:

UMD TECHFEST will showcase the latest technology used at UMD to enhance education, with exhibits and demonstrations. Free and open to the public. Apr. 2, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Kirby Student Center ballroom. For more information, call 218-726-7587.

THE SECRET OF THE TALKING BIRD, a musical based on a Sicilian fairy tale, directed by UMD Chancellor Martin, lyrics by theater faculty member Tom Isbell, and performed by UMD students, will premier as part of the 2004 Italian American Festival in Duluth. Apr. 22, 7:30 p.m., Marshall Performing Arts Center; subsequent performances through May 1. The festival will include a jazz concert (Apr. 16), an art exhibit from Palermo (Apr. 22-June 15), the opera *La Traviata* and an academic conference (Apr. 29-May 1), and Italian-American heritage events (Apr. 30-May 1). For more information, see <http://www.italiafest.us> .

Morris:

SOPHOMORE WOMEN'S WRESTLER TABITHIA RAMSEY has been selected to represent the United States in the 2004 Pan American Games in Guatemala City, May 6-9. For more information, see <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/~wrestle/women> .

UMM 26TH ANNUAL JAZZ FEST will draw more than 700 high school and community jazz musicians for three days of clinics with some of the world's greatest jazz musicians as their teachers. Headline performers will be Wayne Bergeron and Kim Park, who will join UMM jazz ensembles under the direction of James "Doc" Carlson, UMM jazz combos, alumni jazzers, and the West Central All Stars during performances each evening. Apr. 1-3. For tickets, call 320-589-6080. For more information, see <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=119> .

PRESIDENT BRUININKS and his wife, Susan Hagstrum, Regent Bohnsack, and Joanie Bohnsack will be the guests of Chancellor Schuman and Nancy Schuman at the jazz festival Friday evening. Residents of the Morris area are invited to a community breakfast on Saturday to meet with the president and his wife. Apr. 3, 9-10 a.m., Prairie Inn.

BIG JAZZ BAND SPRING BALL in Glenwood will feature UMM musicians, free swing dance lessons, and prizes. The fifth annual fund-raiser will support UMM Humanities Phase III project, the Imholte Scholarship, and the Lakeside Ballroom Fund to rebuild the legendary building destroyed by fire. Apr. 16, events beginning 7:15 p.m., Glenwood. For more information, see <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=118> .

Rochester:

SERIES ON CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY will culminate this month with appearances by consumer advocate and presidential candidate Ralph Nader, congressional representative Gil Gutknecht, dean Kjell Knudsen from UMD, other UMD and UMTC faculty members, and more. For more information, see <http://www.roch.edu/commontheme> .

Twin Cities:

SHEILA ARDS has been appointed associate VP for community partnerships and development in the Office of the Senior VP for System Administration. Her responsibilities include targeted development initiatives related to student affairs, multicultural affairs, and community partnerships.

SUMMER 2004 TERM WILL CONSIST OF 14 WEEKS rather than the usual 13 due to the way Labor Day falls this year. For payroll purposes, U practice is to begin fall semester the Monday before Labor Day. Departments should take into consideration the 14-week payroll term when setting up summer appointments.

STATISTICAL SURPRISE OF THE METRO BUS STRIKE is how resourceful the U community is: more than 15,000 bus pass holders are taking up fewer than 1,500 extra parking spaces each day. Parking remains available in the Fairgrounds Lot and the East River Road Garage. One resource for efforts to end the strike is the Minnesota Transit Choices/Rider Network. For more information, see <http://mntransit.org> .

FIVE GLBT UNDERGRADUATES ARE NEEDED to be health advocates in a 2004-05 program sponsored by Boynton Health Service and the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender (GLBT) Programs office. Deadline to apply is Apr. 16. Optional credit is available through the School of Public Health. For more information, see <http://www.bhs.umn.edu/HA> .

MULTICULTURAL TEACHING AND LEARNING FELLOWSHIPS of \$2,500 are available for instructional staff to support projects, from idea to analysis and sharing stages. Deadline is Apr. 23. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/teachlearn/mc.html> or contact Ilene Alexander at alexa032@umn.edu .

NOMINATIONS FOR COLLEGE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION Distinguished Teaching Awards are due May 3. For materials, call 612-625-0238. For more information, contact Kay Cooper at 612-625-1206 or kcooper@cce.umn.edu .

SERVICE-LEARNING FACULTY FELLOWS PROGRAM provides \$5,000 each to seven faculty members to develop service learning into new or existing courses. Service learning is a teaching methodology that integrates community-based learning with academic curriculum. Deadline is May 21. For more information, call 612-625-3344 or see <http://www.servicelarning.umn.edu/faculty> .

A SARITA WETLAND DESIGN won the Beautiful U Day stencil contest and will be applied by volunteers on campus storm drains in St. Paul Apr. 22. The image of ducks and grasses was created by art student Scott Stulen. For more information, see <http://www.facm.umn.edu/BeautifulU> .

CELEBRATION OF AMERICAN INDIAN WOMEN will recognize Rev. Marlene Whiterabbit Helgemo, American Indian Studies chair Patricia Albers, and Carlson School alumna Jaclyn Blackbird. Keynote speaker is author Susan Power. Sponsored by the American Indian Learning Resource Center, American Indian Student Cultural Center, and Office for University Women. Apr. 7, noon, Coffman Union. For reservations, call Melissa Buffalo, 612-624-0564.

GREEN LIGHT AT THE END OF THE DOCK Festival of Romantic Writing, hosted by Garrison Keillor, will be May 9. Deadline for a juried competition of original love songs and poems is Apr. 15. For more information, see <http://english.cla.umn.edu> .

MORE EVENTS include "Homage to the Chili Pepper" (Mar. 31), GradFest (Mar. 31-Apr. 1), "From Neurons to Neighborhoods" Harris Forum on child development (Apr. 1), "Environmental Threats to Children's Health: Legal and Policy Challenges" conference (Apr. 2), town hall meeting on AIDS with Senator Coleman (Apr. 2), "Linking Landscape and Water Quality in the Mississippi River Basin for 200 Years" (Apr. 2), grand opening of the Center for Outdoor Adventure in Minneapolis (Apr. 5-6), "Empty Cages" lecture by animal rights professor and activist Tom Regan (Apr. 6), and President's Commissioned Interdisciplinary Conference on Medical Devices (Apr. 7). These and many more events are posted on the events calendar at <http://events.umn.edu> .

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UMNnews: Check out the new Web-based publication with stories from and about the U. See www.umn.edu/umnnews .

eNews: To subscribe to *eNews*, a biweekly e-newsletter with a mix of U stories, news, and happenings, see <http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/enews> .

Today's News Headlines: To subscribe to Today's News Headlines, a daily e-mail update of media coverage that is either about or references the U, see <http://www.umn.edu/urelate/newsservice/todaysnews.html> .

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UMD BULLDOG MEN'S HOCKEY TEAM will compete in the Frozen Four championship of the National Collegiate Athletic Association. Coach Scott Sandelin was named Western College Hockey Association (WCHA) coach of the year, and Junior Lessard was named WCHA player of the year. For more information, see <http://www.umbulldogs.com>.

UMTC GOPHER WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM ended their history-making season with a loss to the University of Connecticut defending champions in the Final Four. For more information, see http://www.ur.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Gophers_fall_in_Final_Four_but_the_memories_remain.html.

THE CARLSON SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT'S full-time M.B.A. program ranked 21st in the nation, up from 26th last year, in the U.S. News and World Report annual "America's Best Graduate Schools" rankings publication, released Monday--the highest national ranking in the school's history. It tied for 6th among public schools. The Medical School's research ranking also climbed. UMD's primary care program held its 5th-place rank, and law, nursing, public health, and veterinary medicine also retained their ranks. For more information, see the Carlson School's news release at <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1301&from=umnnews> or the publication at <http://www.usnews.com>.

2. News and Announcements

2004 BREAKING THE SILENCE AWARDS will honor UMM Chancellor Schuman for his continuing efforts to promote a fair and open work and learning environment for all students, faculty, and staff, regardless of sexual orientation; and UMTC Housing and Residential Life for its groundbreaking work in support of transgender student needs. The awards are given by the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender University Community at the Lavender Graduation and Awards Ceremony, this year on Apr. 29 in the Twin Cities.

BEST DGS (DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE STUDIES) and Best DGS Assistant awards have been announced by the Graduate School. DGS recipients are Jean Bauer, family social science; William Engeland, neuroscience; Judith Preckshot, French; and Diane Tedick, curriculum and instruction. DGS assistant recipients are Daire Frank, physical therapy; Maria Juergens, water resources science; Susan Prahl, psychology; and Kathy Soupir, environmental health. Ceremony in their honor will be Apr. 22, 3-5 p.m., 101 Walter Library. For more information, see <http://www.grad.umn.edu/news>.

THE U'S ANNUAL DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARDS CEREMONY will honor 13 educators for contributions to undergraduate, graduate, and professional education. All U faculty, staff, and students are invited. Apr. 26, 3:30 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. To register, call 612-624-2323 or see <http://www.alumni.umn.edu/distinguishedteaching>.

THERE'S STILL TIME TO SUPPORT THE U'S CAPITAL BONDING REQUEST. Participate in calling nights, Apr. 8, 13, 20, and 27, or sit in on higher education committee meetings on Thursdays at the capitol, Apr. 15 and 22. You can also join the Legislative Network and contact your legislators any time. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/groots/phone.php> (calling nights), <http://www.umn.edu/groots/tatc.php> (Thursdays at the capitol), and <http://www.umn.edu/groots> (Legislative Network).

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THE CENTER FOR URBAN AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS (CURA) invites faculty from across the U to apply for the 2004-05 Fesler-Lampert Chair, a one-year endowed position that supports research activities related to urban and regional affairs in Minnesota. Deadline is Apr. 16. For more information, contact Tom Scott at 612-625-7340 or scott001@umn.edu or see <http://www.cura.umn.edu>.

WATER ON THE WEB (WOW) is a Web-based curriculum to help college and high school students understand and solve real-world environmental problems using advanced technology. "WOW and Duluth Streams: Windows to the Health of Northern Minnesota Streams and Lakes" will be presented by Cynthia Hagley, environmental quality extension educator with Minnesota Sea Grant. Apr. 13, Duluth; Apr. 14, Grand Marais. For more information, see <http://www.seagrant.umn.edu/speakerseries> or WOW at <http://www.waterontheweb.org>.

A DAYLONG WORKSHOP ON FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER for west central Minnesota human services providers, including teachers, nurses, guidance counselors, and more, will be hosted by UMM. Apr. 22. For more information, see http://www.mrs.umn.edu/cefp/conferences/human_services.

GUEST HOUSING ON THE TWIN CITIES CAMPUS is available during the summer for campus visitors, prospective students and parents, and people with U-related business or activities. November through August, temporary accommodations are available for visiting faculty and staff and their accompanying families. For more information, call 612-624-2994 or see <http://www.housing.umn.edu>.

Crookston:

"LOSING WEIGHT IS ONE THING--LOSING PERSPECTIVE IS ANOTHER" will be presented by Alicia Haviland, R.N., coordinator of Northwest Medical Center's Adolescent Issues and Eating Disorder Program. Apr. 14, noon-1 p.m., Sahlstrom Conference Center.

ANNUAL STUDENT AWARDS RECEPTION and program, "A Tradition of Excellence," will honor student achievement and service. Apr. 15, 6 p.m. reception; 6:30 p.m. program. Kiehle rotunda.

Duluth:

McKNIGHT LECTURE, "LIVING LANDSCAPES: Archaeological Investigations Into Craft Production in an Ancient Middle Eastern Urban Society," will be presented by Jennifer Jones, assistant professor of anthropology. A reception will follow. Apr. 12, 3:30 p.m., 235 Anderson Hall. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/calendar>.

ANNUAL NEW MUSIC FESTIVAL will feature the Verdehr Trio. Apr. 8-9, 7:30 p.m., Weber Music Hall. For more information, call 218-726-8877 or see <http://www.umdmusic.org>.

Morris:

UMM STUDENTS EXCELLED ON THE PUTNAM MATHEMATICS EXAM, given nationally in December. UMM ranked 71 out of 479 institutions that competed.

2004 UMM ACADEMIC STAFF AWARD WENT TO FEROLYN ANGELL, director of the Academic Assistance Center and a dance instructor. The award recognizes Academic Professional and Administrative (P&A) staff who have made distinguished contributions to UMM.

2004 UMM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TEACHING AWARD WENT TO GWEN RUDNEY, associate professor of elementary education for outstanding contributions to undergraduate education. The award will be presented at the student honors and awards ceremony. May 7, 7 p.m., Humanities and Fine Arts recital hall.

Rochester:

TWO EVENTS IN UMR'S CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY SERIES will be "Business Ethics, Higher Management, and Business Education," by Kjell Knudsen, dean of the UMD Labovitz School of Business and Economics, at a Rotary Club luncheon Apr. 8; and "Corporate Responsibility in the Pharmaceutical Industry," by Rep. Gil Gutknecht, Apr. 13, 10 a.m., Hill Auditorium, University Center Rochester. Gutknecht's presentation is free and open to the public. For more information, see <http://www.roch.edu/commontheme>.

Twin Cities:

NEW U POLICE DEPARTMENT CHIEF is Gregory Hestness, who also serves as assistant VP for the Department of Public Safety. Hestness joined the U in 2003 after 28 years with the Minneapolis police. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1300&from=umnnews>.

FINALISTS FOR THE CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY CONSORTIUM director position will appear in public forums: Glenace Edwall, Minnesota Department of Human Resources (Apr. 12); Catherine Jordan, U pediatrics and neurology (Apr. 13); Abigail Gewirtz, U Institute for Child Development and Tubman Family Alliance (Apr. 20). For more information, see <http://www.cyfc.umn.edu>.

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2004 UNIVERSITY STORES LAB FEST will feature more than 70 vendors showing new equipment and supplies. Lunch will be served. Apr. 14, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Radisson Metrodome; Apr. 15, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., St. Paul Student Center.

A NONPROFIT CAREER FAIR will feature more than 40 organizations, many of which offer volunteer opportunities. The Center for Human Resource Development recommends volunteering as a good way to develop skills that don't exactly fit your current job. Apr. 7, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Great Hall, Coffman Union. For more information, see <http://events.tc.umn.edu/event?occurrence=377680;event=105374>.

A FORUM ON SUSTAINABILITY with architecture professor Mary Guzowski, waste-management official Dana Donatucci, and executive VP Sullivan, will discuss how the U is making sustainability efforts in different areas. Opened by VP O'Brien. Beautiful U Day, Apr. 22, 9 a.m., Presidents Room, Coffman Union. For more information, see <http://www.facm.umn.edu/BeautifulU>.

THE U OF M ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY gala finale will feature international composer and alumnus Yanni, '76. Tickets are now on sale. May 6, Northrop Auditorium. For more information, call 612-624-2345 or see <http://www.alumni.umn.edu/annualcelebration>.

22ND ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL features 150 films from 50 countries, the biggest festival ever. For more information, see <http://www.mnfilmarts.org>.

McKNIGHT SUMMER FELLOWS final presentations will be by Susanna Ferlito, French and Italian, on mapping Italian "landscapes of crisis"; Bruno Chaouat, French and Italian, on shame and survival; and Andrew Elfenbein, English, on the relation of British romanticism to the history of English. Apr. 7, 3:30-5 p.m., 140 Nolte. For more information, see <http://events.tc.umn.edu/event?occurrence=377451;event=105196>.

CORRECTION: MULTICULTURAL TEACHING AND LEARNING FELLOWSHIPS e-mail contact, in Brief Mar. 31, is Ilene Alexander at alexa032@umn.edu.

MORE EVENTS include "Communicating Science to General Audiences" (Apr. 7); "The University and Engaged Research" (Apr. 8); "Take Back the Night (Apr. 8); "Multicultural Math" (Apr. 9); physics Nobel laureate Steven Chu (Apr. 12); "The Ironic Politics of Obesity" (Apr. 13); annual David Noble Lecture, "The Intimacies of Four Continents," by University of California professor Lisa Lowe (Apr. 13); a Great Conversation, "Predicting the World's Ecological Future," with author Jared Diamond and Regents Professor David Tilman (Apr. 13); and Nigerian activist and writer Annie Brisibe (Apr. 14-15).

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GOLDWATER, SOROS, AND TRUMAN award winners include several UMTC students. Goldwater scholars are undergraduates Maralyssa Bann, neuroscience/biochemistry; Vincent Holmberg, chemistry/chemical engineering; and Kai-Hao Tung, chemistry/chemical engineering. A Soros Fellowship for New Americans was awarded to Pakou Hang, a first-year doctoral student in political science. A Truman scholarship was awarded to Maya Babu, a junior in neuroscience and psychology. For more information, see <http://www.act.org/goldwater/sch-2004.html> (Goldwater); <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1241&from=umnnews> (Soros); and <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1297&from=umnnews> (Truman).

UMD BULLDOG HOCKEY RIGHT WING Junior Lessard finished his senior season by winning the Hobey Baker Memorial Award as the most outstanding college hockey player of the year. He is the fourth Bulldog to win the prize. Lessard led the team to the Frozen Four championship. For more information, see http://www.umdbulldogs.com/mens/hockey/index.php?sect_rank=2&story_id=953.

A COMMENTARY IN SUPPORT OF THE U'S BONDING REQUEST by President Bruininks appeared in the *Pioneer Press* Apr. 13. For more information, see <http://www.twincities.com/mld/twincities/news/editorial/8415316.htm>. Action on the bonding bill is not expected before next week. The Legislative Network is urging support for the request in the final weeks of the legislative session. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/groots>.

A WRITING TEST WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION to the Duluth, Morris, and Twin Cities campuses beginning with applicants for fall 2006. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1392&from=umnnews>.

2. News and Announcements

STUDY ABROAD CURRICULUM INTEGRATION CONFERENCE will disseminate methods and research of U-wide efforts leading the way to create study abroad opportunities in students' core disciplines. Representatives from 120 colleges, universities, and study abroad programs across the country and six other nations will attend. President Bruininks will introduce the event, and former vice president Walter Mondale will provide the keynote. Internationalizing the Curriculum is organized by the Learning Abroad Center. Apr. 15-17, Radisson Hotel Metrodome. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1394&from=umnnews>.

BIG JAZZ BAND SPRING BALL in Glenwood will feature UMM musicians, free swing dance lessons, and prizes. The fifth annual fund-raiser will support UMM Humanities Phase III project, the Imholte Scholarship, and this year also the Lakeside Ballroom Fund to rebuild the legendary building destroyed by fire. Apr. 16, events beginning 7:15 p.m., Glenwood. For more information, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/Jazz_lives_on_in_Glenwood.html.

SUMMER INSTITUTES FOR LANGUAGE TEACHERS at all levels are open for registration. Sponsored by the U's Center for Advanced Research on Language Acquisition (CARLA). For more information, see <http://www.carla.umn.edu/institutes>.

3. Campus Events and Information

U-wide:

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: "KEEPING OUR FACULTIES III: Recruiting, Retaining, and Advancing Faculty of Color" conference, hosted by senior VP Jones, will be Nov. 18-21. Proposal deadline is May 15. For more information, contact Lori Graven at 612-624-3642 or lgraven@cce.umn.edu, or see <http://www.cce.umn.edu/KOF>.

THE EXTERNAL SALES ACTION FORM has been replaced by two new forms: Request to Conduct External Sales, and External Sales Annual Reporting Form. Both new forms are now in standard University format. The request form includes new questions about anticipated creation of intellectual property and confidentiality of information or results. The forms are on the Web at <http://www.fpd.finop.umn.edu/groups/ppd/documents/index/formscategory.cfm?ctg=FI>

Crookston:

UMC'S STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE (SIFE) team took the regional championship Apr. 6 for the fifth straight year. The team will advance to the SIFE USA National Exposition May 23-25 in Kansas City, Missouri. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/newsevents/notices03-04/SIFE-ReqChamp2004.htm>.

A RESEARCH PROJECT ON COMPUTER-MEDIATED LEARNING by senior Ryan Owens with former vice chancellor Doug Knowlton will be presented in the National Conference for Undergraduate Research Apr. 16 in Indianapolis. The project supports the assertion that computer-mediated learning creates a positive impact on learning.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CLUB will participate in Crookston's seventh annual Parent-Child Carnival, which focuses this year on early-childhood literacy. Students developed hands-on learning activities for children six months to eight years old. Free and open to the community and all children of UMC students, faculty, and staff. Apr. 20, 6-8 p.m. For more information, call 218-281-8285.

Duluth:

A PULITZER PRIZE IN BREAKING-NEWS PHOTOGRAPHY was awarded to UMD alumna Cheryl Diaz Meyer, '90, for her work in Iraq. On the staff at the Dallas Morning News, she recently spoke at UMD about her work. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2004/February/20.html>.

"RETURN TO VILNIUS," by Samuel Bak, will be the keynote lecture for an exhibit of contemporary art that addresses Holocaust awareness. The exhibit is on display at the Tweed Museum of Art Apr. 13 through June 13. Part of the Baeumler-Kaplan Holocaust Commemoration Program. Apr. 20, 4 p.m., Kirby ballroom. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/cla/holocaust>.

DEPARTMENT OF ART AND DESIGN student exhibition will also be on display at the Tweed, Apr. 10 through May 9. The annual juried exhibition features all types of media. Opening reception Apr. 14, 6 p.m.

Morris:

"RURAL COMMUNITIES ADAPTING TO THE NEW CENTURY" will be the second annual symposium cosponsored by the Center for Small Towns and the Minnesota Association of Small Cities. The symposium will feature speakers, discussion, working sessions, and celebration. Part of the President's 21st Century Interdisciplinary Conference Series. June 8-9, UMM. For more information, see <http://www.centerforsmalltowns.org>.

Rochester:

"CORPORATE IRRESPONSIBILITY: IT'S NOT MY FAULT--OR, IS IT?" by UMD Labovitz School of Business and Economics professor Steven Castleberry is a free, interactive event. Apr. 15, 5:30 p.m., ST 108 University Center Rochester campus.

RALPH NADER, consumer advocate and presidential candidate, will be on campus for the grand finale of UCR's Corporate Responsibility series. He will join UMTC Carlson School of Management professor Ian Maitland for "A Conversation About Corporate Responsibility" and give an evening lecture. All speaking engagements are free and open to the public. Apr. 20, 2:30 p.m. book signing and 3:30 p.m. conversation, University Center Rochester campus; 7 p.m., Rochester Century High School auditorium. For more information, see <http://www.roch.edu/commontheme>.

Twin Cities:

DEADLINE TO PARTICIPATE IN INVENTORY ON TEACHING AND LEARNING is Apr. 16. The Council for Enhancing Student Learning e-mailed 1,100 UMTC faculty and instructional staff to invite assessment of institutional and individual practices that affect student learning. Participants become eligible to win a \$500 travel grant, courtesy of the senior VP for academic affairs and provost. For more information, contact Leanne Wirkkula at 612-625-0563 or wirkkula@umn.edu.

"PARTNERS IN LEARNING: A CAMPUSWIDE SYMPOSIUM on Best Practices to Enhance Student Learning," will feature leading national scholar and international consultant Peggy Maki. The daylong event is designed for faculty, instructional staff, and graduate teaching assistants to share ideas about effective instructional practices and to build skills that enhance student learning and improve educational outcomes. Free, but registration is required. Apr. 19, Coffman Union. For more information, including conference schedule and session abstracts, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/CTL/learning.htm>.

"CHOICES: UNDERSTANDING ALTERNATIVES IN PRINTING AND MAILING" is a half-day workshop for staff. Space is still available. Apr. 21, Printing Services Building. For more information, call 612-625-9500 or see <http://www.printing.umn.edu>.

BEAUTIFUL U DAY will include a tree planting in honor of three U community residents who lost their lives in a fire last September. Apr. 22, 11 a.m., Van Cleve Park, 15th and Como. For more information, see <http://www.facm.umn.edu/BeautifulU>.

CELEBRATING UNIVERSITY WOMEN annual spring awards event will be held on Earth Day and feature "Nature, Meaning, and Modern Life," by Minnesota Land Trust executive director Jane Prohaska. Recipients of Distinguished Women Scholars Awards, Civil Service and Bargaining Unit Award, Mullen/Specter/Truax Women's Leadership Award, and Sharon Doherty Award will be honored. Apr. 22, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Coffman Union. Free, but reservations required. For more information, contact 612-625-2385 or women@umn.edu, or see <http://events.umn.edu/event?occurrence=377801;event=105467>.

SHERWIN-WILLIAMS is offering discount cards to staff and students on Beautiful U Day at the Washington Avenue bridge. The upper deck of the bridge will get a paint job by volunteers. Three percent of sales from the discount cards will support the U's Gopher Wagon, an interactive traveling exhibit about U work related to children, youth, and families. Cards are also available at the information desks in Coffman Union and the St. Paul Student Center and at Gopher Express West. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/usave/discounts.html>.

FREE TICKETS TO GOPHER BASEBALL vs. Penn State on Apr. 17 will be given to those who attend journalist and author Tom Stanton's talk about his new book, Hank Aaron and the Home Run That Changed America. Apr. 17, 11 a.m., U Bookstores, Coffman Union. For more information, see <http://events.umn.edu/event?occurrence=377710;event=105388>.

MORE EVENTS include University Theatre production *Rocky Horror Picture Show* (Apr. 16 through May 1); author A. S. Byatt (Apr. 17); scholar and educator panel on "Shattering Myths about ACL (Knee) Injuries in Female Athletes" (Apr. 19); "The Power of Water," by world water expert Peter Gleick (Apr. 20); the Green M&M Project (Apr. 21); former interior secretary Bruce Babbitt on "Earth Day in the 21st Century" (Apr. 22); and conference on "Fugitive States: Palestine, Occupation, Dissent" (Apr. 23).

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AT THE LEGISLATURE: The House Capital Investment Committee meets this morning and is expected to forward a proposal that includes \$90.48 million in state funding for the following U projects: Higher Education Asset Preservation and Replacement, Academic Health Center education facilities, UMD life sciences, education sciences (former Mineral Resources Research Center building), Kolthoff Hall, UMM district heating facilities, UMD business school, and Grand Rapids Research and Outreach Center. Additionally, the U will contribute \$26.1 million for a total bonding package of \$116.6 million. The economic development portion of the House proposal also includes \$20 million for the U-Mayo biotechnology research facility. For updates, see <http://www.umn.edu/urelate/govrel> .

FULBRIGHT award winners include five UMTC students who will study abroad in 2004-05. Doctoral students are Ted Brekken, electrical engineering, Norway; Kristen Jones, Germanic studies, Denmark; Fawna Korhonen, geology, Finland; and Lisa Peschel, theater arts, Czech Republic. Undergraduate Laura Hammond, German and political science, received a teaching assistantship in Germany. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1397&from=umnnews> .

THE U WAS CHOSEN AS A NATIONAL RESEARCH SITE for two of the most economically devastating food-animal diseases. Major grants for cattle and swine disease research were announced by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Apr. 14 in St. Paul. For more information, see <http://www.cvm.umn.edu/NewsandEvents/Facts/johnes> and <http://www.cvm.umn.edu/researchandgradprog/research/researchprograms/funded/prrs> .

THE U'S CENTER FOR MINIMALLY INVASIVE SURGERY was designated as the Midwest Training Center in Surgical Robotics, one of 11 training centers in the nation. For more information, see http://www.ahc.umn.edu/news/NewsFiles/surgical_robotics .

2. News and Announcements

PALERMO COMES TO DULUTH: The port cities of Duluth, Minnesota, and Palermo, Sicily, conclude a yearlong arts exchange Apr. 22 to May 2 with a musical premier, opera, conference, Italian-American heritage celebration, and more. Jack Bowman, dean of UMD's School of Fine Arts, played a key role in creating a festival that has engaged the entire northeast region of Minnesota. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/A_taste_of_Italy_comes_back_to_Duluth.html .

COEXISTENCE ART EXHIBITION from Jerusalem's Museum on the Seam will come to downtown Minneapolis (May 1 to June 12) and St. Paul (June 14 to July 6), presented by the UMTC College of Liberal Arts with the support of community partners. For more information, see <http://www.chgs.umn.edu/coexistence> .

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Crookston:

SUSAN HAGSTRUM, wife of President Bruininks, will speak at two events for the Crookston community Apr. 23. She will also meet with UMC students and prospective students and administrators.

UMC MAN AND WOMAN OF THE YEAR are seniors Jay Tupa, marketing and management, and Cheryl Isder, natural resources. UMC's top student awards of the year recognize academic achievement, extracurricular involvement, and campus service. For more information, see <http://www.crk.umn.edu/welcome.htm> .

ON NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICES DAY, UMC students and clubs will work with high school students and youth organizations in city cleanup and local service projects, including volunteering with an Alzheimer's patient. Apr. 24, 10 a.m., Crookston High School foyer.

Duluth:

THE 2003-04 CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED RESEARCH was made to Viktor Zhdankin, professor of chemistry. His award lecture, "Iodine and Life," will give an overview of the critical role iodine plays in human life. Apr. 26, 3:15 p.m., Kirby Student Center. Reception to follow. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/chem/faculty/vzhdanki.html> .

RETIRING FACULTY MEMBERS are Sabra Anderson, mathematics; Ron Cagle, chemistry; James Grant, geological sciences; Joyce Kramer, social work; Dean Lettenstrom, art; Gordon Levine, geography; John Newstrom, management studies; and David Smith, sociology/anthropology.

BAEUMLER-KAPLAN HOLOCAUST COMMEMORATION program will present "Push Me, Toulec!" as the Alworth lecture. Max Herbach will recount how his family survived the Nazi Holocaust. Apr. 22, noon, Kirby Student Center ballroom. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/cla/holocaust/2004bkprogram.htm> .

Morris:

EMPLOYEES RETIRING with more than 300 years of combined service to UMM as well as faculty and staff recipients of U- and campuswide awards will be honored during the annual faculty and staff recognition dinner. Apr. 29, 7 p.m., Oyate Hall, Student Center. For more information, see <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=140> .

2004 UMM UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM will give center stage to student research on topics from interethnic conflict strategies to imperialism in Filipino game shows. The public is invited. Apr. 21, 3 p.m. opening ceremony, Science Auditorium. For more information, including a list of presentations, see <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/urs/program.html> .

MENDELSSOHN'S GRAND ORATORIO ELIJAH will be performed with the combined force of UMM musicians, including 120 singers, 55 instrumentalists, a solo quartet, and a dozen soloists. Apr. 27, 7:30 p.m., Assumption Catholic Church. For more information, see <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=138> .

Twin Cities:

BEAUTIFUL U DAY will include a tree-planting memorial in Van Cleve Park, painting the Washington Avenue bridge and free discount cards from Sherwin-Williams, custodial challenge, storm-drain stenciling to promote wetland awareness, a forum on sustainable practices on campus, awards for most beautiful building and classroom, and the Office for University Women awards and celebration. Apr. 22. For more information, see <http://www.facm.umn.edu/BeautifulU> .

NEW GENERAL COLLEGE assistant dean and director of student services is Robert Poch, former director of the Minnesota Higher Education Services Office (MHESO). For more information, see http://www.gen.umn.edu/faculty_staff/poch .

NEW CARLSON SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT director of international programs is Randal Zimmermann, who has served as associate director of the U's Center for Nations in Transition and as a research fellow in the Humphrey Institute. For more information, see <http://www.csom.umn.edu/Page1.aspx?showcontent=22118&display=2&templateID=2> .

FOURTH FINALIST FOR THE CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY CONSORTIUM director position is Trisha Beuhring, U Institute on Community Integration. A public forum will be Apr. 28, 3-4 p.m., Ski-U-Mah Room, McNamara Alumni Center. Three other finalists were announced in *Brief* Apr. 7. For more information, see <http://www.cyfc.umn.edu> .

UNDERSTANDING AND ADDRESSING JOB STRESS AND BURNOUT will be the topic of a bag-lunch program by Rosie Barry, Employee Career Enrichment Program. Presented by the Civil Service and Bargaining Unit Initiative Committee and the Office for University Women. Apr. 28, noon-1:30 p.m., 210 Donhowe Building. To register, e-mail women@umn.edu .

McKNIGHT SUMMER FELLOWS presenting this week are Jani Scandura, English, on sound, emotion, and modernity; Jan Estep, art, on "the optimist versus the skeptic"; and Ananya Chatterjea, theatre arts and dance, on "rehabilitating dance in urban jungles." Apr. 22, 3:30-5 p.m., Campus Club, Coffman Union.

RELAY FOR LIFE organized by faculty and staff will raise funds for the American Cancer Society. Apr. 23-24, Fieldhouse. For more information, e-mail meyer004@umn.edu or see http://www.ahc.umn.edu/ahc_content/outreach/relay .

MORE EVENTS include Spring Jam (Apr. 18-24); Buddhist lama Ole Nydahl (Apr. 20); "Detention, Repression, and Removal: Immigration Detention in the U.S." (Apr. 21); the 35th annual Minnesota iron pour (Apr. 23); "The Politics of Primitivity: Healing the Sex Wars in Queer/Feminist San Francisco, 1990-99" (Apr. 23); "Diversity in the Transition to Adulthood" conference (Apr. 26).

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THE U HAS BEEN NAMED ONE OF THREE HOMELAND SECURITY CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE and received a three-year, \$15 million federal grant to help develop ways to protect the nation's food supply from deliberate contamination or terrorist attack. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1542&from=umnnews> .

AT THE LEGISLATURE: Upcoming weeks are expected to be pivotal to the U's request, with final votes expected on the bonding bill and the convening of a conference committee as early as the week of May 3. A bill proposing a Gophers-only stadium for UMTC is expected to be introduced by Rep. Stang Apr. 29. For updates, see <http://www.umn.edu/urelate/govrel> .

LEGISLATIVE NETWORK is trying to reach the 10,000-member mark before conference committee members are chosen. To encourage friends to sign up, see <http://www.umn.edu/groots/background/taf.php> .

PRESIDENT BRUININKS MET WITH HIGHER EDUCATION LEADERS and spoke to the chamber and rotary club in St. Cloud Apr. 27. Regents Frobenius and Metzgen accompanied him. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1511> .

2. News and Features*

AT THE ANNUAL P&A CELEBRATION TODAY, the Department of Chemistry will receive the 2004 Outstanding P&A Unit Award. The event and award, sponsored by the U Council of Academic Professionals & Administrators (CAPA), honors academic professional and administrative (P&A) staff on all campuses. All P&A staff are welcome to attend. To read the story in *UMNnews* or link to CAPA, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Department_of_Chemistry_wins_2004_professional_staff_award.html .

FROM GOPHER TO GIGANET: It's a fairly routine computer network upgrade for the Twin Cities campus, but it's big, with a big name to match. More than 2,600 switches in nearly 300 buildings are currently being replaced to get ready for the change. The crew is in St. Paul now--coming soon to a closet near you. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see http://www1.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/From_Gopher_to_GigaNet_UMTC_network_upgrade.html .

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University-wide:

BOARD OF REGENTS PUBLIC FORUM ON THE U BUDGET for fiscal year 2005 gives individuals a chance to address the board. The regents seek viewpoints and concerns of U constituents as they review the administration's proposed budget before taking action June 11. May 18, 11:30 a.m., Boardroom, sixth floor, McNamara Alumni Center. Contact the board office by May 11 if you wish to speak: 600 McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak Street S.E., Minneapolis, MN 55455-2020, 612-625-6300. For more information, see <http://events.umn.edu/event?occurrence=377941;event=105557> .

PROPOSALS FOR THE INTERNATIONALIZING ON-CAMPUS COURSES program are due Apr. 30. Sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Learning Services and the Learning Abroad Center. For more information, see <http://www.umabroad.umn.edu/ci/componentmodels/iocc/umtc.html> .

ACADEMY OF DISTINGUISHED TEACHERS has announced grants and coordinators for the period beginning July 1: a summer faculty service-learning workshop, Lisa Loegering, Office of Service Learning, UMC; agricultural science outreach, Michelle Christopherson, Agriculture and Natural Resources, UMC; and a pilot project to introduce undergraduates to professional science, Marvin Marshak, Physics and Astronomy, UMTC. For more information, see <http://www.adt.umn.edu/grant.htm> .

Crookston:

"ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT: OPPORTUNITIES IN RURAL AREAS" will be the topic of a seminar for the campus and community by Donald Wyse, UMTC professor of agronomy and plant genetics. A discussion on a proposed UMC Center for Sustainable Development will precede the seminar. Apr. 28, 10 a.m. discussion, noon seminar, Sahlstrom Conference Center.

UMC TEAMBACKERS annual Fun Nite will raise funds for athletic scholarships. Social time, prime rib or walleye dinner, games, cash prizes, dance, and music by Tommy Helgeson. Tickets \$35. Apr. 30, 6 p.m. For more information, call Rose Ulseth, 218-281-8439.

Duluth:

A MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE IN CRIMINOLOGY, the only master's in criminology offered in Minnesota, will be offered by the UMD Department of Sociology-Anthropology beginning fall 2005. Applications will be accepted beginning June 1. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/socanth/CrimMA> .

ITALIAN-AMERICAN FESTIVAL PEAKS THIS WEEKEND with the academic conference on campus, "Crossing the Waters: Italian-American Connections" (Apr. 29-May 1), and a variety of cultural and arts events. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/unirel/homepage/ital.html> .

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE'S annual Dennis Brissett Memorial Lecture will be "Voices from the Grave: Interviews With Parents of Murdered Children," by Daniel Martin, Department of Sociology-Anthropology. May 4, 3 p.m., 142 School of Medicine.

Morris:

AVENIDA DE CESAR CHAVEZ is the new name for UMM's Center Drive. The street was renamed in honor of the United Farm Workers Association founder. At a celebration Apr. 20, the first annual Chavez Award was made to Minority Student Program staff member Bonnie Tipcke and student Phoebe Trepp by UMM's United Latinos. For more information, see <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=146> .

INPUT ON REAUTHORIZATION OF THE FEDERAL HIGHER EDUCATION ACT, which will establish spending targets for a six-year period and provide an opportunity to increase funds for financial aid and universities, will be the focus of open meetings with UMM alumnus Jim Gelbmann, state director for Sen. Dayton. Apr. 30, 10-11 a.m. faculty and staff, 1-2 p.m. students, Prairie Lounge.

Rochester:

ONE OF THE FIRST GRADUATES OF THE M.D./M.P.H. DUAL DEGREE program, Brian Palmer, was elected president of the American Medical Student Association and will begin his appointment in Reston, Va., in May. After the one-year term, Palmer plans to continue his medical training as a resident. The dual degree is a program of the Mayo Medical School and the UMTC School of Public Health, with the public health portion offered through UMR.

Twin Cities:

MINNESOTA CHIEF JUSTICE KATHLEEN BLATZ received the UMTC School of Social Work's 2004 Alumni of the Year Award Apr. 27 for her legal advocacy and work to protect Minnesota's children. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1513> .

RETIRED PROFESSOR MERLE MEYER, a pioneer in the use of aerial photography for natural resources management, died Apr. 17. He served in the College of Forestry (now Natural Resources) 1952-85. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1510> .

UMTC STUDENTS WON THE COLLEGE BOWL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP Apr. 25 in Montgomery, Ala., its first national title since 1989. Team included Frank Shockey, geography, captain; Raymond Anderson, geography; Ryan Peterson, mathematics and physiology; Matthew Sauter, geology; and Thomas Soderholm, philosophy. Bowl coach Dave Dorman is retiring after 17 years. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1515> .

UMTC ATHLETES WILL BE HONORED BY THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS Apr. 30 with the designation of U of M Student Athlete Day. The city council will honor the women's hockey, basketball, and volleyball teams and NCAA champion wrestler Damion Hahn.

NEW CARLSON SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT (CSOM) ALUMNI DIRECTOR is Kristine Kosek, who will oversee networking that connects more than 44,000 CSOM graduates around the world. Kosek has 10 years of U experience, most recently for the Institute of Technology. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1512> .

PUBLIC MEETING ON STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN for UMTC will be hosted by the Department of Environmental Health and Safety. Apr. 29, 4 p.m., St. Paul Student Center. For more information, see <http://www.dehs.umn.edu/iead/stormwater> .

U REUSE WAREHOUSE'S SECOND PUBLIC AUCTION will be Apr. 29 and May 3-4, ReUse Warehouse, 883 29th Avenue S.E. For more information, see <http://www.reuse.umn.edu> .

YANNI CHRYSOMALLIS, '76, will be the featured speaker at the U of M Alumni Association 100th anniversary gala finale and annual celebration. He will receive an honorary doctorate of humane letters for outstanding cultural contributions. May 6, festivities beginning at 5:30 p.m. For more information, see <http://www.alumni.umn.edu/annualcelebration> .

"INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD: Obligations of U.S. Universities to Developing Countries" will be the topic of a one-day symposium to provide public discussion and reevaluation of land-grant universities' basic roles. Apr. 29, St. Paul Student Center. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1509> .

MORE EVENTS include the College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture public art design exhibition (Apr. 28); "Questioning the Queen: Isabel I of Castile, 500 Years Later" interdisciplinary symposium (Apr. 30-May 1); "Two-Part Invention" one-act plays by the first graduating class of the U-Guthrie Theater B.F.A. acting program (through May 2); 2004 President's Student Leadership and Service Awards Banquet (May 3); and Friends of the U Libraries annual celebration and book-signing with Minnesota Book Award finalists (May 5).
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ACCREDITATION FOR RESEARCH INVOLVING HUMAN PARTICIPANTS was awarded to the U of M Apr. 27 by the Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs. The U is the ninth institution worldwide to receive the distinction. For more information, see <http://www.ahc.umn.edu/news/NewsFiles/accreditation042804> .

AT THE LEGISLATURE. The Senate Capital Investment Committee passed a bonding bill May 4 that includes all the U's projects and \$50 million for Higher Education Asset Preservation and Replacement. It could reach the Senate floor as soon as Wednesday and then will go to a conference committee next week. To support the U's request, see <http://www.supporttheu.umn.edu> .

LEGISLATIVE CALLING NIGHTS are scheduled for May 11, 12, and 13. College, department, faculty, and staff support will be critical. Callers will encourage U supporters to contact conference committee members about the U's capital request. To sign up, see <http://www.umn.edu/groots/phone.php> .

A GOPHERS-ONLY STADIUM amendment was added to the professional sports stadium bill in the House May 4. While the bonding request remains the U's highest priority, state encouragement this year for a stadium would help fund-raising efforts and avoid costs of delay. A bill will be heard in the State and Local Government Operations Committee in the Senate today. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/stadium> .

2. News and Announcements

WORK/LIFE: SUMMER PLANS FOR "TWEENS." Parents with children in the "between" years of 8 to 12 years old can find summers a challenge to plan. Find out what some U parents do to make the summers during these years safe and enjoyable. To read the story in UMNnews, see http://www1.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Tweens_working_parents_and_summer_plans.html .

THE U NEWS SERVICE WANTS YOUR NEWS. Get a glimpse of how the University News Service works and how your department can work with its staff to get your stories out. To read the story in UMNnews, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/The_U_News_Service_wants_your_news.html .

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THE PRESIDENT'S AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE will be made to S. Bruce Benson, College of Pharmacy, UMTC; Martin Bussman, media resources, UMTC; Martin Dworkin, microbiology, UMTC; Patty Finstad, Child Care Center, UMTC; Robert Fisch, pediatrics, UMTC; Allen Isaacman, history, UMTC; Judy Kirk, U of M Foundation; Sally Gregory Kohlstedt, history of science and technology, UMTC; Bonnie Marten, Human Resources Management System; Steven Poppe, West Central Research and Outreach Center, UMM; Fran Stark, General College, UMTC; Roxanne Struthers, nursing, UMTC; Jamie Tiedemann, Aurora Center for Advocacy and Education, UMTC; Richard Weinberg, child development, UMTC. Recipients will be recognized by the Board of Regents May 13 and at a reception at Eastcliff June 2.

FACULTY INTERACTIVE RESEARCH PROGRAM AWARDS will be made by the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA) to four UMTC faculty members: Timothy LaPara, civil engineering, "Persistence of Antibiotics in Minnesota Surface Waters"; Renee Sieving, nursing, "Partners in Action for Teen Health"; and Marvin Bauer, forest resources, and Steven Monson, geography, "Assessing and Forecasting Land-Use and Land-Cover Change in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area." For more information, see <http://www.cura.umn.edu/programs/FIRP/FIRP-awards.html> .

THE U POLICY LIBRARY on the Web includes a new policy on the use of hazardous biological agents in teaching and research and a regents policy on the use of royalty income to support technology commercialization. Changes have been made to policies on effort certification and on paying human subjects. A new full-text search feature has been added for academic/administrative, financial, and faculty senate policies. For more information, see <http://www.fpd.finop.umn.edu/groups/ppd/documents/main/policyhome.cfm> .

Crookston:

COMMENCEMENT: About 145 students will attend graduation ceremonies. Former state senator Roger Moe, a native of Crookston, will be awarded the honorary doctor of laws degree and give the commencement address. May 8, 2 p.m., Lysaker Gymnasium. For more information, see <http://www.crk.umn.edu/newsevents/notices03-04/grad2004.htm> .

COMMENCEMENT FOR THE COLLABORATIVE DEGREE PROGRAM offered by UMC, Northwest Technical College, and Marvin Windows and Doors will honor 19 employees who will receive associate degrees. May 11, 7 p.m., Warroad High School Auditorium.

THE PARTNERSHIP between UMC, NTC, and Marvin Windows and Doors will be recognized nationally as a 2004 American Society of Training and Development (ASTD) Excellence in Practice Citation winner in the workplace development category. The award will be presented at the ASTD international conference and exposition in Washington, D.C., May 23.

Duluth:

COMMENCEMENT: The largest commencement in UMD history will celebrate 1,058 students receiving the baccalaureate degree. World-renowned architect Cesar Pelli, who designed UMD's Weber Music Hall, will be awarded an honorary doctor of humane letters degree and will be the featured speaker. May 15, noon, Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/calendar> .

GRADUATE PROGRAM COMMENCEMENT will honor 125 candidates, including one Ph.D. and the first 11 students from the UMD master of business administration (MBA) program offered in Rochester. Erik Brown, associate professor, geological sciences, will speak. May 13, 7 p.m., Romano Gymnasium. For more information about UMD-UMR master's, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/unirel/homepage/rochester.html> .

BULLDOGS HOCKEY COACH Scott Sandelin was named National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I men's hockey Coach of the Year by the American Hockey Coaches Association. Sandelin is in his fourth year at UMD. For more information, see http://www.umdbulldogs.com/mens/track/index.php?sect_rank=8&story_id=963 .

Morris:

COMMENCEMENT: Nearly 370 students will receive the bachelor of arts degree at UMM's 41st commencement. Actor, author, and activist Peter Coyote will give the commencement address. May 8, 1:30 p.m., UMM mall; Physical Education Center in case of rain. Preceded by a concert and followed by a reception. For more information, see <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=148> .

RELATED EVENTS on May 7 will include a Native American Honoring Ceremony, 4-5:30 p.m., Oyate Hall; and a student honors and awards ceremony, 7 p.m., Humanities and Fine Arts Recital Hall.

GEOLOGY PROFESSOR PETER WHELAN died unexpectedly Apr. 17 of complications related to a stroke. A memorial service was held Apr. 22. Whelan began teaching at UMM in 1983.

Rochester:

GRADUATION CELEBRATION will honor more than 70 UMR students receiving degrees this year from the College of Education and Human Development, College of Continuing Education, Institute of Technology, School of Social Work, School of Nursing, and School of Public Health, UMTC; and the Labovitz School of Business and Economics, UMD. May 10, 5:30 p.m., University Center Rochester.

STEM CELL INSTITUTE DIRECTOR Catherine Verfaillie will make a public presentation about research. Proceeds will go to the Rochester Alumni and Friends of the U of M Scholarship Fund. May 12, 7-8:30 p.m., Hill Theater, University Center Rochester. For more information, see <http://www.alumni.umn.edu/chapter-rochester> .

Twin Cities:

COMMENCEMENT: Nobel prize-winner Norman Borlaug and the president of the American Civil Liberties Union will be among speakers at UMTC college commencements May 7-21 and June 18. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1573&from=umnnews> .

A MULTICULTURAL GRADUATION gathering, "Embracing Difference and Change in the 21st Century," is free and open to the public. Registration is required by May 7. May 15, 6-10 p.m., Great Hall, Coffman Union. For more information, see <http://events.umn.edu/event?occurrence=377906;event=105525> .

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GRADUATION CELEBRATION will honor all undergraduate, professional, and graduate students completing programs from fall 2003 through the end of 2004. May 13, 3:30-6 p.m., Humphrey Ballroom, Radisson Hotel Metrodome. For more information, call 612-626-7100.

"HIGH-STAKES TESTING: Distorted Data and Distressed Schools" will be the 2004 Phi Delta Kappa Distinguished Lecture by David Berliner. Registrations will be taken at the door. May 5, 7 p.m., 3M Auditorium, Carlson School of Management. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1541&from=umnnews> .

FORMER GOVERNOR ARNE CARLSON will provide the keynote address at the fifth annual Macular Degeneration Symposium, a free educational seminar. For more information, see http://www.ahc.umn.edu/ahc_content/news/calendar/Calendar.cfm?&OP=MAIN .

NEXT TOWN HALL MEETINGS FOR THE GOPHER GIGANET campus computer network upgrade are open for registration. When installation in St. Paul is complete, technicians will move on to Minneapolis, East Bank, south of Washington Avenue. May 26, 1-2:30 p.m., and May 27, 3-4:30 p.m., Mississippi Room, Coffman Union. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/nts/networkupgrade/townhall.html> .

MORE EVENTS include a Work/Life bag lunch session on buying a house (May 5); the Horticulture Club's spring plant sale (May 6-9); "Transversal Poetics" (May 7); Arboretum spring plant sale (May 8-9); "The Green Light at the End of the Dock: A Festival of Romantic Writing" with Garrison Keillor (May 9); "Great Conversations: Populism in the Heartland" with Catherine Liu and Thomas Frank (May 11); Monster.com founder Jeff Taylor with career advice (May 12); and Interdisciplinary Conversations on Social Capital (May 13-14).
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REGENTS WILL MEET MAY 13-14. The board will review President Bruininks's operating budget and tuition recommendations for fiscal year 2005, which include budget cuts and reallocations and tuition and fee increases that average 14 percent for UMTC undergraduates and 13 percent at UMC, UMD, and UMM. Also on the agenda: a resolution to provide \$1 million to University Enterprise Laboratories, an independent nonprofit corporation; an update on compliance with recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions on affirmative action; the UMD student experience; annual tenure and promotion recommendations and faculty salary report; and recognition of numerous faculty and staff award winners. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1656> .

THE MINNESOTA LEGISLATURE has less than a week to complete business before adjournment May 17. Reports yesterday indicated that an agreement had been reached on how to finish the work of balancing the state's budget, bonding, and other issues. For the latest update on progress, see <http://www.umn.edu/urelate/govrel> . To urge legislators to support the U's bonding request, go to <http://umn.e-actionmax.com/takeaction.asp?aaid=491> .

FORMER U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE MADELEINE ALBRIGHT will be among the recipients of Hubert H. Humphrey Public Leadership Awards to be given June 8. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1544&from=umnnews> .

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TRAVEL DELAYS: Ready for a 67-day wait? That's the average time it takes right now for international students and staff on F, J, and H visas to get security clearances to reenter the United States if they happen to leave. Not everyone needs a security clearance, but it's impossible to predict who will. Find out what the UMTC Department of Chemistry did when 11 people--about 10 percent of its teaching assistants--were delayed outside the U.S. over winter break. Learn what your department can do to avoid similar problems this summer. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Post911_blues_at_the_U.html .

GREAT SERVICE AT PRINTING: A complicated scholarship mailing to prospective students used to take a week to mail out. Printing Services' electronic, personalized printing process merged and collated the materials online in a fraction of the time it used to take, streamlining a tedious job. Technology and versatility are key components of the Printing Services philosophy. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Great_Service_Printing_Services.html .

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BOARD OF REGENTS PUBLIC FORUM ON THE U BUDGET for fiscal year 2005 will gather constituent viewpoints and concerns before the board takes action on the budget next month. May 18, 11:30 a.m. Boardroom, sixth floor, McNamara Alumni Center, with live satellite feed for participation at 220 Dowell Hall, UMC; 458 Humanities, UMD; 7 Humanities and Fine Arts, UMM. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1655> .

SYSTEMWIDE GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER (GLBT) TASK FORCE presented its report to senior administration Apr. 30, outlining a long-term plan to further improve U climate for GLBT students, staff, and faculty. Recommendations include creation of a standing systemwide GLBT commission reporting to the senior VP for system administration, assessing and improving the workplace environment for GLBT employees, and more. The complete report and individual campus-climate reports are available to download at <http://www.umn.edu/qlbt/StandWithUs/pdfs/TaskForceReport.pdf> (PDF).

NEW GUIDE TO HOSTING INTERNATIONAL VISITORS is now available from the Office of International Programs. The guide provides planning, cultural, and protocol advice for arranging a short visit of an international guest or delegation. To request a printed copy, call 612-624-5580 or e-mail international@umn.edu; or download a copy at <http://www.international.umn.edu/visitorsguide> .

A GOOD LABORATORY PRACTICE (GLP) TRAINING COURSE will be offered for U faculty and staff by the Federal Office of Regulatory Affairs. Topic will be practices guided by federal regulations 21CFR Part 58. June 9, 7:45 a.m.-5 p.m., 156 Continuing Education and Conference Center, St. Paul. \$250; \$500 for non-U participants. U employees can register at <https://onestop2.umn.edu/training/category.jsp?category=CONTSUBST&unit=ORA> .

CERAMIC ART OF UMD, UMM, AND UMTC PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS are part of the "College Bowl I" exhibit at the Northern Clay Center this month. Running concurrently is "From the Garden: Forms, Images, and Ideas," curated by Rob Silberman, art history, UMTC. Through May 30, Minneapolis. For more information, see <http://www.northernclaycenter.org> .

Crookston:

NEW DEPARTMENT HEADS are David DeMuth, Jr., associate professor of physics and math, to lead the new math, science, and technology department; and Ronald Del Vecchio, professor of animal science, to lead the agriculture department. The announcement caps a six-month discussion of academic restructuring at UMC. Three more appointments are expected soon. For more information, see <http://www.crk.umn.edu/newsevents/notices03-04> .

UMC STUDENTS PLACED FIRST in the National Judging Competition, senior division, of the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture in Kewanee, Ill., Apr. 22-24. UMC students participated in contests including crop science, soils, livestock judging, dairy judging, horse judging, agricultural business management, and quiz bowl. For more information, see <http://www.crk.umn.edu/newsevents/notices03-04/NACTA2004.htm> .

Duluth:

GOVERNOR PAWLENTY recognized Junior Lessard and coach Scott Sandelin of the UMD men's hockey team May 6. For more information, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Bulldog_player_coach_recognized_by_Governor_Pawlenty.html .

Morris:

NATIONAL WALTER JENSEN SCHOLARSHIP first runner-up is French major Katie Droske. The American Association of Teachers of French makes the award for study abroad.

FORMER COUGAR COACHES Al Molde, Rich Glas, Larry Edlund, and Doug Dufty will host a 1970s UMM athletic reunion. Aug. 14, Stub's Ballroom, Battle Lake. RSVP by July 1. For more information, see <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=151> .

Rochester:

NURSING'S ANNUAL MAY GATHERING celebrated accomplishments of School of Nursing alumni and UMR nursing students, faculty, and friends May 3. Outgoing dean Sandra Edwardson gave farewell remarks.

A SEAT-BELT SAFETY AND ALCOHOL AWARENESS campaign held May 5 at University Center Rochester was organized by UMR nursing seniors Leah Askegaard, Marissa Juul, Michelle Ranheim, and Elizabeth Saxler. Events included a rollover simulator, brought by the state patrol, to show results of not wearing a seat belt.

Twin Cities:

PARKING LOT SUMMER CLOSINGS: The Oak Street Ramp, Minneapolis, is closed to public parking through Aug. 15. The State Fairgrounds parking lot S108, St. Paul, will close for the summer May 14, 11 a.m. For more information, see <http://www.parkandtrans.umn.edu/hottopics.htm> .

NEW FOOD SCIENCE AND NUTRITION department head will be Allen Levine, effective Sept. 1. Levine has directed the Minnesota Obesity Center since 1995 and served as deputy associate chief of staff for research at the Minneapolis Veterans Administration Medical Center for more than 15 years. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1649&from=umnnews> .

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE 2004 U.S. TRANSPLANT GAMES to be held at the U July 27 to Aug. 1. Sponsored by the National Kidney Foundation. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1652&from=umnnews> .

BOOKS FOR AFRICA CAMPAIGN is accepting book donations through the U Bookstores. Students and others are encouraged to participate. Through May 17. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1619&from=umnnews> .

A NEW BOOK CLUB has been created by President Bruininks and his wife, Susan Hagstrum, to showcase U authors and support Eastcliff, the historic home of U presidents. Faculty, staff, and community members are invited to join Friends of Eastcliff. First gathering May 25, Eastcliff. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1574&from=umnnews> .

MINNESOTA CENTENNIAL SHOWBOAT summer 2004 tickets for *The Mousetrap* are now on sale. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1617&from=umnnews> .

MORE EVENTS include Vital Aging Summit (May 13); WAM BASH of art creation and food at the Weisman Art Museum (May 13); "Attracting Butterflies to Your Garden," Bell Museum (May 15); Monday evening wine class, Campus Club (May 17); and "Books of the Time of Isabella and Ferdinand" (through May 24).
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THE MINNESOTA LEGISLATURE ADJOURNED MAY 16 without passing key legislation, including a bill to balance the state budget, a bonding bill, or a stadium bill. For more information, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/House_and_Senate_adjourn_without_passing_key_legislation.html .

PRESIDENT BRUININKS PRESENTED HIS OPERATING BUDGET AND TUITION RECOMMENDATIONS for 2004-05 to the Board of Regents on May 14. For more information, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/President_announces_fiscal_year_2005_budget_recommendations.html .

2. News and Features

INTERNATIONAL ENROLLMENT DROPS: Since 9/11, international enrollment at the U has dropped, most sharply at the graduate level. Big research universities across the nation are suffering the most as more international students stay home or go elsewhere for graduate study. Administrators and leaders are working to understand why, gauge the impact, and stem the tide. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Big_chill.html .

PRIORITY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS: A major, multiyear drive to raise private scholarships for students, including a new matching program to encourage more donors, was announced by President Bruininks May 13. The initiative aims to offset tuition increases, make the U's scholarship support more competitive with other Big Ten universities, and promote graduation rates. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/President_Bruininks_makes_scholarships_top_priority.html .

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TREK ACROSS THE U: Have you received your pedometer yet? If not, watch for it in campus mail. Faculty and staff on all campuses are invited to participate in an eight-week walking program as part of the U Wellness Initiative. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/eb/wellness> .

472 CIVIL SERVICE AND BARGAINING UNIT (CSBU) EMPLOYEES will mark milestones of 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, and 45 years of service this year. A celebration in their honor will be held at Eastcliff June 7. Civil Service staff members are listed on the Civil Service Committee Web site, <http://www.umn.edu/csc> .

THE U DEPARTMENT OF AUDITS RECEIVED A COMMITMENT TO QUALITY IMPROVEMENT AWARD from the Institute of Internal Auditors. The department was one of 12 recipients worldwide for 2003. The award recognizes professional excellence, quality of service, and professional outreach and is based on a demonstration of knowledge, skills, discipline, and commitment. For more information about the department, see <http://www.umn.edu/audit> .

THE WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE provides U women faculty and staff a professional cohort to engage in leadership development over a one-year period. Applications are due June 14. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/adp/wli.html> .

"CAREER MOBILITY AT THE U: EXPLORING THE HEALTH SCIENCES" will feature a panel including Susann Jackson, Boynton Health Service; Jill Spencer, Medical School; Lori Wellmann, veterinary pathobiology; and Faith Mrutu, pediatrics. Sponsored by the CSBU Women's Initiative Committee with support from the Office for University Women. May 26, noon to 1:30 p.m., 210 Donhowe Building, Minneapolis, east bank. Limited space available; to register, contact women@umn.edu .

Crookston:

NEW DEPARTMENT HEAD for arts, humanities, and social sciences department is Sharon Neet, professor of history. For more information, see <http://www.crk.umn.edu/newsevents/notices03-04/NeetDepthHead.htm> .

FACULTY AND STAFF RECOGNIZED by UMC and the Northwest Research and Outreach Center include Soo-Yin Lim-Thompson, early childhood education, for distinguished teaching; Sue Dwyer, publications and design, for distinguished service (CSBU), and Les Johnson, human resources, for distinguished service (academic professional and administrative staff). For more information, see <http://www.crk.umn.edu/newsevents/notices03-04/FacStaffAwards.htm> .

CONSTRUCTION CREWS are currently raising the steel-beam structure of the new student center. For more information, see <http://www.crk.umn.edu/campusinfo/Tour/StudentCenter> .

Duluth:

WEBER MUSIC HALL BENEFACTORS Mary Ann and Ronald Weber, who met while attending UMD, received distinguished alumni awards May 15. The Shjon Podein Award for Community Service went to senior Matt Williams, who also became the third-generation UMD graduate in his family. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/news> .

THE DULUTH AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ANALYSIS AND STRATEGY PROJECT will be funded with a \$50,000 grant from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development and conducted with the Labovitz School of Business and Economics. The six-month project will search for potential enterprise networks in the Duluth area, including Douglas County, Wisconsin. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/news> .

Morris:

"STEWARDS OF THE PAST AND FUTURE: Exploring Tools for Historic Preservation on Campus" is the topic of a conference for planners, facilities managers, groundskeepers, and other stewards of historic campus buildings and landscapes. UMM was named this year to national significance on the National Register of Historic Places and received a grant for preservation planning from the J. Paul Getty Trust. Sponsored by UMM and the Minnesota Historical Society. June 23-24; registration required by May 28. For more information, see <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/preservation> .

Rochester:

A COMPUTER SCIENCE WORKSHOP FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND TEACHERS will be offered by UMR and IBM. It will include C++ programming language, programming basics and debugging, decision making, problem solving, and teamwork. Aug. 2-6. For more information, contact workshop coordinator rosnyder@rochester.k12.mn.us or see <http://www.r.umn.edu> .

Twin Cities:

DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP AWARDS FOR INTERNATIONALS have been made to five UMTC alumni: Lahsen Ababouch, '82, Morocco, College of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences and College of Human Ecology; Andres Gil, '93, Uruguay, College of Veterinary Medicine; Obioma Nnaemeka, '77, '89, Nigeria, College of Liberal Arts; Hyeoum Ae Park, '83, '86, '87, Korea, School of Nursing and School of Public Health; and Shigeo Tajima, '55, Japan, College of Education and Human Development. For more information, see <http://www.international.umn.edu/awards/leader/leader.html> .

"COOLING OFF" OF UMTC IN ST. PAUL will kick off with a celebration for a new central chiller to be installed in the historic building at 1518 Cleveland Avenue. Energy efficiency and preservation are key features of the project. May 19, 2 p.m., soccer field behind 1518 Cleveland Avenue. For more information, see <http://www.cppm.umn.edu/projects/Chiller/chiller.html> .

RECONSTRUCTION OF 15TH AVENUE S.E. BEGINS MAY 24. The project, from 5th Street S.E. to Como Avenue, is expected to continue into fall. The U's Child Care Center and Department of Athletics have been involved in project meetings with the city. For more information, see <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/public-works/cip/15th> .

SUMMER SCHEDULE OF THE EMPLOYEE CAREER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM is now available. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/ecep/schedule.htm> .

"GENE(SIS): Contemporary Art Explores Human Genomics" exhibit will close this weekend. Through May 23, Weisman Art Museum. For more information, see <http://hudson.acad.umn.edu> .

"ENDANGERED TREASURE: OUR ARCTIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE" will open with a reception and presentation by photographer Gary Braasch. The exhibit will continue through the summer. May 27, 7-9 p.m., Bell Museum of Natural History. For more information, see <http://www.bellmuseum.org> .

MORE EVENTS include "Developing Respect and Responsibility in Children" (May 20); Campus Club "Light at the End of the Tunnel" party (May 21); the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra at Ted Mann Concert Hall (May 23); the Public Health Institute (May 24-June 11); and Geographic Information System (GIS) in Urban and Regional Planning (May 25).

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1. Top Stories

CHRISTINE MAZIAR, senior VP for academic affairs and provost, has accepted a position as VP and associate provost at the U of Notre Dame. Since her arrival in 1998, Maziar has strengthened accountability systems, provided leadership in grants management and patents, and helped to increase funds to attract top graduate students and faculty members.

E. THOMAS SULLIVAN, professor and dean of the Law School from 1995 to 2002, has been appointed to the senior VP position effective July 1. Sullivan is an active scholar and, as dean, led the Law School in strong student and faculty recruitment and fund-raising endeavors. For more information, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/University_names_new_chief_academic_officer.html .

THE U CONTINUES TO ADVOCATE FOR A SPECIAL SESSION of the Minnesota legislature to pass a bonding bill that would fully fund the U's capital request and avoid the increased cost of delays. President Bruininks sent a letter May 25 to legislators and Gov. Pawlenty to stress the U's need for state funding this year. Faculty and staff are urged to call the governor and urge him to convene a special session. For more information, see the updated story and the president's letter in *UMNnews* at http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/House_and_Senate_adjourn_without_passing_key_legislation.html .

2. News and Features

GETTING THE NUMBERS: Academic professionals are an employee group that has mushroomed at major universities in the past 20 years. But it's such a diverse group that data to benchmark salaries and other attributes is hard to track. The U's Council on Academic Professionals and Administrators (CAPA) is gearing up for the fourth annual meeting with peer institutions, where representatives plan to address the problem. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Getting_the_numbers.html .

CARLA IS 10: This CARLA is not a person; it's the mercifully short acronym for a U center with a great personality. It's also a national language resource center known around the world. If you are a language learner or teacher in Minnesota, you have probably been touched by the Center for Advanced Research on Language Acquisition. Faculty, graduate students, and staff members celebrated 10 years of CARLA's impact. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/CARLA_is_ten.html .

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University-wide:

NEW DISTINGUISHED MCKNIGHT UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS introduced to the regents May 13 are Graham Candler, aerospace engineering and mechanics; S. Douglas Olson, classical and Near Eastern studies; Michael Sadowsky, soil, water, and climate; Guillermo Sapiro, electrical and computer engineering; and Nevin Young, plant pathology. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1667&from=umnnews> .

FULBRIGHT scholarship winners include three more UMTC students who will study abroad in 2004-05. Doctoral students are Elizabeth Lunstrum, geography, Mozambique; and Kristin Mercer, applied plant sciences, Mexico; graduating senior is Catherine Almirall, Spanish and economics, Peru. For the complete list of eight Fulbright recipients, see http://www.grad.umn.edu/news/international_scholarships.html .

SULLIVAN scholarship winners include two UMM and three UMTC graduating seniors who will spend a "capstone year" abroad. UMM students are Amelia Chouravong, speech-communication and Spanish, Philippines; and Leigh Berven, biology, Denmark. UMTC students are Diana Fu, global studies and political science, China; Katherine Gerbensky, biomedical engineering, Ecuador; and Ann Vogt, physiology, Ecuador. For more information, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Capstone_year_abroad.html .

PRESIDENT BRUININKS will be a guest on public television's *The Mary Hanson Show*, which features Minnesota leaders and issues. May 30, Channel 17, KTCI, 9 p.m. For more information, call 612-721-3026 or see http://www.tpt.org/mnchannel/maryhanson_pressrelease.html .

PEDOMETERS ARRIVE: More than 18,000 pedometers are arriving in campus mail for U employees across the state in preparation for "Trek Across the U," part of the Wellness Initiative. For more information, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/U_walks_the_talk.html .

2004-05 POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWS ARE SOUGHT for the Minnesota Craniofacial Research Training (MinnCResT) Program, an interdisciplinary initiative in craniofacial, dental, and oral health supported by a five-year grant from the National Institutes of Health. Graduate students completing degrees in biology, neuroscience, microbiology, genetics, immunology, engineering, psychology, dentistry, medicine, health services/informatics, public health, tissue engineering, and other disciplines may be eligible. For more information, see <http://www.mncrest.umn.edu> .

Crookston:

NEW DEPARTMENT HEAD for the business department is Susan Brorson, professor of business management. Brorson came to UMC in 1977. For more information, see <http://www.crk.umn.edu/newsevents/notices03-04/BrorsonDeptHead.htm> .

Duluth:

MCKNIGHT LAND-GRANT PROFESSOR Alec Habig, assistant professor of physics, will pursue ongoing neutrino research at the Soudan Underground Laboratory as well as in Batavia, Illinois, and Mozumi, Japan. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2004/May/05-A.html> .

AN OUTSTANDING ADVISING CERTIFICATE OF MERIT was awarded to Linda Miller-Cleary, professor, UMD College of Liberal Arts, by the National Academic Advising Association. She is one of 12 nationwide to receive the honor. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2004/May/05-B.html> .

Morris:

CHANCELLOR SAM SCHUMAN AND DAVID FLUEGEL from the UMM Center for Small Towns will travel with a team of 15 Morris community members to Atlanta, Georgia, June 11 to compete with 29 other finalists for designation as a 2004 All-American City. Ten cities can receive the distinction. The presentation will be previewed at a community picnic. May 27, East Side Park.

REGISTER FOR THE SYMPOSIUM ON SMALL TOWNS BY JUNE 2. Cosponsored by the UMM Center for Small Towns and the Minnesota Association of Small Cities, in partnership with the University of Minnesota Extension Service, the symposium is part of the President's 21st Century Interdisciplinary Conferences Series. June 8-9. For more information, see <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=154> .

NEW STUDENT-ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR is David Swenson, beginning in July. Swenson comes from Pomona College and formerly served at Pittsburg State University.

VICE-CHANCELLOR FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS Sandy Olson-Loy has been named to the planning committee of the National Association for Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) 2004 Small College and University Institute.

Rochester:

ROCHESTER AREA ALUMNI and Friends of the University of Minnesota and mayor Ardell Brede hosted U women's basketball coach Pam Borton at a dinner and fund-raising event May 25. For more information, see <http://www.alumni.umn.edu/chapter-rochester> .

Twin Cities:

INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY DEAN SEARCH: VP Maziar announced the formation of a search committee for the next dean of IT. Current dean Ted Davis will return to a faculty position fall semester 2004. For more information, see <http://www.it.umn.edu/news/dean> .

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT DEAN REVIEW: The VP also named a committee to conduct the standard, comprehensive review of CEHD dean Steven Yussen. Mark Becker, School of Public Health dean, will chair. For more information, contact Becker at 612-625-1179 or sphdean@umn.edu .

UMTC STAFF DAY WILL BE AUG. 5. This year's event for civil service and bargaining unit staff will incorporate the U Wellness Initiative, with an optional one-mile walk and visit to Eastcliff, and a gift for all who bring their invitation-coupon. St. Paul: St. Paul Student Center and Terrace, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Minneapolis: Riverbend Plaza (space between Comstock, Coffman, and Boynton), 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and 7-8:30 p.m. Shuttles from Minneapolis and St. Paul to and from Eastcliff will be provided. John Sargent Pillsbury may attend to direct staff to buses and gifts. Invitations will be sent in June.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AND SCHOLAR DOCUMENT CHECK AND ORIENTATION: Departments should direct arriving international students and staff to have their government documents checked at International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS), 190 Humphrey Center, West Bank. Students are now only allowed to enter the United States within 30 days of their program start-date, so most international students will arrive in August; but transfer students from other U.S. schools do not necessarily need to leave the country. Orientation sessions will be held the mornings of Aug. 10, 12, 18, 26, and Sept. 1 and 3. For more information, see <http://www.iss.umn.edu> .

AN HONORARY DOCTORATE OF SCIENCE was awarded to alumnus John R. Jungck by the College of Biological Sciences May 15. Jungck has provided inspiration and national leadership in developing undergraduate curricula, including new ideas about ways to integrate math, chemistry, computer science, and physics with biology. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1669&from=umnnews> .

GENERAL COLLEGE COUNSELOR ADVOCATE Mark Bellcourt is one of 15 Twin Cities-area residents to receive a Bush Leadership Fellowship to prepare mid-career individuals for greater leadership responsibilities. Bellcourt directs the Ando-giikendaasowin (Seek to Know) Native American Math and Science Camp. For more information, see <http://www.bushfoundation.org> and <http://www.gen.umn.edu/programs/anams> .

THE STUDENT PARENT HELP CENTER, which serves all UMTC undergraduate student parents and is housed in General College, and its director, Susan Warfield, have been selected as recipients of a 2004 National Academic Advising Association Outstanding Institutional Advising Program Certificate of Merit. For more information about the HELP Center, see http://www.gen.umn.edu/programs/help_center .

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for the fifth annual Lightning Run to benefit the U Diabetes Institute for Immunology and Transplantation July 31, which will feature Willie Davidson of Harley-Davidson. Contact 612-625-9646 or a.lillie@mmf.umn.edu . For more information, see <http://www.lightningrun.com> .

MORE EVENTS include "Transportation, Land Use, and Design" (May 27); Martha Nussbaum on "Gender Inequality, Social Justice, and the Capabilities Approach" (May 27); "Social Insecurity" (May 29); U Tech Talk TV episode on how to shoot digital video (May 30); "Campaign Finance Reform and the 2004 Election" with Norman Ornstein (June 2); and "Policy Forum Breakfast: A Conversation With Gov. Pawlenty" (June 4).
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"STAYING STRONG THROUGH CHALLENGE AND CHANGE" is the second of three annual children's summits, convened by President Bruininks, to engage U and community leaders in sustained partnerships for Minnesota's children. This year's summit for professionals focuses on middle childhood and the transition to adolescence. June 4, Coffman Union, with live broadcasts to five locations. For more information, see <http://www.childrenssummit.umn.edu>.

RURAL AREAS ON THE RISE: From 1990 to 2000, more than 5 million people moved to rural areas, including small towns, across the nation. The UMM Center for Small Towns supports rural areas and small towns dealing with the big and sometimes surprising changes they're going through. Next week, the center will cohost its second major symposium and celebration of rural life. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Small_towns_big_changes.html.

GOV. PAWLENTY WILL SPEAK at the Policy Forum Breakfast. June 4, 7-8:15 a.m., Humphrey Institute. Free and open to the public, but seating is limited. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1694&from=umnnews>.

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IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HEALTH CARE, we're all in it together, says Ruth Rounds, director of the UPlan Wellness Initiative for U employees across the state. Trek Across the U is the initiative's first big event, designed to create support for more daily activity and build a sense of community among staff members. Sign up to participate in the trek by June 14. Meet some of the people working behind the scenes to make it happen. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Supporting_a_healthier_work_environment.html.

THE WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (WLI) is a yearlong program for a cohort of 25 women. It's open to women faculty, civil service, P & A, and bargaining-unit staff on all the U campuses. Some are new leaders, and others are reaching the end of successful careers. June 14 is the deadline to apply for the 2004-05 program. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Creating_a_community_of_women_leaders.html.

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VP FOR RESEARCH: President Bruininks has appointed a search committee for a permanent VP for research. The group includes 16 faculty and staff members and private-sector research directors and is chaired by Mark Paller, assistant VP for research, Academic Health Center, and professor of medicine. For more information, see http://www.research.umn.edu/vp_search.

A McKNIGHT PRESIDENTIAL ENDOWED CHAIR has been awarded to neuroscientist Apostolos Georgopoulos, a professor in the Medical School and director of the Brain Sciences Center at the Minneapolis Veteran Affairs Medical Center. He also will become the director-elect of the Center for Cognitive Sciences, an interdisciplinary center in the College of Liberal Arts, UMTC, with faculty from various colleges who focus on cognition. For more information, including a list of previous recipients, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1693&from=umnnews>.

NEW SOUTHERN MINNESOTA AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER (AHEC) director is Kathleen Huntley. The center, based in Willmar, is the second in the state to come from a federal and state cooperative agreement that strives to provide students in the health professions with rural experience. The first AHEC was established in Hibbing for northern Minnesota. Huntley was formerly service-line executive for behavioral health at St. Mary's Duluth Clinic Health System. For more information, see http://www.ahc.umn.edu/ahc_content/education/AHC_Area_Health_Education_Center.

TREK ACROSS THE U: SIGN UP BY JUNE 14 to participate individually or with a group. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/eb/wellness>.

THE SUMMER ISSUE OF *M* for U alumni, faculty, staff, and friends includes stories about water research, Hmong student success, the UMM alum who's the new voice of the St. Paul Saints, being single, fear and intolerance, the U.S. Transplant Games, a new vodka made from Minnesota wheat, oncology for pets that is helping humans, and more. If you are not receiving *M*, please send your name and campus mail address, including building code, to Martha Coventry at coven002@umn.edu. *M* is on the Web as part of *UMNnews* at <http://www.umn.edu/umnnews>.

Crookston:

UMC HOSTED VISITORS FROM INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY in Terre Haute May 25. They discussed ubiquitous computing, UMC's laptop initiative, and integration of technology in the curriculum, and toured the technology center in the Kiehle Building. Hundreds of groups have visited UMC for similar technology tours.

Duluth:

MISS DEAF MINNESOTA 2003-05, UMD sophomore Elee Vang, will compete in the national pageant July 9 in Kansas City. The Miss Deaf America pageant goal is to foster future leaders through academics and community service. Vang is assisted at UMD through the services of Nancy Diener and the UMD Access Center/Disability Services. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/unirel/homepage/mdm.html>, <http://www.nad.org/conf>, and http://www.uad.org/mdup/mdap_history.htm.

"ALIENS A TO Z: A History of Non-Native Species Introductions in Lake Superior" will be presented by Doug Jensen, Minnesota Sea Grant Program. June 8, 7 p.m., Gitchee Gumee Conference Center, 6201 Congdon Blvd. For more information, see <http://www.seagrant.umn.edu/speakerseries>.

FARMERS MARKET outside Kirby plaza began May 26. The popular market is held Wednesdays through Sept. 29, 2-5 p.m. Early June features perennials, vegetables to transplant, and locally raised meat and eggs. For more information, contact shub@shubats-fruits.com.

Morris:

FIRST HEAD COACH FOR WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING TEAM, beginning this fall, is David Molesworth. He will also coordinate aquatics for the Regional Fitness Center. He was formerly assistant coach for men's and women's swimming and diving at the University of South Dakota. For more information, see <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/athletics/Swimming>.

A QUILT SEWN BY UMM STUDENTS as part of the first-year seminar "The Story of Diversity and Social Justice" is on display this summer at the Kandi Mall, Willmar. Students designed and produced quilt blocks that represented their definitions of social justice as part of the class taught by Tammy Faux.

Twin Cities:

THE JOHN KERRY FOR PRESIDENT CAMPAIGN will hold a major rally on Northrop Mall this Friday, June 4, noon to 1:30 p.m., including speeches by U.S. Sen. Max Cleland, veterans, and local officials. For security purposes, there may be limited access to Church and Pleasant Streets S.E., Church Street Garage, Walter Library, and Tate Laboratory of Physics; for more information as details become final, see <http://www.umn.edu>. Cosponsored by the student group DFL at the U of M, the event is free and open to the public, but tickets are required: see <http://www.johnkerry.com/minnesota>. For more information, call the Minnesota DFL at 651-293-1200.

THE U ANNOUNCED THE FIRST ENDOWED CHAIR IN SEXUAL HEALTH in the nation May 24. The chair is part of an ongoing initiative within the U'S Program in Human Sexuality to provide research, education, and patient care in this field of public health. More than 260 donors have pledged a total of more than \$1 million toward the endowed chair. For more information, see <http://www.ahc.umn.edu/news/NewsFiles/sexualhealth052404>.

ORIENTATION FOR THE CLASS OF 2008 will be held June 9 through July 16. Sessions for students and parents will be held mostly on East Bank. Join Orientation and First-Year Programs staff in welcoming the newest members of the U community. For more information, see <http://www.ofyp.umn.edu>.

GOPHER MEN'S BASEBALL won the Big Ten tournament with a 7-3 win over Ohio State May 30. It was the first time the Gophers won both the regular and postseason titles. For more information, see <http://www.gophersports.com>.

PRIDE AT WORK, the UMTC gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender employee network, will hold an end-of-semester picnic with families. June 8, noon-1 p.m., Northrop Mall. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/glbte/employee.htm>.

NEED OFFICE CHAIRS FOR YOUR DEPARTMENT? Check out items available at the ReUse Program Warehouse. Department staff can visit Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. All items for U buildings are free. For more information, call 612-626-9152 or see <http://www.umn.edu/reuse/arrivals.html>.

CAMPUS CLUB SUMMER HOURS: The terrace is open during normal business hours. Lunch 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. No breakfast during the summer. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/cclub>.

CURIOSITY CAMPS are one-day workshops for adults on a wide variety of topics, offered by the College of Continuing Education. Participants hear from U experts; tour the campus to see gardens, laboratories, art, and architecture; and meet others with similar interests. For more information see <http://www.cce.umn.edu/curiosity>.

THE COEXISTENCE ART EXHIBIT, created at the Museum on the Seam, Jerusalem, and sponsored in Minnesota by the College of Liberal Arts, will end its display at the Hennepin County Government Center, Minneapolis, June 12, and reopen at Rice Park and Landmark Park, downtown St. Paul, June 14 through July 6. For more information, see <http://www.chgs.umn.edu/coexistence>.

MORE EVENTS include a regional economic analysis workshop (June 3); "Decreasing Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities" (June 4); Summer at Northrop noon concerts (beginning June 7); Humphrey Institute's public leadership awards (June 8); Thursdays in the Garden at the arboretum (June 10); and "An Arctic Ecologist Explores 'Endangered Treasure'" (June 16). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu>.

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THE 2004-05 BUDGET AND TUITION RATES were approved by the Board of Regents June 11. The budget of approximately \$2.6 billion addresses a \$70.4 million gap with a combination of administrative and operating cost reductions and revenue from a tuition and fee increase; it includes new investments in key academic programs, student services, infrastructure, and technology. Tuition and fee increases average 14 percent for resident undergraduates on the Twin Cities campus and 13 percent for those on the Crookston, Duluth, and Morris campuses. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1715&from=umnnews> .

THE U'S INITIATIVE FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT advisory board members were named last month and include 24 leaders from business, nonprofits, government, and higher education. The initiative is funded with \$20 million from the state and Xcel Energy and will determine strategy and priorities for developing renewable fuel sources. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1701&from=umnnews> .

A HYMN BY U PROFESSOR Michael Dennis Browne and alumnus Stephen Paulus was sung by a 90-voice chorus at the funeral of President Reagan June 11. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Hymn_for_President_Reagan.html .

FINANCIAL PROTECTION FOR DISABLED PERSONS WHO USE SERVICE ANIMALS is provided by a new law passed by the Minnesota legislature due in large part to the advocacy of U staff member Phil Kragnes. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1708&from=umnnews> .

2. News and Features

TAKE YOUR VACATION! Jobs can be greedy things, gobbling up all the time we give them. A full 25 percent of U.S. employees don't even take the vacation they're entitled to because of job demands. U staff members offer ideas for taking vacation and making it work for you. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Please_take_your_vacation.html .

OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEES MAKE OUTSTANDING DEPARTMENTS, says Stan Bonnema, who nominated his department for the 2004 CAPA Unit Award. To read his remarks from the award ceremony in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Outstanding_employees_outstanding_departments.html .

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University-wide:

NEW OFFICE OF SERVICE AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT has been established as a resource to improve efficiency, operations, and customer service throughout the U. Director Scott Martens began June 14. Martens formerly served as senior program director for business transformation at American Express and as an adjunct faculty member at the Carlson School of Management. For more information, see http://www.umn.edu/pres/01_init_servprod.html .

WELLNESS WALKS on the first Wednesday of each month this summer will take place on all campuses for 20 minutes beginning at 1:03 p.m. The series began June 2 and continues July 7 and Aug. 4. Alternative times during scheduled work times may be arranged. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/eb/wellness> .

NOMINATIONS FOR GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER (GLBT) COMMISSION cochairs are due June 18. A standing systemwide commission was a key recommendation of a task-force report submitted in April. The new group will include students, staff, faculty, alumni, and community representatives and will report to the senior VP for system administration. Contact June Nobbe at nobbe001@umn.edu . The report is available to download at <http://www.umn.edu/glb/StandWithUs/pdfs/TaskForceReport.pdf> (PDF format).

COMMUNITY ASSISTANTSHIP PROGRAM deadline is July 2. The program provides research assistance to community groups, organizations, and local governments in greater Minnesota. For guidelines and applications, see <http://www.cura.umn.edu/programs/CAP/cap.html> .

RECIPIENTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE were recognized June 2. The 14 faculty and staff members had more than 450 combined hours of service. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1703&from=umnnews> .

THE CHILDREN'S SUMMIT hosted by President Bruininks June 4 focused on middle childhood and addressed minority children in rural Minnesota schools as well as other topics. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Keeping_minority_students_in_rural_Minnesota_schools.html .

LONGTIME U ADMINISTRATOR TONY POTAMI died June 3 of complications from multiple myeloma. Potami successfully led U efforts to realize profits from technology developed by the faculty. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Longtime_U_administrator_dies.html .

Crookston:

NEW VICE CHANCELLOR FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS is Joseph Massey. He will oversee UMC's five newly restructured academic departments, library, distance and continuing education, and many service units. Massey has been assistant vice provost for faculty development and a professor and department head in the UMTC College of Natural Resources. For more information, see <http://www.crk.umn.edu/newsevents/notices03-04/MasseyVCAA.htm> .

NEW DEPARTMENT HEAD for natural resources is W. Daniel Svedarsky, a professor at UMC since 1969, a research biologist at the Northwest Research and Outreach Center, and recently the interim vice chancellor for academic affairs. For more information, see <http://www.crk.umn.edu/newsevents/notices03-04/SvedarskyDeptHead.htm> .

NORTHWEST SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE REUNION will be June 25-26. For more information, see <http://www.crk.umn.edu/newsevents/notices03-04/NWSAreunion04.htm> .

Duluth:

"SELECTIONS FROM A VOICE WITHIN: Lake Superior Nudes and Horizon Series" is a new exhibition by master photographer Craig Blacklock, part of the Tweed Museum of Art Regional Project Series. June 22 through Sept. 26; opening reception and book signing June 22, 6-8 p.m. For more information, see <http://www.tweedmuseum.org> .

OUTSTANDING AREA SMALL- AND MEDIUM-BUSINESS LEADERS and their achievements were honored at the 2004 Joel Labovitz Entrepreneurial Success Awards program May 19. Duluth business man Robert Mars was named Business Person of the Year and John Goldfine was honored for lifetime achievement. The "Labo Awards" are named after a UMD graduate, benefactor, and entrepreneur. For more information about the awards, see <http://www.umdcad.com/labo> .

CURRENT SMOKERS ARE NEEDED to participate in a School of Medicine Duluth research project on the effects of abstinence from smoking on blood pressure and cortisol. For more information and screening, call 218-726-8896.

CORRECTION: The e-mail contact for the farmers market outside Kirby Plaza this summer is shub@shubatsfruits.com .

Morris:

SHARING BEST PRACTICES FOR HISTORIC CAMPUS PLANNING AND PRESERVATION in the upper Midwest will be the focus of a two-day conference, "Stewards of the Past and Future: Exploring Tools for Historic Preservation on Campus," for facilities managers, planners, groundskeepers, and other stewards of historic campus buildings and landscapes. Sponsored by UMM and the Historic Preservation Office of the Minnesota Historical Society. June 23-24. For more information, contact Nancy Erdahl or Lowell Rasmussen, UMM Plant Services, 320-589-6100 or erdahl@mrs.umn.edu, or see <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/preservation>.

Rochester:

RETIRED STATE SENATOR NANCY BRATAAS will be the guest of honor at a second annual birthday bash hosted by UMR. The event is free, but donations to UMR scholarships are appreciated. The event will feature refreshments and a short vocal soloist program. June 28, 4:30 p.m., Plummer House. To make reservations, send the number and names of those attending to Amy.Kromminga@roch.edu .

Twin Cities:

THE MINNESOTA AFRICAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION conference will feature keynote speaker Naomi Nontombi Tutu, daughter of South African archbishop and Nobel Prize winner Desmond Tutu. June 18, Mondale Hall. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1720&from=umnnews> .

AN ALUMNUS AND CHINESE PHYSICIST, the late Hoff Lu, will be honored with a sculpture in Tate Laboratory of Physics. Hoff Lu refused to use his pioneering work in nuclear energy to help develop an atomic bomb. June 17, 3 p.m., Tate Laboratory. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1714&from=umnnews> .

FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE MADELEINE ALBRIGHT received one of four 2004 Hubert Humphrey Public Leadership Awards and answered questions from the press June 8. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Humphrey_Institute_gives_award_to_Madeleine_Albright.html.

U BOOKSTORES IN COFFMAN UNION AND THE ST. PAUL STUDENT CENTER WILL BE CLOSED for inventory on July 1.

MINNESOTA ENGLISH CENTER will close Sept. 1. As part of the Program in English as a Second Language (ESL), the center provided noncredit courses open to students and the community as well as high-quality ESL teacher training for graduate students. ESL courses will now be offered for credit. The closing was due to budget cuts in the College of Liberal Arts. For more information about the center, see <http://www.cla.umn.edu/mec> .

PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR WOMEN STUDENT PROGRAMMING position in the Office for University Women is open. Application review will begin June 18. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/women/about.html>.

SPLIT ROCK SOIREES will feature master artists and writers. July 13, 20, 27, Aug. 3, 10. For more information, see <http://www.cce.umn.edu/splitrockarts> .

MORE EVENTS include the Sheila Shawl Extravaganza reception and auction (June 16); an ecologist's exploration of arctic photos at the Bell (June 16, July 13, 29); "Kettles" exhibit reception at the Nash (June 18); opening of *The Mousetrap* by the U of M Showboat Players (June 19, through Aug. 28); TAKO Japanese kite exhibition family day opening at the Weisman (June 20); "An Insider's History of the Cold War" (June 21); children's author Avi (June 22); Weight Watchers at Work (June 23); "Echoes of Ellington" (June 24); and a book signing by Bill Hillsman, author of *Running the Other Way: Fixing the Two-Party System One Day at a Time* (June 29).

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THE REGENTS WILL MEET JULY 8-9. Agenda items will include the UMTC student experience survey, implications of the federal budget on higher education, and the financial systems replacement project. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/regents/agendas/2004/july/text> .

A LETTER IN SUPPORT OF STEM CELL RESEARCH, sent to President Bush by the Coalition for the Advancement of Medical Research (CAMR), was endorsed by the U. The letter requests an expansion of the August 2001 policy governing federal support for embryonic stem cell research. CAMR was among several organizations that helped secure congressional signatures on House and Senate letters to the president; signing from the Minnesota delegation were Reps. McCollum, Ramstad, and Sabo, and Sen. Dayton. A long history in bone marrow transplantation and umbilical cord blood research has made the U a leader in the emerging field. A copy of the letter is available to download from the Web at http://www.umn.edu/urelate/fedrel/CAMR_Letter.pdf (PDF format). For more information, including the June 22 update of U federal relations activities in Washington, D.C., see <http://www.umn.edu/urelate/fedrel> .

McKNIGHT PRESIDENTIAL FELLOWS AWARDS were made to 10 recently promoted associate professors in recognition of research, scholarship, and leadership in their fields. The awards provide research funds for three years. The 2004 cohort is Paul Crowell, physics; Robert Krueger, psychology; Moses Njenga, clinical population sciences; Kirt Wilson, communication studies; and Yong-Zhong Qian, physics. The 2005 cohort is James Druckman, political science; Paulo Kofuji, neuroscience; Erika Lee, history; Tian-Jun Li, mathematics; and Melanie Wall, biostatistics. These awards, administered through the Office of the Senior VP for System Administration, complement the McKnight Land-Grant Professorships for new assistant professors and the Distinguished McKnight University Professorships for new full professors. As a whole, the McKnight awards are designed to identify and support promising faculty at critical stages of their careers.

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THE BIG RUSH: For orientation staff, summer is anything but slow--it's the busiest time of year. More than 10,000 new and transfer students will attend orientation on the U's four campuses before fall classes start. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/orientation_rush.html .

WHY AM I FEELING SO STRESSED? Sometimes stress can be traced to an unhealthy work environment. Find out what you can do to identify and deal with this kind of stress. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/workplace_stress.html .

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THE ELMER L. ANDERSEN DIRECTOR OF ARCHIVES AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS position has been created to provide strategic direction for U archives and special collections. The position is named in honor of the former governor and was announced at an event in honor of his 95th birthday. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1718&from=umnnews> .

FALL FEST 2004: CONNECTING THE U will provide an open-house showcase of presidential initiatives for faculty, staff, alumni, students, parents, retirees, and community members. Activities will include educational sessions on current research presented by the faculty, tours, activities, and brunch. Participants will include the College of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences, the College of Biological Sciences, the College of Human Ecology, the College of Veterinary Medicine, and the Parent Program. Oct. 17, Twin Cities campus, St. Paul. For more information, contact Emily Johnston, 612-624-4770 or ejohnsto@cbs.umn.edu.

THE NEXT WELLNESS WALK WILL BE JULY 7. Walks take place on each campus for 20 minutes beginning at 1:03 p.m. Alternative times during scheduled work times may be arranged. Employees registered in Trek Across the U receive an e-newsletter with updates. It's still possible to sign up to participate. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/eb/wellness> .

THE FESLER-LAMPERT CHAIR IN URBAN AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS for 2004-05 has been awarded to Ann Markusen, director of the Project on Regional and Industrial Economics and professor in the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs. For more information, see <http://www.cura.umn.edu/programs/fesler-lampert.html> .

U FACULTY NAMED TO THE ACADEMY FOR EXCELLENCE IN HEALTH RESEARCH by the Academic Health Center, June 15, are Robert Hebbel, medicine; Marc Jenkins, microbiology; Robert Kane, health services research and policy; and Hon Cheung Lee, pharmacology. For more information, see <http://www.ahc.umn.edu/news/NewsFiles/academy061504> .

Crookston:

NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR ATHLETICS is Brandy Lietz Chaffee, a 2000 UMC graduate. Chaffee most recently worked at the Institute for New Media Studies, UMTC. Her duties will include marketing, promotions, and monitoring gender equity issues. She began June 18. For more information, see <http://www.crk.umn.edu/newsevents/notices03-04/AADChaffee.htm> .

Duluth:

A NEW HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM will be offered by the Labovitz School of Business and Economics beginning fall 2005. Graduate and undergraduate courses in health care management, health care policy, and health economics will be offered. The program also will work with the School of Medicine, Duluth. A director is expected to be on staff by this September. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2004/June/25.html> .

A FIVE-YEAR, \$1.4 MILLION PROJECT to develop a compound to repel mosquitoes without harmful effects to humans will be led by Subash Basak, professor and senior researcher at the UMD Natural Resources Research Institute (NRRI). A mathematical chemist, Basak has developed a computer-driven program at NRRI that can screen millions of compounds and narrow the field of billions of possible molecules and combinations of chemicals to a manageable number for further in vitro testing. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/insect_repellants.html .

DULUTH was the answer to the clue, "A University of Minnesota campus site," in *The New York Times* crossword puzzle, June 21.

Morris:

THE WEST CENTRAL SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE (WCSA) CLASS OF 1934 will celebrate its 70th anniversary during the WCSA all-school reunion at UMM this year. July 17, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. For more information, see <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=155> .

THE GATEWAY SUMMER PROGRAM to recruit, retain, and graduate talented students of color at UMM begins July 19. The four-week program provides a four-credit course in math, English, and computer science; workshops; recreation and athletics; tutoring; and mentoring. The program was founded in 1995 by the late chemistry professor Joseph Latterell, associate director for continuing education Tom McRoberts, and former Minority Student Program director William Stewart. The program exposes students to a "meticulous precollegiate experience and an abundance of campus resources that prepare them to enter and persist in college." For more information, see <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/services/msp/gateway.htm> .

Rochester:

THE FIRST 12 STUDENTS TO ENROLL IN THE U'S SCHOOL OF NURSING satellite program at UMR graduated June 18 with the class of 102 students in Minneapolis. Established in 2001, the Rochester program is an expansion of the UMTC bachelor of science in nursing. When it reaches capacity next year, the program will enroll a total of 90 students in UMR's sophomore through senior classes. Clinical experiences are provided in several places, including the hospitals of the Mayo Clinic. For more information, see <http://www.ahc.umn.edu/news/NewsFiles/nursing061804> .

Twin Cities:

NEW SCHOOL OF MUSIC DIRECTOR is Noel Zahler, effective July 1. Zahler has been a professor of music at Connecticut College in New London. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1723&from=umnnews> .

NEW DIRECTOR OF THE CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY CONSORTIUM (CYFC) is Catherine Jordan, a pediatric neuropsychologist and assistant professor of pediatrics and neurology with community-university partnership experience, effective July 1. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1719&from=umnnews> .

CARPPOOL PUBLIC PARKING RATES WILL INCREASE from \$1.75 to \$2 July 1. Other parking rates will remain the same for the 2004-05 academic year. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/pts/hottopics.htm#Julyrateincrease> .

THE HIAWATHA LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT LINE STOP nearest the UMTC is at the Metrodome, connecting with bus lines 3, 16, and 50. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/pts/hottopics.htm#lightrail> .

UMTC was recently designated as one of the best workplaces for commuters by the Environmental Protection Agency. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1730&from=umnnews> .

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) semi-private tutoring will be offered through the Minnesota English Center (MEC) a final time, July 12 to Aug. 13. The course is for U employees and students who need focused and intensive help and can't fit regular courses into their schedule. Regular ESL courses will be offered fall semester. For more information, contact MEC at mec@umn.edu or 612-626-4548.

THE HUMPHREY INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS and the city of Minneapolis have been chosen to host the 2006 National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration annual conference. The event draws deans, chief academic officers, and faculty members from public affairs and policy schools around the country. For more information, see <http://www.hhh.umn.edu/news> or call Julie Lund at 612-624-1190.

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NOONTIME TALKS are offered in conjunction with the Bell Museum's current exhibit, "Endangered Treasure: Our Arctic National Wildlife Refuge." Arctic ecologist Sarah Hobbie will give an informal walk-through July 13, 12-1 p.m. A Saturday workshop on landscape photography will be offered Aug. 7. For more information, see <http://www.bellmuseum.org> .

MORE EVENTS include "Exploring Work Options at the University" (July 1); Vusi Mahlesela, "The Voice" of South Africa (July 7); "How Do I Get There? Setting Goals and Taking Action," presented by the College of Continuing Education (July 14); and "Convergence/Divergence: Split Rock Design Artists at the Goldstein" (through Sept. 12).

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THE STUDENT SATISFACTION SURVEY presented to the Board of Regents July 8-9 reported overall satisfaction with the U; 92 percent rated the overall quality of instruction in their major as good to excellent, higher than in any previous survey. The most satisfied students were those who began as freshmen and graduated in four years or fewer. UMM students were the most satisfied with their experience. Changing majors was cited as the lead factor in delayed graduation. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1748&from=umnnews> .

NEW REGENTS PROFESSORS are Sara Evans, history, and Robert Hebbel, medicine. Evans is considered one of the creators of the field of women's history, and Hebbel is an international expert on sickle cell disease. Evans and Hebbel replace former regents professors Edward Prescott, who left UMTC, and George Rapp, Jr., who retired from UMD. Regents professorships are the U's highest faculty honor. For more information about regents professorships, see article 5 at <http://www.umn.edu/regents/policies/academic/Awards.html> .

THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR FOOD PROTECTION AND DEFENSE, headquartered at the U, was formally opened by U.S. homeland security secretary Tom Ridge and agriculture secretary Ann Veneman July 6. For more information, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Center_for_Food_Protection_and_Defense.html .

MICROSOFT CORP. WILL PAY THE U \$2.5 million in cash and \$2.5 million in vouchers as a result of an antitrust lawsuit announced July 1. For more information, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/U_benefits_from_Microsoft_settlement.html .

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THE U'S CHEMICAL ENGINEERING AND MATERIALS SCIENCE PROGRAM IS NUMBER ONE in the nation, according to two recent rankings of graduate programs. Department faculty members attribute its excellence to hiring the best people and to team teaching. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Chemical_engineering_stands_out.html .

MANAGING FROM A DISTANCE: More managers and supervisors are responsible for working with staff at other locations due to changes in technology, flexible work schedules, and remote work teams. U staff members talk about advantages of these arrangements and ways to make them most effective. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Managing_at_a_distance.html .

CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE UPDATE: The first meeting of the academic year will be an all-day retreat July 22, with a focus on goals, ongoing issues such as compensation and benefits, and preparation for new committee members Linda Olcott (UMD), Karen Tschida (UMTC), Gary Willhite (UMC), Susan Gustafson (UMTC), Joan Hokanson (UMTC), and Debra Schmidt (UMTC). For more information, including upcoming meeting dates, see <http://www.umn.edu/csc> . Also, pay-range minimums and maximums for civil service, non-bargaining-unit positions increased by 2 percent, effective June 14. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/ohrpolicy/Compensation/Payplans/0405/Civil> .

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AN UPDATE ON NEW FINANCIAL SYSTEM PROJECTS, including chart-of-accounts and subsidiary and redundant systems, will be the topic of the Financial Systems User Network (FSUN) summer general membership meeting. An agenda is posted on the Web; no registration is required. July 22, 9 a.m. - noon, Great Hall, Coffman Union. For more information, see http://www.fss.umn.edu/FSUN/FSUN_home.htm .

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT ORIENTATION is a new online tutorial offered through Training Services. It provides an introduction to the U as a whole and an overview of its financial aspects. For more information, call 612-626-1373 or see <http://training.finop.umn.edu/tutorials.html> .

THREE FESLER-LAMPERT APPOINTMENTS for 2004-05 have been announced by the Graduate School: Diane Treat-Jacobson, nursing, Fesler-Lampert Chair in Aging; Richard Leppert, cultural studies and comparative literature, Fesler-Lampert Chair in Humanities; and Andrea Berlin, classical and Near Eastern studies, Fesler-Lampert Professorship in Humanities.

Crookston:

CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW STUDENT CENTER continues this summer ahead of schedule. For more information, see <http://www.crk.umn.edu/special/Construction04/Progress/progress.htm> .

Duluth:

GRADUATE STUDENT LINDSAY POWERS, UMD Large Lakes Observatory (LLO), was the lead author of an article in the July issue of *Geology* magazine. It describes the work of a research team including Powers, LLO faculty members Thomas Johnson and Josef Werne, and three researchers from the Netherlands. The team applied a sea-surface temperature reconstruction method, TEX-86, to lakes. This will allow continental temperatures over millions of years to be reconstructed and will be a valuable tool for paleoclimatologists, resulting in better climate-model development. For more information, see <http://www.gsaajournals.org/gsaonline/?request=get-abstract&doi=10.1130/G20434.1> .

THE FINNISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE SEMINAR, Suomen Innokkaat Sisukkaat Ulkosuomalaiset (SISU), at UMD provides beginning, intermediate, and advanced language classes, guest lectures, and activities with native speakers of Finnish trained in language instruction. July 25-31. For more information, contact Ruth Koivisto DeYoung at rdeyoung@highstream.net .

Morris:

THE NEW NAME FOR THE MINORITY STUDENT PROGRAM will be the Multi-Ethnic Student Program, effective at the beginning of the 2004-05 academic year. The program will continue to focus on racial and ethnic identity development, recruitment and retention of U.S. students of color, community development, cultural enrichment, academic outreach, and advocacy. For more information, see <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/services/msp> .

A MASTER OF EDUCATION (M.Ed.) degree will be offered by the UMD College of Education and Human Service Professions in cooperation with UMM Continuing Education and the Division of Education, beginning fall 2004. The program offers professional development for those in education and human service professions--classroom teachers, educators in specialized areas, and professionals with training responsibilities in higher education, health sciences, human resources, social services, and community education, as well as business and industry. Deadline for the fall 2004 Morris cohort is July 30. For more information, contact Karen Johnson at 320-589-6461 or johnsokm@mrs.umn.edu, or see <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/cecp/graduate/med.shtml> .

NEW ASSOCIATE VICE CHANCELLOR FOR ENROLLMENT is James Morales. He holds a doctorate in education from the U and has ten years of experience in admissions and enrollment. He most recently served as director of undergraduate admissions at the U of Connecticut.

Twin Cities:

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2004 U.S. TRANSPLANT GAMES, with an expected attendance of several thousand, will be hosted by the U July 27-Aug. 1. The U has been performing transplants and training transplant surgeons for 41 years. Volunteers are needed to help with opening ceremonies at the Metrodome, registration at the convention center, donor-family recognition at the St. Paul Cathedral, a living-donor celebration at Northrop Auditorium, and a variety of sports events on campus. To volunteer, sign up online at <http://www.ahc.umn.edu/transplantgames> .

THE OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS is seeking students, faculty, and staff to serve as members of one of three selection committees for grants awarded through the U in partnership with Coca-Cola. Grants are awarded from three initiatives: academic, campus life, and community. For more information, contact Amelious Whyte at awhyte@umn.edu or see <http://www.umn.edu/beverage> .

NEW HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF APPLIED ECONOMICS in the College of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences is Robert King, effective July 19. King has been a member of the faculty since 1983. For more information, see <http://www.apec.umn.edu> and <http://www.apec.umn.edu/faculty/rking> .

2004 BEST-DISSERTATION AWARD WINNERS are Jennifer Mary Guglielmo, history; Jason Paul Harmon, entomology; Sherri Weers Hunt, chemistry; and Michele Tertilt, economics. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1747&from=umnnews> .

A NEW PROFESSIONAL MASTER'S IN STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION, to be offered by the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, was approved by the regents to begin in fall 2005. For more information, see <http://www.sjmc.umn.edu> .

A HEALTH INFORMATION FAIR FOR MEDICAL RESIDENTS AND AREA HEALTH PROFESSIONALS will be hosted by the U of M Bookstore to showcase new print, online, and personal digital assistant (PDA) reference resources. July 21-24, Coffman Union. For more information, see <http://www.bookstore.umn.edu/health/resday.html> .

THE FIFTH ANNUAL LIGHTNING RUN AND BIKERS' RALLY to benefit the U Diabetes Institute for Immunology and Transplantation will be July 31. Registration is open. For more information, contact 612-625-9646 or a.lillie@mmf.umn.edu or see <http://www.lightningrun.com> .

MORE EVENTS include Gopher Sports Day at the Minnesota Lynx game (July 14); Campus Club Steak & Fish Friday (July 16); Minneapolis Pops (July 19); Split Rock Soirees (July 20 and 27); "U Research on Gardens, Horses, Crops, Raptors, and More," an open house at the UMORE Park in Rosemount (July 22); "Enchanted Trees and Mysteries" (July 24); and a Minnesota Center for Photography exhibit at the Nash (through July 30).

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Today's News Headlines: To subscribe to Today's News Headlines, a daily e-mail update of media coverage that is either about or references the U, see <http://www.umn.edu/urelate/newsservice/todaysnews.html> .

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U PROFESSOR PAULINE BOSS, WHO LED COUNSELING EFFORTS FOR FAMILY MEMBERS of those who died Sept. 11, 2001, was honored in New York July 23. Boss, family social science, College of Human Ecology, is an expert on ambiguous loss. For more information, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Pauline_Boss_honored_for_work_with_September_11_families.html .

REGENTS PROFESSOR G. EDWARD SCHUH received the first Legendary Member award of the Brazilian Society of Agricultural Economics July 25. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1769&from=umnnews> .

U OF M PRESS DIRECTOR DOUGLAS ARMATO was named president of the Association of American University Presses (AAUP) July 21. The AAUP is the world's largest organization of nonprofit, scholarly publishers. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1758&from=umnnews> .

THE MINNESOTA SUPREME COURT ruled July 15 that the state open-meeting law and data-practices act did apply to the U during the presidential search in 2002. The court also affirmed the U's special constitutional status. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1759&from=umnnews> .

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SOLVING THE HISTORY MYSTERY OF JONES HALL: Did you teach or take classes in Jones Hall in Minneapolis? Art professor emeritus Karl Bethke did, from 1959 to 1966. His memories are helping to recreate Jones's historical record, which went missing somewhere during the past century. Jones is scheduled to reopen in 2005 as a new front door to prospective students at UMTC and home to the CLA Language Center. Your photos or recollections of Jones Hall are needed. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Polishing_a_gem_on_Pleasant_Street.html .

LEADING FROM THE MIDDLE: The old top-down idea that leaders are defined by position and title is giving way to a new idea, that each person shows leadership in various ways. Find out how U staff members are learning to lead--"up, down, and across." To read the story in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Leading_from_the_middle.html .

COUNCIL OF ACADEMIC PROFESSIONALS AND ADMINISTRATORS (CAPA) UPDATE: The annual planning retreat, Aug. 20, is for CAPA representatives, committee members, and alternates--and any academic professional and administrative (P&A) staff members interested in joining a committee are welcome to attend. Committees include (1) professional development and recognition, (2) communication, (3) benefits and compensation, and (4) representation and governance. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/capa> .

3. Campus Events and Information

University-wide:

DEAN OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL AND VICE PROVOST SEARCH: A national search was announced by Tom Sullivan, senior VP for academic affairs and provost. Application and nomination review will begin Sept. 15. The portfolio includes central leadership for U graduate programs, fostering interest in graduate education and interdisciplinary research on the U campuses and to external constituencies, and administration of the Graduate School. For more information, contact search committee chair Robert Elde, College of Biological Sciences, at 612-624-7747 or elde@umn.edu , or see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/employment/openings/job125598.html> .

VICE PROVOST FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS SEARCH: An internal search to fill this position by fall was announced by senior VP Tom Sullivan. The portfolio includes leadership, oversight, and management of the promotion and tenure review process; faculty development and recognition; and learning assessment for UMTC. Application and nomination review will begin Aug. 12. For more information, contact search committee chair Judith Martin, geography, College of Liberal Arts, 612-626-1626 or jmartin@umn.edu , or see <http://www.evpp.umn.edu/vpposition.htm> .

OFFICE OF INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH AND REPORTING (IRR) DIRECTOR SEARCH: A search was announced by Alfred Sullivan, executive associate VP for planning and academic affairs. The portfolio includes leadership in achieving the mission and oversight of day-to-day management of IRR, which ensures the integrity of data provided to U decision makers, government agencies, and other internal and external constituents. Application and nomination review will begin Aug. 30. For more information, contact search committee chair Terry Bock, Office of the Senior VP for Health Sciences, 612-626-6138 or bockx007@umn.edu , or see <http://www.irr.umn.edu> .

THE THIRD WELLNESS WALK WILL BE AUG. 4. When the sirens sound at 1:03 p.m., U employees are invited to take a 20-minute walk during work time. An alternative time during a scheduled work period can be arranged. Civil service and bargaining unit employees, please note: Alternative walking times are limited to the work hours or shift closest to the first Wednesday of the month as defined by your supervisor. Walks may be taken during normal work hours but cannot be taken during the first or last 20 minutes of a shift. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/eb/wellness> .

NEW IN THE U POLICY LIBRARY are policies on accessing banking services, documenting financial transactions, and handling clinical trial contracts. Regents policies on debt and on faculty and staff retirement are revised. Twenty new process tasks on accepting and depositing revenue have been added to the financial One Stop. All policies have a new format, and the Office of Information Technology updated several technology guidelines and standards. For more information, see <http://www.fpd.finop.umn.edu/groups/ppd/documents/main/new.cfm> .

THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE'S ADVOCACY SUBCOMMITTEE acts as an informal entity to support civil service staff individually and as groups. It provides support on issues that do not require formal advocacy services and that don't fall within areas covered by other civil service subcommittees (issues such as a dispute between a civil service employee and supervisor, or issues that concern an entire group of civil service staff). For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/csc> .

THE U AT THE STATE FAIR: Maroon and Gold Day will be Aug. 29. Once again, the stage at the U of M building will provide daily features, including UMD Sept. 1 and UMM Sept. 6. Schedule information will be posted on the Web soon. Discount state fair admission tickets for \$7 (reg. \$9) are now on sale at the U of M Bookstores in Coffman Union and the St. Paul Student Center, or online at <http://www.bookstore.umn.edu> .

Crookston:

THE FINAL NEW STUDENT academic advisement and registration day is July 28. The day includes a success fair, welcome address, small-group activities with student leaders, lunch, and campus tours. For more information, see <http://www.crk.umn.edu/campusinfo/calendars/july04cal.htm#28> .

SUMMER START program for new students will be Aug. 1-5. For more information, see http://www.crk.umn.edu/fye/Summer_Start .

Duluth:

THE NEW CENTER FOR ADVOCACY AND POLITICAL LEADERSHIP has opened, directed by state public affairs advocate and commentator Wy Spano. Classes for the center's master's degree program in advocacy and political leadership will begin Sept. 10. The program is organized in a cohort model, with 20-30 students meeting 22 weekends per year for two years. Courses will draw from fields such as nonprofit and community organizing, labor organizing, and small-community development leadership. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2004/July/15.html> .

NEW DIRECTOR OF THE LARGE LAKES OBSERVATORY (LLO) as of July 1 is Steve Colman, formerly of the U.S. Geological Survey in Woods Hole, Mass. Former director Thomas Johnson, who established and led the LLO for 10 years, returned to full-time research. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/llo> .

Morris:

NEWLY APPOINTED TO THE WEST CENTRAL INITIATIVE (WCI) BOARD OF DIRECTORS is Jenny Nellis, studio art, chair of the humanities division. The WCI is a public foundation that serves nine counties, providing resources for quality employment, work force issues, family, and community. For more information, see <http://www.wcif.org> .

UMM ALUMNUS Lue Her, one of Minnesota's leading advocates for education and development opportunities for minority communities, has been named executive director of the new Augsburg Academy for Health Careers in St. Paul. The charter school, established to help students from diverse backgrounds explore and prepare for careers in health care and health-related programs, opens in September.

Rochester:

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS benefited from the successful birthday bash fund-raiser for former state senator Nancy Brataas June 28. Recipients include the Rochester Area Alumni and Friends of the University of Minnesota (RAAFUM) scholarship, the Women Supporting Success through Education endowed scholarship, the Jim Clausen endowed scholarship, the H. Bryan Neel III endowed scholarship, the Kereakos Family Scholarship for education, and nursing scholarships. Undesignated funds will go to the UMR scholarship fund.

Twin Cities:

6TH ANNUAL CIVIL SERVICE AND BARGAINING UNIT (CSBU) STAFF DAY IS AUG. 5. A light lunch and beverage will be provided, courtesy of University Dining Services. Tours of Eastcliff with shuttle bus service will be available. The event will incorporate the U Wellness Initiative with an optional one-mile walk back from Eastcliff. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., St. Paul Student Center terrace and Riverbend Plaza (behind Coffman Union) in Minneapolis; 7-8:30 p.m., Minneapolis only. You must present a coupon to receive a gift; if you have not received a card by July 28, call Mary Austin at 612-626-9462.

GOPHER GIGANET, THE NEW UMTC CAMPUS NETWORK, is scheduled to be installed Aug. 14. Only the core network will be upgraded that day; there may be short service disruptions of Internet and modem pool connections throughout the weekend. Campus building covers to the new network will begin in September. For more information, including schedule and upgrade news, see <http://www.umn.edu/nts/networkupgrade> . For regular status information, call the hotline, 1-GIGA (301-4442).

2004 U.S. TRANSPLANT GAMES, hosted at UMTC, continue through Aug. 1. For more information, see <http://www.ahc.umn.edu/transplantgames> .

IN HONOR OF TRANSPLANT GAMES VISITORS, DINKYTOWN BUSINESSES will roll out the red carpet to all U faculty, staff, and Transplant Games participants. Come sample food and refreshments outdoors in Dinkytown and enjoy the summer weather. July 30, 11 a.m. through the evening.

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AND SCHOLAR DOCUMENT CHECK AND ORIENTATION: Departments should direct arriving international staff and students to have their government documents checked at International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS), 190 Humphrey Center, West Bank. International orientation sessions will be held the mornings of Aug. 10, 12, 18, and 26, and Sept. 1 and 3. For more information, see <http://www.iss.umn.edu> .

ANNUAL WEEK OF TEACHING AND LEARNING WORKSHOPS for new and returning instructional staff will be held Aug. 30 to Sept. 2. New teaching assistant orientation and new faculty orientation are both scheduled for Aug. 31. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/teachlearn/teaching> .

MORE THAN 140 STAFF AND FACULTY VOLUNTEERS are needed to assist with the Pride and Spirit celebration in Coffman Union immediately after convocation. Sept. 7, check-in 4:45-5:15 p.m., duties end by 7:30 p.m. Register by Aug. 13. For more information or to register, see <http://www.irr.umn.edu/ofyp/convocation04> .

THE U REUSE WAREHOUSE THIRD PUBLIC AUCTION will include items such as a parking lot booth, teak desk, patio and office furniture, jigsaw, tripods, lab equipment, and TV sets. Claims will be awarded based on the highest sealed bid during three viewing days: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Aug. 5; and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 7 and 9. ReUse Warehouse, 883 29th Avenue S.E. For more information, including a list of auction lots, see <http://www.reuse.umn.edu> .

MORE EVENTS include arctic ecologist Sarah Hobbie at the Bell (July 29); "Predators Rule," "All About Owls," and "Raptor ER" at the Raptor Center (July 29, Aug. 5 and 12); "Living, Dying, and Grieving," (July 31); stress reduction workshop (Aug. 2); Split Rock Soirees (Aug. 3 and 10); author-illustrator and Caldecott winner Gerald McDermott (Aug. 3); 8th International Conference on Bisexuality (Aug. 5-7); landscape photography workshop (Aug. 7); and "Returning to Learning" (Aug. 9). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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Today's News Headlines: To subscribe to Today's News Headlines, a daily e-mail update of media coverage that is either about or references the U, see <http://www.umn.edu/urelate/newsservice/todaysnews.html> .

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THE 2004 MINNESOTA RURAL SUMMIT will feature President Bruininks as a keynote speaker Aug. 20. The theme of the seventh annual event will be "Gearing Up for the Innovation Economy." Bruininks's remarks will focus on rural economic development and the need for partnerships between educational institutions and greater Minnesota. Aug. 18-20, Hibbing. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1773&from=umnnews> .

AN OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD will honor alumna Yvonne Cheung Ho, president and CEO of the Metropolitan Economic Development Association. The award is the highest honor given to alumni and recognizes exceptional achievement in a professional field or service. Aug. 13, Eastcliff. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1775&from=umnnews> .

A NEW NATIONAL HYPERSONICS RESEARCH CENTER will have research goals that include giving astronauts the tools to diagnose damage to their spacecraft in flight. The partnership with a Buffalo, N.Y., institution will be based in the Department of Aerospace Engineering and Mechanics, UMTC. A dedication will be held Aug. 11, 4:30 p.m., 320 Akerman Hall. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1777&from=umnnews> .

2. News and Features

FINDING CHILD CARE--WHAT KIND IS BEST FOR YOUR FAMILY? While most U employees are gearing up for a new semester, some are also looking for quality child care. Finding care can challenge any parent but can be especially overwhelming the first time. Find out how other U parents have met the challenge and learn about the U-wide child care resource and referral service, CareQuest. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Finding_child_care.html .

CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE (CSC) PLANS FOR 2004-05: New CSC members held their first meeting July 22 and planned for the coming year. The eight subcommittees set out tasks that touch on issues ranging from pay equity to professional development to the Legislative Network. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/CSC_begins_200405.html .

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COMPUTER NETWORK ALERT: On Saturday, Aug. 14, some service interruptions will occur as Networking and Telecommunication Services installs the new core routing platform for the UMTC network. Other U campuses will experience intermittent loss of connectivity to UMTC resources but should not lose connectivity to the Internet. Work will involve configuration changes for the entire UMTC network, including Internet access, the modem pool, and virtual private networks (VPN). Status updates will be available on the project Web page. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/nts/networkupgrade> or call the hotline, 301-GIGA (301-4442).

FALL SEMESTER START DATES will be Aug. 30, Crookston and Morris, and Sept. 7, Duluth, Twin Cities, and Rochester. Academic calendars for all the campuses are posted at <http://www.umn.edu/usenate/calendars/calendarpage.html> .

THE NEW DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT is Terrence Cook, as of Aug. 1. Cook's 28 years of experience include service in West St. Paul and Apple Valley, Minnesota. His role will include U-wide and statewide outreach to ensure that all the campuses are prepared for emergencies. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1770&from=umnnews> .

THE GRANT-IN-AID OF RESEARCH, ARTISTRY, AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM deadline for applications is Sept. 20 for the grant period Jan. 1, 2005, to June 30, 2006. For more information, call the Graduate School, Research Support Services, at 612-625-2356, or see <http://www.grad.umn.edu/faculty-staff/funding/dean/gia> .

U REPRESENTATIVES WILL ATTEND THE BEIJING INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION EXPOSITION Aug. 24-26. They include senior VP Robert Jones, UMM chancellor Sam Schuman, UMD vice chancellor Vince Magnuson, UMTC vice provost Craig Swan, UMC professor of natural resources and former interim vice chancellor Daniel Svedarsky, and several others. The trip's goal is to make connections and attract undergraduate and graduate students to enroll at U of M campuses. The trip is being organized by the China Center, 612-624-1002.

THE U AT THE STATE FAIR: Highlights this year will include great deals on Gopher football tickets, a full stage lineup, and barbeque from Famous Dave's. Aug. 26 to Sept. 6. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/statefair> .

Duluth:

THE UMD ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME will add eight new members to its rolls at ceremonies Oct. 2. Inductees for 2004 will include seven athletes and a coach: Denise (Holm) Olson, Dan Lempe, John Nachtsheim, Mike Petrich, Kelli (Ritzer) Thomas, John Sampson, Jerry Wherely, and Dale Race (men's basketball coach); they will bring Hall of Fame membership to 70. For more information, see <http://www.umbulldogs.com/hof> .

THE WATER LEVEL OF UMD'S ROCK POND is gradually being restored after careful drainage to eradicate exotic fish species threatening Tischer Creek and possibly Lake Superior. The pond appeared to be a fish dumping area for some time. It is refilling naturally and is expected to be full by late fall. The Outdoor Program plans to use it as a learning lab and to observe its recovery. Credit for the cooperative effort goes to several UMD departments--Housing, Facilities Management, Department of Education, Outdoor Program, Department of Biology, Natural Resources Research Institute, and Minnesota Sea Grant--as well as to the Bagley Nature Center Committee and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. For background information, see <http://www.seagrant.umn.edu/news/2004/may11.html> .

Morris:

UMM ALUMNI WHO WERE DELEGATES AT THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION (DNC) in Boston July 26-29 were Sara Kloek, '05, and Minnesota Rep. Cy Thao, '95. Kloek organized the bus trip, "Young Patriots Tour: 2,800 Miles for a Stronger America." Among the 40 Minnesota college students who campaigned in key states and attended the College Democrats of American National Convention before the DNC were UMM students Anthony Cary, Tim Lindberg, Isaac Linehan-Clodfelter, Avi Rosenmaun, Jen Schreifels, John Schrom, and Emily Schweiger.

Rochester:

A BOOTH AT THE OLMSTED COUNTY FAIR Aug. 2-8 was staffed jointly by UMR faculty and staff, along with members of the Rochester Area Alumni and Friends of the University of Minnesota (RAAFUM). They provided information about academic programs, as well as Gopher athletics and alumni programs and activities.

Twin Cities:

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY MEDICINE AND COMMUNITY HEALTH IS THE NEW NAME for the Department of Family Practice and Community Health. For more information, contact 612-624-9965 or -3120 or engh0013@umn.edu, or see <http://www.fp.umn.edu> .

ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS IS THE NEW NAME for Athletics Media Relations. For more information, call Mike Lockrem, 612-624-7345.

EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR AWARD was given to the College of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences (COAFES) by the Minnesota Developmental Achievement Center Association Aug. 5. For nearly 10 years, the COAFES Plant Growth Facility has employed workers through Merrick, Inc./AbiliTech, a nonprofit organization that provides job placement services and vocational support to adults with developmental disabilities. For more information, see <http://www.coafes.umn.edu/employeraward> .

NEW HUMPHREY INSTITUTE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS include Minnetonka mayor Karen Anderson, planning consultant Caren Dewar, Blandin Foundation executive Bernadine Joselyn, Minnesota Housing Finance commissioner Tim Marx, Center for the American Experiment president Mitch Pearlstein, and Twin Cities RISE! chair Steve Rothschild. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1766&from=umnnews> .

ADMISSIONS DIRECTOR Wayne Sigler has been named for a two-year term as president of the Association of Chief Admission Officers of Public Universities.

STAR PERFORMER AWARDS: University Services honors departments, teams, and individuals each year who go above and beyond the call of duty in their work. Please nominate a University Services employee or team that has provided good service to you or your department. Deadline for nominations is Sept. 3. For more information, including guidelines, nomination form, and information on past award winners, see <http://www.uservices.umn.edu/starperformers.html> .

CIVIL SERVICE AND BARGAINING UNIT (CSBU) STAFF DAY GIFTS are still available. Bring your gift coupon/invitation or U staff ID card to one of the following locations. Minneapolis: Aug. 9-13, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Burton Hall, first-floor hallway; after Aug. 15, contact wendy@umn.edu . St. Paul: Aug. 11-12, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Coffey Hall, second-floor hallway; after Aug. 15, contact sdilwort@che.umn.edu .

TEACHING AND LEARNING WORKSHOPS for new and returning instructional staff will be Aug. 30 to Sept. 2. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/teachlearn/teaching> .

VOLUNTEER FOR PRIDE AND SPIRIT celebration by Aug. 13. Staff and faculty volunteers are needed for this postconvocation event, Sept. 7, Coffman Union; check-in 4:45-5:15 p.m., duties end by 7:30 p.m. For more information or to register, see <http://www.rrr.umn.edu/ofvp/convocation04> .

PARTY WITH GOLDY: Goldy's Gameroom in Coffman Union and the Gopher Spot at the St. Paul Student Center have five new party packages, one featuring an appearance by Goldy. For more information, contact Jennifer Plath, 612-624-7271 or plat0044@umn.edu .

FREE ADMISSION TO THE MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM is available through Aug. 20 to visitors who arrive by SouthWest Metro Transit. For more information, see <http://www.swtransit.org> . For information about the arboretum summer schedule, see <http://www.arboretum.umn.edu> .

SEMICONDUCTOR RESEARCH VISIONARY AND ALUMNUS CARL NOMURA will be on campus to sign his new book, *Sleeping On Potatoes: A Lumpy Adventure from Manzanar to the Corporate Tower*. Nomura was incarcerated with other Japanese-Americans during World War II; he retired as a Honeywell VP. Sponsored by the U of M Foundation, Institute of Technology, and U Bookstores. Aug. 26, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Coffman Union. For more information, see <http://events.tc.umn.edu/event?occurrence=379532;event=106049> .

MORE EVENTS include Steak & Lobster Friday at the Campus Club (Aug. 13); an illustrated lecture about dogsledding, "Exploring Nunavut: 2,100 Miles Across the Arctic" (Aug. 17); Big Ten Retirees Conference (Aug. 20); skydiving (Aug. 23); *The Mousetrap*, by the U of M Showboat Players (through Aug. 28); "Endangered Treasure: Our Arctic National Wildlife Refuge" (through Aug. 29); discussion of *Finding Mothers*, by Cokie Roberts, with the Women and Politics Reading Group (Sept. 1).
SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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eNews : To subscribe to *eNews*, a biweekly e-newsletter with a mix of U stories, news, and happenings, see <http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/enews> .

Today's News Headlines: To subscribe to Today's News Headlines, a daily e-mail update of media coverage that is either about or references the U, see <http://www.umn.edu/urelate/newsservice/todaysnews.html> .

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STUDENTS ON U CAMPUSES WILL GAIN ACCESS TO ONLINE MUSIC through a pilot agreement with RealNetworks, a digital media services company. The program is designed to decrease illegal music downloading. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1787&from=umnnews> .

VP FOR UNIVERSITY RELATIONS Sandra Gardebring will leave the U Sept. 17 to accept a position as advancement VP at California Polytechnic State University. Interim VP will be Tom Swain, whose long history of public service to the U and Minnesota includes a similar appointment in 1996-98. An accelerated search is under way, chaired by VP Kathleen O'Brien. Application review will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled, with a target date in October. Members of the U community are urged to nominate internal and external candidates. Forward nominations to the chair at the Office for University Services, 317 Morrill Hall, 100 Church Street S.E., Minneapolis, MN 55455. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1796&from=umnnews> .

UMC AND UMM RANKED AMONG THE TOP THREE nationally in their categories in the 2005 list of America's best colleges by *U.S. News and World Report*. UMC appears in the "top public Midwest comprehensive colleges--bachelor's" and UMM in "top public liberal arts colleges." UMD ranked 9th among Midwest public universities that offer a master's. UMD and UMTC engineering and UMTC business programs received high rankings. UMTC was mentioned for outstanding first-year experience and study abroad programs. For more information, see <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=162> and <http://crookstontimes.com/articles/2004/08/20/news/6newsa.txt> ; see also <http://www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/eduhome.htm> .

2. News and Features

ONE SIZE DOES NOT FIT ALL: College students are studying abroad in greater numbers and more majors than ever. U campuses are leading the way through "curriculum integration," in which faculty and academic advisers identify high-quality programs abroad that will earn credit for students in their colleges. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/One_size_does_not_fit_all.html .

GREAT SERVICE--HOW A SERVICE PHILOSOPHY WAS PUT TO WORK IN CCE: The U's College of Continuing Education (CCE) serves about 10,000 students each year and must provide great service to keep them coming back. After CCE adopted a service philosophy last year, it created an information center to help carry it out. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Great_frontdoor_service_for_continuing_education_at_the_U.html .

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University-wide:

TWO NEW DIRECTORS IN CAPITAL PLANNING AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT have been named to assist in the planning, building, and renovation cycle of U buildings and space statewide: Michael Denny, director of development services, and Orlyn Miller, director of planning and architecture. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1797&from=umnnews> .

U ACTIVITIES AT THE STATE FAIR--including college exhibits, Legislative Network sign-ups, and a Gopher stadium display--are receiving a strong response and will continue through Sept. 6. A map of U activities at the fair can be downloaded at <http://www.umn.edu/statefair/building.php> . For more information, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/U_at_the_State_Fair.html .

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH GRANTS support instructors and assistant professors who have no independent national funding and are engaged in cancer-related research. Awards up to \$20,000 support analysis of developmental biology, gene regulation, or alternation of intracellular or extracellular processes. Deadline: Oct. 1. For more information or an application, contact 612-626-1926 or micek003@umn.edu .

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH SITES AND LEADERS for the Student Project for Amity among Nations (SPAN) in summer 2005 are India, Virajita Singh, College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture; Spain, Holly Zimmerman-LeVoir, Learning Abroad Center; and Uruguay, Gary Kuhn, emeritus in Latin American history, U of Wisconsin-LaCrosse. The deadline for student applications is Nov. 12. SPAN is Minnesota's oldest study abroad program. For more information, see <http://www.mnspan.org> .

THE U NEWS SERVICE is available to support departments and campuses with media relations and response. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/urelate/newsservice/home.php> .

Crookston:

STAFF UPDATES are included in the UMC Weekly Bulletin, Aug. 25. For more information, see <http://www.crk.umn.edu/campusinfo/wkbulletin/04-05/08-25-04.htm#Updates> .

WELCOME ACTIVITIES today include a student club fair, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; ice cream social; and movie night at the Grand Theater in Crookston, beginning at 7 p.m.

Duluth:

NEW DIRECTOR OF THE TWEED MUSEUM OF ART is Ken Bloom, director of the Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art since 2001. Bloom will arrive Oct. 4. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2004/August/16.html> .

THE MATHEMATICAL ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA presented a Trevor Evans Award to associate professor Douglas Dunham for his article, "A Tale Both Shocking and Hyperbolic," published in *Math Horizons*, Apr. 23. Awards recognize authors of exceptional articles accessible to undergraduates; Dunham's is an introduction to hyperbolic geometry with references for further study. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2004/August/13-A.html> .

THE UMD DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MARKS 50 YEARS of national accreditation for teacher preparation. It was one of 283 institutions recognized by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2004/August/13-B.html> .

Morris:

PRINCESS KAY OF THE MILKY WAY is UMM elementary education major Christina Rettmann, Buffalo Lake, named in a ceremony at the state fairgrounds. Rettmann will serve as the official goodwill ambassador for Minnesota's dairy industry and the state's 6,000 dairy producers. Throughout her yearlong reign, she will make public appearances--which started with several hours in a cooler, where her likeness was sculpted in butter. For more information, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Morris_student_crowned_Princess_Kay_of_the_Milky_Way.html .

NEW FACULTY AND STAFF are welcomed along with students as they start classes this week. For more information, see <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=161> .

THE 2004-05 CONVOCATION SERIES will include "What Liberal Media?" with Kellyanne Conway and Eric Alterman (Oct. 11), "Return to Little Rock" with Minnijean Brown-Trickey (Feb. 1), "Current Challenges to Civil Liberties" with Nadine Strossen (Feb. 24), and "An Evening With Nilo Cruz: Readings and Discussion" (Mar. 28). For more information, see <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=159> .

THE 2004-05 PERFORMING ARTS SERIES SEASON will include North Carolina Youth Tap (Sept. 18), California Guitar Trio (Oct. 23), James Sewell Ballet (Nov. 20), The Acting Company (Feb. 19), Ladysmith Black Mambazo (Mar. 5), and the annual jazz festival (Apr. 7-9). For more information, see <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=160> .

Rochester:

A NEW BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN RESPIRATORY CARE begins this fall at UMR in partnership with the Mayo School of Health Sciences. Twelve students are dually enrolled and admitted into upper division coursework. The entire program is available in Rochester with shared Mayo Clinic faculty and clinical experience at Mayo Clinic. For more information, see http://www.r.umn.edu/Respiratory_Care.html .

Twin Cities:

COFFMAN PLAZA BECOMES GOPHERS PREGAME HOME: "Touchdown on Campus" will be a gathering place for faculty, staff, students, alumni, and the public for two hours before each home game. Enjoy the marching band, Goldy, Campus Club fare in a food tent or inside, \$5 parking in the East River Road Garage, and a free shuttle to and from the Metrodome. Beginning Sept. 4. For more information, see <http://www.bookstores.umn.edu/football.html> .

STATE FAIR TRAFFIC ALERT: The St. Paul Chiller Plant project is adding to congested traffic and parking around the campus in St. Paul during the fair this year. Access the southeast part of the campus, including Gortner Ramp, from the south. Also, U reciprocal parking in St. Paul is not available during the fair. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/pts/maps/pdf/statefair2004.pdf> (PDF) or <http://www.umn.edu/pts/maps/spcolor.htm> .

THE NEW U POLICE DEPARTMENT PHONE NUMBER IS 612-624-COPS (2677), for nonemergency police-related issues, 24 hours a day. The old number, 612-624-2575, is no longer answered and will be disconnected by Dec. 31. For updated information, see the separate listings for "public safety" and "police department" in the *Student-Staff Directory*, <http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/directories> .

THE MINNESOTA MEDICAL FOUNDATION was named a winner for the second year in the Great Places to Work competition of *The Business Journal* of Minneapolis and St. Paul. It was the only nonprofit organization to win. For more information, see <http://www.mmf.umn.edu> .

THE VOLUNTEER AWARDS CEREMONY of the U of M Alumni Association (UMAA) will honor alumni, faculty, staff, and student volunteers for outstanding service to the UMAA. Sept. 10, 6-8 p.m. A volunteer leaders forum before the football game the next day will feature a keynote address, "Cultivating Creativity and Innovation," by Jackie Byrd. Sept. 11, 8-11:15 a.m. McNamara Alumni Center. For more information, see <http://www.alumni.umn.edu/volunteerevents> .

THE EMPLOYEE CAREER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM FALL SCHEDULE is now on the Web. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/ecep/schedule.htm> . Individual consulting on career issues is also available; call 612-626-0774 for an appointment.

CAMPUS CLUB FALL HOURS BEGIN Sept. 7. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/cclub/news.html> .

MORE EVENTS include "U Light Up the Night!" Marcy-Holmes block party (Sept. 2); New Student Weekend (Sept. 2-4); Multicultural Kick-off Days for Students of Color (Sept. 3-4); convocation (Sept. 7); 10th annual transportation fair (Sept. 7, Coffman Union; Sept. 8, St. Paul Student Center); Center for Outdoor Adventure grand opening at the Rec Center (Sept. 8-9); Phillips Neighborhood Clinic "Art of Caring" silent auction (Sept. 8); and "New Photography: McKnight Fellows 2003-04" at the Nash (through Sept. 30; public reception Sept. 10). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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Today's News Headlines: To subscribe to Today's News Headlines, a daily e-mail update of media coverage that is either about or references the U, see <http://www.umn.edu/urelate/newsservice/todaysnews.html> .

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A PLAN FOR HEALTH SCIENCES CLINICAL FACILITIES RENOVATION AND CONSOLIDATION has been developed by leadership of Fairview Health Services, U of M Physicians, the Academic Health Center, and the U. Facilities include hospital space and clinics where patients receive treatments and where health sciences students receive education. Basic science facilities are in top shape, said health sciences VP Frank Cerra, and translational research facility is taking shape; "now it's time to develop plans for clinical facilities that can shape our future." The U and its partners will continue to work with students, neighborhood groups, and health care systems as the plan develops. For more information, see <http://www.ahc.umn.edu/news/AHC-News/campusplan> .

A U PARTNERSHIP TO MAKE THE STATE FAIRGROUNDS MORE ENERGY EFFICIENT and sustainable was announced Sept. 3. The fairgrounds will serve as a laboratory for faculty and students to investigate new building and landscape technology. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1807&from=umnnews> .

PRESIDENT BRUININKS TALKED ABOUT HIGHER EDUCATION on "Midmorning" on Minnesota Public Radio Sept. 7. To hear a recording of the broadcast, see <http://news.minnesota.publicradio.org/collections/education> .

2. News and Features

A WARM MINNESOTA WELCOME: "What will the weather be like in the winter?" That's the most popular question at the Relocation Assistance Program (RAP) for new faculty, staff, and their families on the Twin Cities campus. RAP has resources on everything from cold weather and schools to finding jobs for spouses. But it's up to everybody to create a warm climate for new members of the U community. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/A_warm_Minnesota_welcome.html .

BRIDGING THE FRESHMAN-FACULTY CULTURE GAP: Most college freshmen this year were born in 1986. Every year, Beloit College releases the Mindset List to help faculty members connect with their newest students. To read a summary in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Beloit_Colleges_annual_MindSet.html .

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University-wide:

"ENHANCING THE VALUE OF THE RURAL LANDSCAPE" will be the theme of the third annual open house at the Southern Research and Outreach Center, Waseca. Events will include a corn maze, live farm animals, an eagle and other birds from the Raptor Center, hayrides, children's games and activities, a guest appearance by Goldy Gopher, door prizes, picnic supper, and a showcase of U research and extension programs, from cold-hardy grapes to renewable energy. Sept. 16, 4-8 p.m., Highway 14 West. For more information, see <http://sroc.coafes.umn.edu> or call 507-835-3620.

Crookston:

THE NEW INTERIM VICE CHANCELLOR FOR UNIVERSITY RELATIONS is Robert Peterson, beginning Oct. 6. Peterson served most recently as director of gift planning at the University of Minnesota Foundation. For more information, see <http://www.crk.umn.edu/IVT-Relations.htm> .

Duluth:

FRESHMAN MOVE-IN DAYS were Sept. 3 and 4. The Chancellor's Welcome Team, including Chancellor Martin, vice chancellors, deans, professors, and staff, donned Welcome Team T-shirts, worked the food tents, assisted students with moving chores, and provided orientation information. More than 150 student volunteers were on hand to help. Move-in Days marked the beginning of the 10th annual UMD Bulldog Bash, four days of welcome activities. Projected student enrollment for this fall is 2,260; the total projected enrollment is 10,360. Eighty-seven percent of freshmen will live on campus. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2004/September/01.html> .

UMD'S DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERING was ranked fifth in the nation among undergraduate chemical engineering programs, both public and private, in the 2005 "America's Best Colleges" published by *U.S. News and World Report*. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2004/August/20.html> .

Morris:

THE COUGARS WERE VOTED THE NO. 1 FOOTBALL TEAM in the North Division of the Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (UMAC), second in the UMAC overall, by the league's football coaches. The Cougar women's soccer team was voted No. 1 in the UMAC in a similar poll: in their first year of competition, the Cougar women posted a 12-0 conference record. For more information, see <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/athletics> .

A REPRESENTATIVE OF ALZHEIMER'S AUSTRALIA met with UMM English instructor and service-learning coordinator Argie Manolis and Lisa Denzer, activity director at West Wind Village in Morris. In a UMM service-learning project beginning its fifth year, students in three of Manolis's courses--Fundamentals of Writing, College Writing, and Introduction to Creative Writing--plan and implement weekly recreational and therapeutic activities for elders at West Wind, many of whom suffer from Alzheimer's Disease or a related dementia. Students record the elders' words and make them into "found poems" to capture community and family memories. Michael Cahill, support coordinator for Alzheimer's Australia, hopes to adopt the curriculum and begin a similar project. For more information about service learning at Morris, see <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/academic/si> .

CLARIFICATION: UMM ranked third in the nation among public liberal arts colleges in the 2005 "America's Best Colleges" published by *U.S. News and World Report*. For more information, see <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=162> .

Rochester:

ROCHESTER'S SESQUICENTENNIAL will include a display of UMR's history among exhibitions that showcase familiar landmarks, local businesses, organizations, and neighborhoods. The Grand Birthday Celebration and "Streets and Stories" display will be Sept. 10-11, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., and Sept. 12, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Mayo Civic Center Exhibition Hall and north lobby. For more information, see <http://www.rochester150.com> and <http://www.rneighbors.org> .

Twin Cities:

A RECORD NUMBER OF FRESHMEN CHOSE TO LIVE ON CAMPUS this fall--nearly 82 percent of an estimated 5,375 students. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1780&from=umnnews> .

A WORKSHOP FOR SPOUSES AND PARTNERS OF NEW U EMPLOYEES, "Conducting a Job Search in the Twin Cities," will help individuals identify potential places of employment, conduct informational interviews, make contacts through networking, and prepare effective resumes. Sponsored by the Relocation Assistance Program. Sept. 21, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 215 Donhowe. Register by Sept. 14 by contacting 612-626-0774 or chrd@umn.edu .

COPYRIGHT AND FAIR USE SURVEY: All faculty and staff are invited to participate in an online survey by University Libraries to investigate awareness and concerns about the copyright law and fair use in University work settings. Find the survey at <http://www.lib.umn.edu/copyright/survey> . For more information, contact Dan Donnelly, Copyright Information and Education, at d-donn@umn.edu .

CALL FOR COURSE PROPOSALS: The College of Continuing Education (CCE) Compleat Scholar Program seeks noncredit liberal arts and sciences course proposals for paid, part-time temporary teaching positions. The program provides an opportunity to broaden teaching experience without concern for grades, papers, or exams. Applications are accepted throughout the academic year. For more information, see http://www.cce.umn.edu/website.nsf/pages/PEP_Compleat_Scholar.Join_Our_Faculty.Join_Our_Faculty .

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: Nominate and urge students to apply to be peer educators for the Office of Student Academic Integrity (OSAI). As part of a new OSAI program this year, Student Advocates for Academic Integrity will go into classrooms to provide an interactive peer education experience focusing on five values adapted from OSAI's Fundamental Values Project: honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility. Position description and application are on the Web. Deadline: Sept. 22. For more information, see <http://www.osai.umn.edu> .

THE CENTER FOR WRITING now offers free one-to-one writing assistance to undergraduate and graduate students, with appointments up to 45 minutes. Nonnative speaker specialists are available. Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.; Fri., 9 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.; 306B Lind Hall. Also, in partnership with the Department of History, the center offers history writing consultation for undergraduate history students; times and locations vary. For more information, see <http://writing.umn.edu> and <http://writing.umn.edu/sws/hours.htm> .

BLOOD DONORS AND VOLUNTEERS ARE SOUGHT for the U's third annual blood drive. Organizers hope to enlist 240 donors and 40 registration volunteers; volunteers must commit to at least a one-hour shift. Sept. 16, 7 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information or to schedule an appointment, see <http://www.givelife.org> or call the Red Cross at 651-291-3293 .

PRIDE & WORK fall events begin with a kickoff breakfast to meet gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and ally (GLBTA) coworkers. Sept. 14, 8 a.m., GLBT Programs Office, 152 Klaeber Court.

OFFICE FOR UNIVERSITY WOMEN fall events include a kickoff for the Women's Student Activist Collective (Sept. 10), the Walk for Children (around Lake Como) to raise funds for child-abuse prevention (Sept. 11), a community involvement fair (Sept. 23), and more. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/women> .

CAFE SCIENTIFIQUE, a series of lively, informal discussions on current scientific topics, sponsored by the Bell Museum of Natural History, will begin with "Science and Sex Appeal in the Serengeti." Sept. 14, 6 p.m., Kitty Cat Klub, Dinkytown, East Bank. For more information, see <http://www.bellmuseum.org> .

MORE EVENTS include "Eyes of the Dragon," a 30th anniversary celebration of the Minnesota chapter of the U.S.-China Peoples Friendship Association (Sept. 20, register by Sept. 10); "Late 19th-Century Habsburg Society: Was There One?" by Ernst Bruckmuller, University of Vienna (Sept. 14); book signings by authors Lane Kane, *Ticket to Ride: Inside the Beatles' 1964 Tour That Changed the World* (Sept. 14), Sue Leaf, *Potato City* (Sept. 15), and James Bruton, *The Big House: Life Inside a Supermax Security Prison*; and "The Environment: Sustainable Development, Sustainable Commitment," by former Canadian prime minister Jean Chretien (Sept. 16).
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THE BOARD OF REGENTS APPROVED A NEW FOUR-YEAR CONTRACT, including a 2.5 percent raise, for President Bruininks at its meeting Sept. 10. The board was positive in Bruininks's annual performance review in July, focusing on his financial management and his effort to implement strategic academic priorities. In other business, the board heard a report on the higher class ranks and ACT scores of the freshman class, as well as on increases in project costs since the legislature failed to pass a bonding bill in the 2004 session. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1817&from=umnnews> .

OCTOBER WILL BE SCHOLARSHIP MONTH AT THE U, President Bruininks announced at the regents meeting. Earlier this year, the U announced "Promise of Tomorrow," its most ambitious scholarship fund-raising effort ever. The goal of increasing the number of students on U campuses receiving scholarships by 50 percent will require \$150 million in new private scholarship support. Results to date will be announced at the beginning of Scholarship Month, and banners on campus, ads, and publications will help raise awareness about the drive. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1818&from=umnnews> .

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VOTE FOR THE U CAMPAIGN: The U's Legislative Network is collecting signatures of people who pledge to vote Nov. 2 for candidates who support the U and higher education. In a year when the focus is on national elections, the importance of state races can't be underestimated. A drive at the State Fair generated nearly 2,000 Vote for the U pledges--and now the campaign comes to the campuses, with a goal of reaching 10,000 pledges by election day. Faculty and staff are urged to get involved. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Faculty_and_staff_vote_for_the_U.html .

CAPA UPDATE: The Council of Academic Professionals and Administrators met Aug. 20 at a retreat to plan for the coming year. To read a summary report in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/CAPA_prepares_for_200405.html .

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THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR UNIVERSITY RELATIONS POSITION is posted. Application review has begun and will continue until the position is filled, with a target date in October. Members of the U community are urged to nominate internal and external candidates. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/employment/openings/sjob126621.html> .

THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF THE U NEWS SERVICE is Sarah Youngerman, who will serve half-time while continuing her communications position at the Academic Health Center. Contact information is 612-625-8510 or syounger@umn.edu .

THE INFO-U 24-HOUR "INFORMATION FOR DAILY LIVING" BROCHURE has been updated and renamed "Answer Services." The brochure provides contact information for U research-based information services such as AnswerLine, Farm Information Line, and Yard and Garden Line. It includes U of M Extension Service volunteer resources and INFO-U's 600 popular, prerecorded topics. To request a free updated Answer Services brochure, e-mail emg@umn.edu; on the subject line, type BROCHURE. Be sure to include your name and campus or home address.

FOCUSING ON THE FIRST YEAR CONFERENCE will feature Harvard professor of education Richard Light. The event will provide an exchange of ideas, highlight best practices, and strengthen collaborative efforts to enhance the first-year experience across the U campuses. Oct. 6, Coffman Union. Deadline to register: Sept. 28. For more information, see <http://www.irr.umn.edu/ofyp/fyeconf04> .

A CONFERENCE ON CRITICAL ISSUES OF WOMEN'S EMPLOYMENT AFTER CHILDBIRTH is designed to bring together U faculty, students, activists, policy makers, health care professionals, employers, and community members. "After Birth: Policies for Healthy Women, Families, and Workplaces" will feature Susan Maushart, author of *The Mask of Motherhood: How Becoming a Mother Changes Everything and Why We Pretend It Doesn't*. Oct. 1, Humphrey Institute. Deadline to register: Sept. 23. For more information, see <http://www.hhh.umn.edu/afterbirth> .

Duluth:

THE NEW KIRBY PLAZA IS NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS--with more services to open soon. The three-story, renovated plaza houses expanded services for students, faculty, and staff, including food court, UMD Bookstore and Computer Corner, Bulldog Shop, UMD Print Shop, convenience store, coffee house, student computer lab, College of Liberal Arts offices, major Duluth Transit Authority bus hub, TCF Bank, and more. A child care center is slated to open in November. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/unirel/homepage/plazafood.html> or <http://www.d.umn.edu/food> (menus) or http://www.d.umn.edu/fm/planning/kirby_plaza (project description).

THE WORK OF TWO NEW FACULTY DESIGNERS in the UMD Department of Art and Design is introduced in the Regional Project Series/New Faculty Exhibition at the Tweed Museum of Art: "New Ending," by Phil Choo, and "Wearing of Our Tears," by Eun-Kyung Suh. Choo and Suh opened the show with lectures Sept. 14. Through Oct. 10. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/tma> .

AN EVENING OF ART SONGS AND BALLADS will be performed by tenor and assistant professor of music Joseph Spann, accompanied by pianist and professor Stanley Wold. Sept. 21, 7:30 p.m., Weber Music Hall. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/music/events/calendar/september.html> .

Morris:

A STUDY ON HOW METRO MEDIA PORTRAY RURAL AREAS showed no clear definition of "rural," a portrayal of rural areas as needing help, and consistently idyllic imagery. The study was commissioned by the Minnesota Initiative Foundations and presented at its board retreat this summer. Research was conducted by students Neil Linscheid and Tara Schmidt, political science, and Abby Von Arx, English, under the supervision of Benjamin Winchester, coordinator of data analysis and research at the Center for Small Towns. For more information, see <http://www.centerforsmalltowns.org> .

Rochester:

THE NEW ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS, UMR, is Nathan Tesch. He will work closely with program directors on the development and management of new and current academic programs. The new position will also focus on the development of student activities as UMR continues to add new academic programs that attract students with a more traditional undergraduate profile.

Twin Cities:

ONE OF THE TOP 10 COLLEGE WOMEN named by *Glamour* magazine is senior Maya Babu, who will be featured in the October issue. Babu is majoring in neuroscience in the College of Biological Sciences and psychology in the College of Liberal Arts and won a 2004 Truman Scholarship. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1813&from=umnnews> .

THE NEW LEARNING ABROAD CATALOG is now available. Copies can be picked up at the Learning Abroad Fair on international study, work, intern, and volunteer opportunities. Sept. 15, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., west end of Washington Avenue Bridge. For more information, see <http://www.umabroad.umn.edu/academic/fairSchedule.html> .

THE THIRD ANNUAL U BLOOD DRIVE IS SEPT. 16. The goal is 240 donors and 40 registration volunteers; volunteers must commit to at least a one-hour shift. McNamara Alumni Center, 7 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information or to schedule an appointment, see <http://www.givelife.org> or call the Red Cross at 651-291-3293 .

THE PUBLIC CAN VISIT THE U'S NEW MAMMOTH EARTHQUAKE INVESTIGATION SITE, the Multi-Axial Subassemblage Testing (MAST) facility at an open house. The \$11.5 million lab is funded in part by the National Science Foundation and is part of a national network for earthquake engineering simulation. President Bruininks will speak. Sept. 21, 5-6:30 p.m., 2525 Fourth Street S.E., Minneapolis For more information, see <http://www.ce.umn.edu/alumni> or call 612-625-5522.

THE UNIVERSITY STORES 18TH ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE will feature more than 50 participating manufacturers' representatives and U departments. Sept. 22, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; lunch 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Radisson Hotel Metrodome.

THE 2004 HEALTH CAREERS FAIR will provide a closer look at health professional fields offered at the U. Sept. 22, 3:30-6:30 p.m., Coffman Union. For more information, see www.healthcareers.umn.edu or 612-624-6767 or health.careers.center@umn.edu.

MORE EVENTS include "Letting One's Life Speak," Christian Faculty Network (Sept. 15); Paint the Bridge (Sept. 16-17); "Forty Years and Forever" Wilderness Act anniversary exhibit opening (Sept. 17); "In Search of an Interlocutor: Writer's Vocation, Persona, and Feminist Community" (Sept. 20); Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction Program (Sept. 21-Nov. 9); "God Willing? Political Fundamentalism in the White House, the War on Terror, and the Echoing Press" (Sept. 22); and a conference on "America's Changing Economy: Trade Balances, Outsourcing, and Jobs" (Sept. 23). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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A RECORD NUMBER OF DONORS MADE GIFTS AND PLEDGES OF \$145 MILLION to the U during fiscal year 2004, the U of M Foundation reported Sept. 16. The number of faculty and staff pledges increased by 9 percent to more than 5,000 in 2004. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1828&from=umnnews> .

THE FIRST ROBERT AND GAIL BUUCK SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DISABILITY SERVICES were awarded to three students at UMTC: Rachel Garaghty and Casey Martin, College of Liberal Arts, and Jenna Aaland, Institute of Technology. The Buucks donated \$100,000 to Disability Services to establish an endowment scholarship in support of students with disabilities. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1830&from=umnnews> .

SENEGAL PRESIDENT ABDOULAYE WADE AND FIRST LADY VIVIAN WADE will receive doctor of laws degrees in a public ceremony at UMTC Sept. 24. Wade will also speak about the New Partnership for Africa's Development, a shared vision and action plan for African redevelopment created and led by African leaders. The U's relationship with Senegal dates to the 1970s. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1833&from=umnnews> .

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FEDERAL RELATIONS--THE YEAR AHEAD: With the end of the federal fiscal year Sept. 30 and session adjournment, the U looks ahead to the 109th Congress. Work to maintain federal research dollars and to renew the Higher Education Act will continue. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Washington_preview_200405.html .

CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE UPDATE: Bring the power of civil service to U governance and the Community Fund Drive in October. To read more in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Civil_Service_Committee_update_0904.html .

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University-wide:

THE MINNESOTA HIGHER EDUCATION SERVICES OFFICE (HESO) IS SEEKING CITIZEN INPUT on higher education programs, policies, and services as part of the executive branch biennial budget development for the upcoming legislative session. The forums create an opportunity for advocates to raise awareness of the importance of state funding for the U. Attend one of the six town hall meetings: Rochester (Sept. 27), Duluth (Sept. 28), St. Paul (Sept. 29), Mankato (Oct. 4), Moorhead (Oct. 11), and St. Cloud (Oct. 14). For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/groots/townhall.php> .

OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR EMPLOYEE HEALTH PLANS--OCT. 16 TO NOV. 15--WILL BE ONLINE THIS YEAR through Employee Self-Service. Faculty and staff may change or waive medical plan options, add or cancel family medical coverage, enroll in a pretax flexible spending account for 2005, and, if eligible, add or increase long-term disability insurance. See "UPlan Changes" on the Employee Benefits Web site and look for the schedule of events, including health and benefit fairs. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/eb> .

"FROM INQUIRY TO IMPACT: YOUTH DEVELOPMENT IN OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME," part of the President's 21st Century Interdisciplinary Conference Series, will feature Harvard University professor Heather Weiss. The symposium is the first in a three-part series to bring researchers and practitioners together to discuss ideas and issues important to people who work with, and on behalf of, young people. Free and open to the public; registration required. Sept. 28, 8:30 a.m.-noon, McNamara Alumni Center. For more information, see <http://www.inquirytoimpact.org> .

THE SUPERCOMPUTING INSTITUTE FOR DIGITAL SIMULATION AND ADVANCED COMPUTATION invites faculty to participate in grants, resources, facilities, and technical support programs. Some programs have Oct. 15 deadlines. For more information, see <http://www.msi.umn.edu> or contact Jane Zirbes at 612-265-0012 or zirbes@msi.umn.edu .

Duluth:

AIR FORCE RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS (ROTC) ALUMNUS Bruce Carlson, '71, has been nominated to the rank of four-star general. Carlson received a bachelor's degree in accounting; he is currently 8th Air Force commander at Barksdale AFB in Shreveport, La., and would command the Air Force Materiel Commands at Wright-Patterson AFB in Ohio. The nomination was made by President Bush and requires Senate confirmation. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2004/September/10.html> .

"WORD ASSOCIATION" SERIES on writing, language, and literature will begin with "The Lost Island of English Studies: Globalization, Market Logic, and the Rhetorical Work of Department Web Sites," presented by Craig Stroupe, assistant professor, Department of Composition. The series is open to the public; snacks and beverages provided. Oct. 1, noon-12:50 p.m., 202 Cina.

Morris:

NEARLY 50 MEMBERS OF THE MORRIS NATIONAL GUARD UNIT, soon to be deployed to Iraq, were honored by dignitaries including Governor Pawlenty, Rep. Torrey Westrom, Sen. Dallas Sams, and UMM chancellor Sam Schuman in a special event at UMM Sept. 18, organized by the unit's family support group. A directory of services for families of the Morris National Guard is being compiled by UMM's Community Service and Volunteerism, Student Activities. For more information, see <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=171> .

UMM ANTHROPOLOGY AND AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES MAJOR Dianne Desrosiers performed with the Lakota Sioux Indian Dance Theater in Washington, D.C., Sept. 12. The performance celebrated the 20th anniversary of the John F. Kennedy Center and marked the opening of the National Museum of the American Indian. Desrosiers will perform with the company on Broadway in New York, Nov. 21. The group has performed all over the world for 20 years, including preliminary Olympic ceremonies in Athens. Desrosiers's husband, Gabe, is also a member of the company and a UMM transfer student.

UMM'S NEW STUDY ABROAD ADVISING SERVICES (SAAS), formerly the International Study and Travel Center, is staffed by students who have studied abroad. The SAAS staff helps students explore international study programs and search for work opportunities. It also provides travel services, such as international student identity cards and Eurail passes. For more information, see <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/cecp/abroad> .

COMING OUT WEEK, sponsored by the campus student organization E-Quality, will be Sept. 27 to Oct. 2. Opening ceremonies Sept. 27, 5 p.m., campus mall.

Rochester:

FACULTY/STAFF VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR, recognized by the U of M Alumni Association (UMAA) Sept. 10, is Dick Westerlund, UMR director of academic affairs. Westerlund was selected from U faculty and staff statewide who are active members of the UMAA. He has worked to support the U as a whole, sat on the Institute of Technology Society Board, and served as president of Rochester Area Alumni and Friends of the U of M (RAAFUM) for two years.

Twin Cities:

CONSTRUCTION OF THE SCHOLARS' WALK and new public art adjacent to the McNamara Alumni Center has begun. The Scholars' Walk, to be constructed in phases into 2006, will make names and accomplishments of the U's most eminent scholars and teachers public and prominent. The walk and a monument designed by Antoine Predock are funded by the Gateway Corporation. For more information, see <http://www.cppm.umn.edu/active-projects.html> .

"CLA@135": The College of Liberal Arts will celebrate its 135th anniversary in 2004-05. To mark its distinguished scholarship, education, and service to Minnesota, CLA is working to create 135 new endowed scholarships, will publish a commemorative book, *135 Alumni Voices*, and is planning special events, beginning with a dinner Oct. 22.

A NEW U AD CAMPAIGN, "ONLY AT THE U," features examples of U research, teaching, and service, beginning with the Honeycrisp apple. The ads mark the early stages of a marketing effort that focuses on what sets the U apart among the region's colleges and universities. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Only_at_the_U_ad_campaign_in_full_swing.html .

TEACHING ENRICHMENT WORKSHOPS this fall include Introduction to WebCT: Vista (Oct. 5), Fine Tuning Your Accent (two topics, Oct. 6 and Nov. 17), Creating a Teaching Portfolio (Oct. 13), Launching the Dissertation (Oct. 29), and more. Sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Learning Services. For more information, see http://www.umn.edu/ohr/teachlearn/teaching/TES_F_2004.html .

HOW MEDICARE CAN BENEFIT NEW MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY will be the topic of a presentation by Sean Tunis, M.D., director of the Office of Clinical Standards and Quality and chief medical officer at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Tunis will talk about how steps taken by Medicare can benefit the public. Sept. 22, 12:15-1:30 p.m., Mississippi Room, Coffman Union.

THE BIG TEN GOPHER FOOTBALL SEASON OPENER against Northwestern Sept. 25 will begin with "Touchdown on Campus" at Coffman Union. At 5:30 p.m., the marching band will perform a free concert to debut their new CD, *Maroon and Gold Live*. At 6 p.m., President Bruininks and athletics director Joel Maturi will lead a pregame program. Touchdown on Campus aims to make it fun and convenient for faculty, staff, alumni, and students to gather and get to and from the game, with food and drinks on the plaza or at the Campus Club, \$5 parking in the East River Road Garage, and free shuttles to the game. Also Oct. 2 (Penn State), Oct. 23 (Illinois, homecoming), and Nov. 13 (Iowa); game times vary. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1832&from=umnnews> .

MORE EVENTS include U Stores annual open house (Sept. 22); Exploring Work Options at the U (Sept. 23); the 2004 Allan Spear Lecture in Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Public Policy, featuring transgender activist Dean Spade (Sept. 23); "Breaking the Sound Barrier: The Intellectual Breakthroughs That Made It Possible," celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Department of Aerospace Engineering and Mechanics (Sept. 24); "Minnesota Wetlands" conference (Sept. 25); Ani DiFranco and Margaret Cho (Sept. 26); and "From Egg to Organ: Development and Disease," 13th annual Developmental Biology Center symposium (Sept. 27-28). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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A VISITOR IN A UMTC RESIDENCE HALL DIED Sept. 26. Counselors and residence hall staff met with students in Riverbend Commons Sunday night. Assistance is available to anyone who would like to talk with a counselor. Faculty and staff can call or refer students to University Counseling and Consulting Services, 612-624-3323. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1854&from=umnnews> .

THE NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNIVERSITY ENTERPRISE LABORATORIES (UEL) is inventor and entrepreneur Peter Bianco, a native of Rochester, Minn., and UMTC alumnus. UEL is a nonprofit created by a collaboration of the U and corporate partners to provide incubator laboratory space and equipment for bioscience start-up companies. It will be housed in a renovated building near the transitway between the UMTC campuses, part of the St. Paul Bioscience Zone. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1839&from=umnnews> .

AN EVENT TO HONOR 250 PAGE SCHOLARS will be hosted by the U and the Page Education Foundation. Minnesota Supreme Court Justice--now director of the U's new Office of Service and Continuous Improvement. He's assembling the facts and building the business cases needed to make the U stronger and to tell its success stories. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1834&from=umnnews> .

2. News and Features

BUILDING THE CASE FOR THE U: Meet Scott Martens, former Navy pilot and director of business transformation for American Express--now director of the U's new Office of Service and Continuous Improvement. He's assembling the facts and building the business cases needed to make the U stronger and to tell its success stories. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Building_business_cases_for_the_U.html .

WORK, FAMILY, SLEEP: U.S. employees are working longer hours than ever, and 85 percent have day-to-day family responsibilities caring for children, a spouse or partner, or an aging parent or family member. October is National Work & Family Month. Get information about U programs and events, and hear what four U employees are doing to manage work and family demands. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Work_family_sleep.html .

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University-wide:

COMMUNITY FUND DRIVE WILL BE OCT. 1-31. Booklets and pledge forms are arriving in campus mail. For more than 80 years, the U has demonstrated its commitment to communities through this U-wide charity campaign. This year's goal is a 40 percent participation rate and \$1 million. All U employees are encouraged to pledge a gift. Weekly prize drawings and several grand prizes will be made. Cochairs are Pamela Borton, Intercollegiate Athletics (academic professional and administrative staff); Matthew Bowers, Library Info Access/Delivery Services (civil service); Judith Martin, College of Liberal Arts, UMTC (faculty); and Polly Peterson, Concerts & Lectures (bargaining units). Carlson School of Management dean Larry Benveniste is lead chair. For more information or to make a pledge online, see <http://www.umn.edu/cfd> .

TECHNOLOGY-ENHANCED LEARNING (TEL) SEMINAR SERIES this fall includes three sessions: Simulations and Virtual Field Trips (Oct 8), Enhancing Student Learning With Self-Assessment Activities (Nov. 1), and Fair Use: TEL Principles and Practices (Dec. 7). Noon to 1:30 p.m., UMTC. Free and open to faculty and staff members, students, and the public. For more information, see <http://dmc.umn.edu> .

THE FRIENDS OF EASTCLIFF BOOK CLUB will discuss *I Could Tell You Stories*, by U faculty member Patricia Hampl. Oct. 21, Eastcliff. Anyone may join Friends of Eastcliff; memberships support the preservation and maintenance of the historic home of the U president and gathering place for the U community. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1841&from=umnnews> .

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK WILL BE NOV. 15-19. Departments, colleges, campuses, student groups, and organizations are encouraged to plan events that highlight the U's support of international education. For more information, see <http://www.international.umn.edu> or contact Jennifer Schulz at 612-624-0557 or schul160@umn.edu .

Crookston:

UMC HOSTED A SERVICE-LEARNING WORKSHOP for 12 faculty members last month. Presenters included JoAnn Campbell, Minnesota Campus Compact; Pam Holsinger-Fuchs, director of service learning; Dan Svedarsky, natural resources; Phil Baird, natural resources; Jerry Knudson, biology; James Kent, music; a community partner; and a student. The faculty worked with service-learning staff to begin developing projects. Several projects have been implemented this fall, and others are in planning stages. The workshop was funded through the U's Academy of Distinguished Teachers.

Duluth:

UMD HOMECOMING IS OCT. 1-2. Events will include a bonfire for alumni at Fitger's courtyard on Lake Superior, a tailgating barbecue and carnival, pregame ceremonies to honor the 40-year career of UMD football coaching legend Jim Malosky by naming Malosky Stadium, and the football conference opener vs. Minnesota State U-Mankato. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/homecoming> .

THE CENTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (CED) RECEIVED AN INNOVATION AWARD from the National Association for Development Organizations for innovative approaches to economic and community development. The CED's 21st Century Arrowhead Initiative, which provides e-commerce assistance to small- and medium-sized businesses with the grant support of Iron Range Resources, was cited as exemplary. For more information, see <http://www.umdced.com> .

TWENTY-ONE LANGUAGES OF NATIVE AMERICANS OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA are featured in a library display from the Ramseyer-Northern Bible Society Museum Collection. UMD Library, through January 2005. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/lib/bible/displays/200408pr.html> .

Morris:

SECOND ANNUAL BRIGGS LIBRARY BOOK SALE invites donations; bring them to the library or call 320-589-6266. Sale Oct. 1, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

THE FIRST-EVER COUGAR FEST will feature pregame activities including inflatable games for children and tailgating. Oct. 2, 10:30 a.m., near the Cougar football field. The game, against Blackburn College, starts at noon. For more information, see <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=184> .

JUNIOR Cendy Gonzalez was an invited panelist at the National Symposium on Youth Civil Engagement in Virginia, Sept. 14. The symposium included activities to get young people involved in the 2004 election. Gonzalez is a member of the College National Republican Committee.

SENIOR Sara Kloek is featured in "Just Ask a Woman: A National Report on Women in America," published by the Kerry-Edwards campaign. Kloek was a delegate at the Democratic National Convention and organized a bus trip of 40 Minnesota college students who campaigned in key states.

Twin Cities:

NEW CHAIR OF THE VETERINARY CLINICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT is Robert Washabau. He was previously professor of medicine in clinical studies in the School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Pennsylvania. For more information, see <http://www.cvm.umn.edu/NewsandEvents/NewsFiles/Washabau> .

THE COMMUNITY-UNIVERSITY HEALTH CARE CENTER OPEN HOUSE will celebrate community health and relationships. Activities will include live music, health screenings, and a barbeque and side dishes with the support of local businesses. The clinic provides comprehensive primary care, dental, and mental health services in seven languages to a diverse community. Sept. 30, 4:30-7 p.m., 2001 Bloomington Ave. S., Minneapolis. For more information, see <http://www.ahc.umn.edu/CUHCC> .

A TECHNOLOGY PREVIEW ROOM SPONSORED BY APPLE COMPUTERS will be featured as part of the 2004 conference of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Professional Community Society. Sept. 29 to Oct. 1, Radisson Hotel Metrodome. IEEE is an international organization dedicated to promoting the art and science of technical communication among professional communicators and engineers. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1842&from=umnnews> .

"BEHIND BARS: U.S. DETENTION PRACTICES HERE AND ABROAD," a series sponsored by the Law School and the Human Rights Program, will feature Joseph Margulies, the Minneapolis lawyer who served as lead counsel for the plaintiff in the Supreme Court case that ruled against presidential power to detain enemy combatants at Guantanamo Bay without legal resource. Oct. 4, 7 p.m., 25 Mondale Hall. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1843&from=umnnews> .

"DOES MATHEMATICS RULE THE WORLD?" will be presented by Sir Roger Penrose, University of Oxford, author of *The Emperor's New Mind*, in a lecture series of the Institute for Mathematics and Its Applications. Oct. 5, 7 p.m., 150 Tate Laboratory of Physics. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1855&from=umnnews> .

MORE EVENTS include "Donor Heart Preservation: Basic Science to Clinical Research" (Sept. 29); Japanese moon viewing at the arboretum (Sept. 30); 34th Minnesota Symposium on Child Psychology (Sept. 30-Oct. 2); "Lewis and Clark Bicentennial: Exploration Stories From the Archives," University Libraries (Oct. 1); 7th annual Twin Cities Marathon Sports Medicine Conference (Oct. 1-2); "Red, White & Blue Roundup" ballroom dance, Faculty Dancing Club, open to faculty and nonfaculty members (Oct. 2); U of M Symphony Orchestra (Oct. 3); "Parenting With Love and Limits" (Oct. 4); Faculty Moms Support Network (Oct. 5). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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THE BOARD OF REGENTS will review the president's proposed 2005 legislative request when the board meets at UMD Oct. 7-8. The proposal includes \$84 million in new state support for the 2006-07 biennium and urges a 50-50 financial partnership with the state; board action on the request is expected in November. Other agenda items include recognition of James Riehl, dean of the College of Science and Engineering, UMD, a recipient of the McKnight Presidential Leadership Chair, and action on amendments to two policies: (1) Board Policy Development and (2) Legal Review of Contracts and Agreements. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1868&from=umnnews> and <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1845&from=umnnews> .

THE U SCHOLARSHIP DRIVE RAISED \$34 MILLION from more than 15,000 alumni and friends during its first year. The drive aims to raise \$150 million and to increase by 50 percent the number of U students receiving scholarships supported by private gifts. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1864&from=umnnews> .

THE NEW HONORARY CONSUL OF ECUADOR FOR MINNESOTA is Juan Moreno, U of M Extension Services diversity program director and native of Ecuador. The Ecuadorian community is the state's second largest Latino community after Mexican-Americans. Moreno directed minority and international programs at UMC, 1976-87, and later served in student affairs and founded the Diversity Institute at UMTC. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1863&from=umnnews> .

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WORK LIFE IN A CUBE: Say you work or supervise in an "open environment." What do you do to get along? The guy who's really tall and makes others self-conscious every time he stands up? The two hard-working students who also play music too loud? The voice that carries perfectly for vast distances? Last month, a group of U supervisors identified three major pet peeves and shared possible solutions, general guidelines, and resources. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Cubicles_copiers_and_coffee_pots.html .

GREAT MINDS IN CONVERSATION: Great Conversations begins its fourth season Oct. 11 with "A Revolution in Women's Sports." Mary Jo Kane, director of the U's Tucker Center for Women in Sport, will talk with Donna Lopiano, director of the Women's Sports Foundation, on the history of Title IX. Other faculty members featured this year will be Brian Atwood, Humphrey Institute (Nov. 10); Anne Taylor, Medical School (Feb. 8); Wendy Pradt Lougee, University Libraries (Mar. 9); and Allan Isaacman, College of Liberal Arts (Apr. 19). To read the story in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Great_minds_in_conversation.html .

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GUIDELINES FOR THREE AWARD PROGRAMS are now available: (1) Horace T. Morse-University of Minnesota Alumni Association Award for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Education; (2) Award for Outstanding Contributions to Postbaccalaureate, Graduate, and Professional Education; and (3) John Tate Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Advising. Submissions must be made by UMTC and UMD colleges and by UMC and UMM offices of the vice chancellor for academic affairs by Jan. 27, 2005. Individuals or departments must work with the appropriate college or campus-level office, whose deadlines are likely to be earlier, to make nominations. Guidelines have been mailed to deans, department heads, and directors and are also available online. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/awards> or contact Karen Zentner Bacig, Office of the Senior VP for Academic Affairs and Provost, kbacig@umn.edu or 612-624-5082.

NEW IN THE ONLINE U POLICY LIBRARY are policies on sustainability and energy efficiency, campus and facility use, and displaying the flag. Revised policies include those on museum collections, the University press, board operations, and reservation and delegation of authority. For more information, see <http://www.fpd.finop.umn.edu/groups/ppd/documents/main/new.cfm> .

VOTER PREREGISTRATION DEADLINE IS OCT. 12. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/groots/vote/register.php> (regular form) or <http://www.umn.edu/groots/vote/absentee.php> (absentee ballot request form).

U WILL HOST A DEBATE between Minnesota House speaker Steve Sviggum and minority leader Matt Entenza. Oct. 12, McNamara Alumni Center. Reception at 5:30 p.m., debate begins at 6 p.m. For more information, see <http://events.umn.edu/event?occurrence=381244;event=106872> .

Crookston:

THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF NATURAL RESOURCE PILOTS held their annual conference and workshop at UMC, attended by more than 50 pilots from the United States and Canada. UMC offers the only natural resource aviation program in North America; it is one of UMC's fastest growing programs. For more information, see <http://www.crk.umn.edu/academics/NatR/ProgramOptions> and <http://www.crk.umn.edu/newsevents/notices02-03/Aviation-new.htm> .

STUDENT CENTER CONSTRUCTION is on schedule for completion the first week of June 2005. The brick masonry outside and most of the shingling, as well as a new second-story link to Owen Hall and One Stop, are complete. South window installation will start soon, and the exterior that faces the mall will begin coming together. For more information, see <http://www.crk.umn.edu/technology/webcams/6> .

"MEET CROOKSTON THROUGH SERVICE" allowed UMC students to help out 25 local organizations and nonprofit agencies as part of new-student orientation. Projects ranged from clearing cross-country ski trails to painting lines on hospital parking lots. Students completed a reflection survey and attended dinner with community partners. For more information, see <http://www.crk.umn.edu/people/services/serve-learn> .

Duluth:

THE UMD ACADEMY OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING inducted alumnus and renowned researcher Rolf Peterson Oct. 1. Peterson, class of '70, is a faculty member at Michigan Technological University and has led the world's longest continuous research study of predator-prey interaction between gray wolves and moose on Isle Royale National Park for the past 34 years. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2004/September/24.html> .

THE COLLEGE OF PHARMACY and the Pharmacy Alumni Society received the 2004 Program Extraordinaire Award from the U of M Alumni Association (UMAA) for the development of the new Duluth pharmacy program, which engaged staff, alumni, and students. For more information, see http://www.ahc.umn.edu/ahc_content/colleges/Pharmacy/education/duluth_expansion .

"A VIEW OF EVERYDAY LIFE IN IRAN" will be presented by Khalil Dokhanchi, professor of political science, U of Wisconsin, Superior. Sponsored by the Alworth Institute for International Studies. Oct. 7, noon, Griggs Center, Kirby Student Center. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/calendar> and <http://www.d.umn.edu/catalogs/current/umd/centers/alworth.html> .

Morris:

THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY (ACS) STUDENT AFFILIATES' UMM chapter received honorable mention for 2003-04 academic year activities, including its preprofessional development of undergraduates in the chemical sciences. Faculty members and chapter advisers Nancy Carpenter and Jennifer Ropp received special commendation. Chapters will be honored at the 229th ACS national meeting in March and in the publications *Chemical and Engineering News* and *Chemistry*.

UMM HOMECOMING WILL BE OCT. 8-10. Events will include memorial services for Peter Whelan, geology, and Jay Roshal, biology (emeritus); a Distinguished Alumni Award to Leonard Munstermann, class of '64; and more. For more information, see <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=181> .

Rochester:

UMR's COMMUNITY FUND DRIVE contributes to United Way of Olmsted County. This year, United Way is initiating a community-impact model in order to focus resources and efforts on the community's most important needs. Through Oct. 15.

Twin Cities:

BEGINNING FALL 2005, THE 13-CREDIT-MINIMUM POLICY WILL APPLY TO ALL UMTC degree-seeking undergraduates. Up to fall 2005, students who enrolled in their degree programs before fall 2002 are exempt from the policy. With the change next fall, they will be required to pay for a 13-credit course load, even if they register for fewer credits, unless they have received an approved, permanent exception, or have their courses paid with a Regents Scholarship, or submit a "Request for Reduced Credit Load" form (this should be filled out before registration and is not permanent). International students who register for fewer than 12 credits must submit two forms, the "Request for Reduced Credit Load" as well as the "Exception From a Full Course of Study" (from International Student and Scholar Services). For more information, see http://www.class.umn.edu/13_credit_policy .

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL DAY will help undergraduates learn more about options for graduate and professional school. More than 100 U.S. schools will send representatives; more than 1,000 student are expected to attend. Oct. 13, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Great Hall, Coffman Union. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1823&from=umnnews> .

A GRANT OF \$5 MILLION WAS AWARDED TO THE MINNESOTA POPULATION CENTER, College of Liberal Arts, to develop the world's most comprehensive population database, integrating 500 million records in 150 censuses from 44 countries over 40 years. The new database will allow researchers to analyze global change over the past four decades, on topics from migration to fertility transition. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1859&from=umnnews> .

GIFTS FOR CIVIL SERVICE AND BARGAINING UNIT (CSBU) members from CSBU Staff Day are still available. For more information, contact wendy@umn.edu (Minneapolis) or sdilwort@che.umn.edu (St. Paul).

NATIONAL DEPRESSION SCREENING DAY IS OCT. 7. Normal grief, passing sadness, and clinical depression can be hard to distinguish. Free, anonymous depression screenings for faculty, staff, and students are being offered by University Counseling and Career Services. Minneapolis: 10 a.m. to noon and 12:30-2:30 p.m., 302 Eddy Hall; St. Paul: 11 a.m.-1 p.m., 199 Coffey Hall. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1862&from=umnnews> .

PRIDE @ WORK will present "Tackling Hot-Button Issues in the Workplace," with Scott Fearing, OutFront Minnesota. Oct. 12, noon-1 p.m., 120c Andersen Library.

TRAINING FOR GLOBAL UNDERSTANDING workshops help faculty and staff cross cultural barriers in working with international students and scholars. Oct. 13-Nov. 10. For more information, see <http://www.isss.umn.edu/programs/itc/GlobalUnd.html> .

COMMUNITY FUND DRIVE: Lead volunteers from each college and major administrative unit are listed on the drive's Web site. For more information, see "Lead Volunteers" at <http://www.umn.edu/cfd/volunteers> .

"THE PARADOX OF CARING IN UNCARING TIMES" will be the keynote by former New York governor Mario Cuomo at "A Summit of Sages," a national conference of nurse leaders sponsored by the U's Densford International Center for Nursing Leadership. Oct. 10, St. Paul. For more information, see "News and Events" at <http://www.nursing.umn.edu> .

A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE TWIN CITIES LATINO COMMUNITY and the College of Human Ecology will present "The World in Minnesota: Diverse Families, Shared Dreams," an exhibit and conference. Oct. 6-7. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1837&from=umnnews> .

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH is October, and the Minnesota Center Against Violence and Abuse (MINCAVA) is marking its 10th anniversary year. Events will include the Clothesline Decoration Project, Oct. 7, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Peters Hall atrium. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1853&from=umnnews> .

MORE EVENTS include Science On the Screen: *The Day After Tomorrow* (Oct. 6); Flexible Work Arrangements (Oct. 7); Squeezing Time (Oct. 8); Lyon Opera Ballet (Oct. 9-10); "Consumptive Water Use to Feed Humanity: Curing a Blind Spot," with Swedish scientist Malin Falkenmark (Oct. 11); and Cafe Scientifique: "Vote Science" (Oct. 12).

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THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSED 2005 LEGISLATIVE REQUEST, reviewed by the regents Oct. 7-8, proposes \$84 million in new state support, shared in a 50-50 split with the U. The U's \$42 million would come from a tuition increase of 5.5 percent and an internal reallocation of \$15 million of base funding each year for two years. A final version of the biennial request will go to the regents for approval Nov. 11-12. For more information, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/A_state_University_partnership.html .

UNIVERSITY ENTERPRISE LABORATORIES, INC. (UEL) received a \$1 million gift from Allina to complete a fund-raising campaign and buy its building northwest of University Avenue and Highway 280, St. Paul mayor Randy Kelly announced Oct. 11. Also at the press conference were Robert Elde, UEL chair and dean, College of Biological Sciences; E. Thomas Sullivan, senior VP and provost; and Allina and Xcel Energy executives. "More than 50 years ago, Minnesota's medical device industry was born in Earl Bakken's garage," said Elde. "We hope the incubator will play the same role for Minnesota's bioscience industry." For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1880&from=umnnews> .

AN ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP IN HONOR OF MINNESOTA TWINS OWNER Carl Pohlad and his late wife, Eloise, has been created at the U with the support of Major League Baseball, 10 major-league teams, and a president's matching grant for a total of \$250,000. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1875&from=umnnews> .

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GETTING READY TO RETIRE? You don't have to say goodbye. Last year, through the Retirees Volunteer Center, active members ushered at arts events, supported community blood donor locations, and volunteered in two dozen U and community organizations. But it's become hard to track and recruit new retirees due to privacy regulations, and new members are needed. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/U_volunteer_center_seeks_more_members.html .

CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE (CSC) WILL MEET IN ROCHESTER: Members will meet the provost, tour the University Center Rochester, and attend to business, including strategic planning and a report on professional development fund applications. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Civil_Service_Committee_update_October_2004.html .

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PRESIDENT BRUININKS WILL RECEIVE A DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD from Western Michigan University (WMU) in Kalamazoo Oct. 15. He received a bachelor of science in education from WMU in 1964. For more information, see <http://www.wmich.edu/wmu/news/2004/10/014.html> .

THE NEXT NOMINATION DEADLINE FOR HONORARY DEGREES, Outstanding Achievement Awards, Alumni Service Awards, and naming of buildings is Nov. 10. The process includes the All-University Honors Committee, the president, and final approval by the regents. Nominations should be sent to Vickie Courtney, U Senate, 427 Morrill Hall. Additional deadlines this year will be Jan. 12, Mar. 16, and Apr. 13. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/usenate/committees/alluhonors.html> .

THE DEADLINE FOR FACULTY SUMMER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS AND MCKNIGHT SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS for the Arts and Humanities for summer 2005 is Nov. 3. Both are supported through the Office of the Dean of the Graduate School and the Office of the Senior VP for Academic Affairs and Provost. For more information, see <http://www.grad.umn.edu/faculty-staff/funding/dean/fsr> or call Research Support Services at 612-625-2356.

THE DEADLINE FOR 2005 DISTINGUISHED WOMEN SCHOLARS AWARD nominations to college deans is Nov. 22. Final nominations must be made by the colleges to the Graduate School by Dec. 6. The award honors one person in each of two areas: (1) science and engineering, and (2) humanities, social sciences, and arts. Each person receives \$2,000 for research, scholarship, or artistic activities. Awards are supported through the Office of the Dean of the Graduate School and the Office for University Women. For more information, see <http://www.grad.umn.edu/faculty-staff/funding/OUW> .

A VOTER TOOL KIT outlines 10 easy things U advocates can do to make a difference from now until the election Nov. 2. It includes background information on why it's important to vote for the U, tips for talking to candidates, and a sample letter to the editor. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/groots/vote> .

Crookston:

A SENIOR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM will be supported with a new grant of \$4,000 to UMC from the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. The program will connect older adult learners with UMC's knowledge resources and sponsor seminars to foster community involvement and volunteerism. The project director is Deanna Patenaude, director of the UMC-based Retired Senior Volunteer Program. For more information, see <http://www.crk.umn.edu/people/services/RSVP> .

THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY Student Chapter Adviser of the Year Award was presented to John Loegering, natural resources, at its annual conference in Calgary, Alberta. Loegering holds a joint appointment in fisheries, wildlife, and conservation biology, UMTC. The new award recognizes exceptional effort in providing professional development opportunities for students. For more information, see <http://www.wildlife.org/awards/index.cfm?tname=advisorofyear> .

Duluth:

"DULUTH'S NEXT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: HOUSING, LAND USE, AND OPEN SPACE," by Bob Bruce, director of planning for the city of Duluth, will open a fall series sponsored by the Urban Studies Program and the Center for Community and Regional Outreach. Oct. 13, noon, Griggs Center. Free and open to the public.

THE FALL 2004 HISPANIC/LATINO/CHICANA HERITAGE CELEBRATION will present human rights activist and writer Marjorie Agosin, who will provide the featured lecture, "Re-Dreaming a Just World: Gender and Human Rights in Latin America." Oct. 19, 7 p.m., 175 Life Science Building. Agosin will speak earlier the same day on "Threads of Resistance: The Story of Chilean Arpilleras." Noon, Tweed Museum of Art. Both events are free and open to the public. For more information, see "Special Events" at <http://www.d.umn.edu/currents/2004-2005/22-03A.html> .

Morris:

THE MINNESOTA SENATE HIGHER EDUCATION BUDGET COMMITTEE will bring its 2004 listening tour to UMM, one of six sites across the state. The committee seeks testimony from students, staff, administrators, and community leaders on the impact of tuition hikes on students, and on the relationship between UMM and K-12 schools in the area and between UMM and the business community. Oct. 14, 1-3 p.m., Recital Hall, Humanities and Fine Arts. The hearings are open to the public. For more information, see <http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/schedule/2004/October.htm> .

COUGAR FOOTBALL IS NOW SIMULCAST over the Cougar Sports Network thanks to Media Services, Cougar Athletics, and University Relations at UMM, and to the Southwest Higher Education Organization for Telecommunications and Technology (SHOT). For more information, see <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/media/cougars.html> .

Rochester:

THE ANNUAL HOMECOMING RALLY of the Rochester Area Alumni and Friends of the University of Minnesota (RAAFUM) will feature Dave Mona, Gopher football radio analyst and former president of the U of M Alumni Association (UMAA). All proceeds will benefit RAAFUM scholarships. Oct. 21, Knights of Columbus. Social hour, 5:15 p.m.; dinner donated by Outback Steakhouse, 6 p.m. RAAFUM was recently named UMAA Chapter of the Year. For more information, see <http://www.alumni.umn.edu/chapter-rochester> or contact raafum@r.umn.edu or a board member.

Twin Cities:

THE NOBEL PRIZE FOR ECONOMICS was awarded to longtime UMTC economics professor Edward Prescott, now of Arizona State U, and Carnegie Mellon U professor Finn Kydland Oct. 11. At the U from 1980 to 2003, Prescott led in developing the influential "Minnesota school of economics." He remains an adviser to the Federal Reserve Bank in Minneapolis. For more information, see a 2003 profile in *CLA Today* at <http://www2.cla.umn.edu/clatoday/Summer03/Prescott.html> .

THE GOPHER GIGANET BUILDING CUTOVER to the new central computing network will be done in St. Paul by the end of the month. East Bank buildings will begin the cutover Oct. 25, starting with Diehl Hall, Masonic Cancer Center, Moos Health Sciences Tower, Transportation and Safety Building, and VFW Cancer Research Center. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/nts/networkupgrade> .

ST. PAUL CAMPUS COLLEGES WILL SPONSOR "FALL FEST 2004: CONNECTING U" for the community. Activities will include tours of the Raptor Center and dairy barns, sports and swimming, Harvest Bowl Brunch for 50 cents per person, professors speaking on topics such as food safety, making time for family life, generating electricity from mud, landscape design, Dutch Elm disease research, weather (the Borlaug prize lecture by meteorologist Mark Seeley), and more. Oct. 17, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=18518&from=umnnews> .

NATIONAL WORK AND FAMILY MONTH programs this week include Elder Care: Financial and Legal Issues (Oct. 13); Shiftwork: Tired of Being Tired (Oct. 13); Job Stress and Burnout (Oct. 14); Parenting Those Teens (Oct. 18); U Child Care Center tours (Oct. 13 and 19); Supervisory Cinema: Communication and Decision Making (for families and work groups) (Oct. 15 and 18); and more. For more information, including registration, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/worklife/Octoberevents2004.html> .

A DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH KICKOFF EVENT will include contests to give people an idea of what it's like to live with a disability--manual wheelchair races, blindfolded football catch, and more. Oct. 15, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Great Hall, Coffman Union. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1872&from=umnnews> .

"CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: PATHS TO PROGRESS," a series of three workshops through 2005, begins this week with "The Developing World: The Global Climate and Economic Development." Keynote speaker will be Rajendra Pachauri, chair of the International Panel on Climate Change. Oct. 14-15, Humphrey Institute; first day is open to the public. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1866&from=umnnews> .

"PUBLIC SPACE, PUBLIC GOOD?" will explore urban design, shifting values, and the relationship of public space to democracy. Sponsored by the College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture. Oct. 15-16, Rapson Hall. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1878&from=umnnews> .

"CLA @ 135--CELEBRATING THE CREATIVE GENIUS OF CLA PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE" is the theme of the College of Liberal Arts anniversary dinner. Oct. 27, 5:30 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center, \$35 per person. Reservation deadline Oct. 21. For more information, contact Blake Govro, govro003@umn.edu or 612-625-5031.

MORE EVENTS include *What's the Matter With Kansas?* author Thomas Frank (Oct 13); the Silha lecture, "High Hopes and Dire Warnings: In Search of a Credo for Today's Journalist," by Geneva Overholser (Oct. 13); "Art Meant to Move: Chicana/o Visions of Resistance, Affirmation, and Social Change," part of the Weisman's current exhibit, "Chicano Visions: American Painters on the Verge" (Oct. 14); *Our Country's Good*, opening the University Theatre's 2004-05 season (Oct. 15); meteorologist Mike Lynch on his new book, *Minnesota Starwatch* (Oct. 18); Brown vs. the Board of Education 50th anniversary discussion with *Politically Considered* author Mahmoud El-Kati (Oct. 19); and 2003 Nobel laureate in chemistry Peter Agre (Oct. 20). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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PRESIDENT BRUININKS WILL LEAD A U DELEGATION TO CHINA Oct. 24 to Nov. 5, accompanied by his wife, Susan Hagstrum, Board of Regents chair David Metzen, senior VP Robert Jones, executive associate VP Al Sullivan, international programs director Eugene Allen, U foundation president Gerald Fischer, alumni association director Margaret Carlson, China Center director Hong Yang, and president's office coordinator Dan Gilchrist. Purposes of the trip include strengthening alumni and exchange ties and pursuing opportunities for partnerships for research and academic programs. The itinerary includes Taipei, Hong Kong, Guangzhou, Shanghai, Chengdu, and Beijing. This is the first official delegation abroad that Bruininks has led as president. For more information, see <http://www.chinacenter.umn.edu/president.htm> .

THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF OPEN-HEART SURGERY BY CROSS-CIRCULATION features a symposium, hosted by the U's Lillehei Heart Institute, and a lecture today by Nobel prize-winner Peter Agre, a professor of biological chemistry at Johns Hopkins U. Cross-circulation was a major medical milestone in 1954. Past and present pioneers in cardiac medicine and patients from the first surgeries are sharing their stories. Through Oct. 20. For more information, see <http://www.ahc.umn.edu/news/NewsFiles/heart101504> .

2. News and Features

BENEFITS ENROLLMENT IS ONLINE: No more paper. This year, U employees who need to make changes in their health benefits are completing all the forms by computer. If you don't use a computer or if you need assistance, work stations are available at locations around campus and at the benefits fairs. Get tips for completing your changes by the deadline, Nov. 15. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Benefits_enrollment_is_online.html .

TAKE BACK YOUR TIME: There's a "slow revolution" taking root across the United States and Canada, and independence day is Oct. 24, National Take Back Your Time Day. William Doherty, professor of family social science, describes the state we're in; he'll also lead a workshop, "Over-Scheduled Kids, Under-Connected Families," Oct. 26, as part of National Work and Family Month. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Take_back_your_time.html .

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THE U'S PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVE ON HEALTHY FOODS, HEALTHY LIVES aims to stem the rising tide of diabetes, obesity, osteoporosis, heart disease, and other conditions linked to unhealthy diets and sedentary habits. A conference for researchers, educators, food and health care professionals, policy analysts, and others will launch the initiative. Topics will include obesity, school lunches, food-borne diseases, and public policy. A keynote lecture will be provided by Catherine Woteki, former undersecretary for food safety in the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Lectures are free but space is limited, so registration is requested. Nov. 2, 1-5:30 p.m., Coffman Union. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1881&from=umnnews> .

"KEEPING OUR FACULTIES III: RECRUITING, RETAINING, AND ADVANCING FACULTY OF COLOR" will present interdisciplinary research and best practices from the academy and public and private sectors across the country. Nov. 18-20, Minneapolis, East Bank. Early registration through Nov. 11. For more information, see <http://www.cce.umn.edu/kof> .

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2005 DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP AWARD FOR INTERNATIONALS are now being accepted. The award recognizes former international students and friends of the U who have attained distinction as professionals and have demonstrated sustained outstanding achievement and leadership. Deadline Feb. 1. For more information, see <http://www.international.umn.edu/awards/leader/leader.html> .

U TOURISM CENTER DIRECTOR Ingrid Schneider was appointed to the new Minnesota Tourism Council by Gov. Pawlenty this month. The council was created by the legislature to support and expand Minnesota's domestic and international travel market. The U's Tourism Center is part of the College of Natural Resources and a partner with the extension service. For more information, see <http://www.extension.umn.edu/extensionnews/2004/schneider.html> .

NEW DIRECTOR OF THE U'S INITIATIVE FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT (IREE) is Richard Hemmingsen. Hemmingsen served as interim director of the initiative for one year; he is also a longtime extension educator and government relations staff member. One of his major tasks will be to help secure sustained funding for IREE, which received \$20 million for five years from the legislature and Xcel Energy. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/iree> .

Crookston:

UMC IS A PARTNER IN THE GLACIAL RIDGE PROJECT, which became Minnesota's 13th National Wildlife Refuge Oct. 12. The area near Crookston contains the nation's largest tall-grass prairie and wetland reconstruction project and will link 12 existing conservation areas, protect an important habitat for migrating birds, and provide public recreation opportunities. UMC natural resources students will be able to use the refuge as a field study site and research area. For more information, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Haven_for_wildlife.html .

A DIVERSITY WORKSHOP for administrators, faculty, staff, and students will provide practical information and a theoretical framework for diversity issues, curriculum, and core campus values and norms. UMTC and UMM multicultural, women's, and disability services staff will participate. Oct. 26, noon-5 p.m., Youngquist Auditorium. For more information, see <http://www.crk.umn.edu/campusinfo/calendars/octcal04.htm#26> .

Duluth:

STILL LIFE WITH IRIS, a magical, adventurous journey, opens the UMD Theatre's season. Oct. 21-24 and 27-30, 7:30 p.m., main stage, Marshall Performing Arts Center; 2 p.m. Sunday matinee. Call 218-726-8561 to reserve tickets. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/theatre> .

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING DEAN James Riehl, a recipient of the new McKnight Presidential Leadership Chair award, will present "Chemistry and Life in a Right-Handed World." A reception in his honor will follow. The award recognizes contributions of unique and gifted leaders among deans and executive officers. All are invited to attend. Oct. 21, 4 p.m., 80 Montague Hall; reception in the Tweed Museum.

Morris:

THE WEST CENTRAL MINNESOTA PREMIER OF *WELLSTONE!*, an 88-minute documentary of the life and legacy of Sen. Paul Wellstone, will be Oct. 25, 7 and 9 p.m., Edson Auditorium. For more information, see <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=188> .

THE CENTER FOR SMALL TOWNS and the U of M Extension Service Regional Center, Morris, were awarded a \$4,000 grant from the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute to support "Futures Festival: Opportunities, Challenges, and Strategies for Older Adults and Communities." The event will focus on vital aging, strengthening lifelong learning, and building vital communities in western Minnesota. Nov. 12, UMM. For more information, see <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=189> .

Rochester:

THE BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN RADIATION THERAPY, initiated at UMR this fall in partnership with the Mayo School of Health Sciences, admits students into upper division coursework, dually enrolled in both institutions. The complete program is available in Rochester, with shared Mayo Clinic faculty members and all clinical experiences at Mayo Clinic. For more information, see http://www.r.umn.edu/05_prog_healthsciences-bas-rt.htm .

Twin Cities:

UMTC ENROLLMENT RANKS SECOND IN THE NATION after Ohio State U at Columbus. Fall enrollment is 50,954. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1892&from=umnnews> .

THE MINNESOTA SENATE HIGHER EDUCATION BUDGET DIVISION LISTENING TOUR comes to UMTC this week. The division seeks testimony from students, staff, faculty, and alumni on the impact of tuition increases and other issues. Open to the public. Oct. 21, 1 p.m., President's Room, Coffman Union. For more information, see http://qa4.org/u_of_m_leg_net/events/senatehe/details.tcl .

INTERNAL SEARCH EXTENDED FOR VICE PROVOST FOR FACULTY AND ACADEMIC AFFAIRS: The position, previously posted as vice provost for academic affairs, has been amended; see <http://www.evpp.umn.edu/vpposition.htm> . Application review will begin Nov. 1 and continue until the position is filled. For more information, contact Judith Martin, professor and chair, Vice Provost Search Committee, 612-626-1626 or jmartin@umn.edu .

2004 UNIVERSITY STAR PERFORMERS announced by University Services Oct. 14 are Tony Bittner, Fleet Services; Greg Hayes, Department of Emergency Management; Patti Cleland, Verlin Harmon, Bill Knobel, and Ruthann Manlet, all of Facilities Management; and the U of M Police Department. For more information, see <http://www.uservices.umn.edu/starperformers.html> .

THE 17TH ANNUAL EMPLOYEE HEALTH AND BENEFITS FAIR will provide computers for open enrollment and personal assistance from benefits specialists. Sponsored by Boynton Health Service and the Office of Human Resources. Oct. 26, North Star Ballroom, St. Paul Student Center; Oct. 27, Great Hall, Coffman Union. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/eb/event> .

HOMECOMING 2004 FESTIVITIES will include a bonfire at East River Flats, Oct. 22, pancake breakfast, parade, and football against the U of Illinois, Oct. 23. The School of Music's annual collage concert, also Oct. 23, will feature Dale Warland, who will receive an honorary doctorate. Look for the U of M mascots exhibit in the Heritage Gallery at the McNamara Alumni Center. For more information, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/U_celebrates_Homecoming_Week_2004.html .

MORE EVENTS include a panel of international students in "Around the World in 120 Minutes," part of the Training for Global Understanding series (Oct. 20); "Mapping the Vote" on design problems in voting, sponsored by the Design Institute; *Counting on Democracy*, a film and nonpartisan discussion of the electoral process and voting (Oct. 21); 22nd Clovia Bazaar (Oct. 22-23); the Bolshoi Ballet at Northrop (Oct. 22-24); "Oddities and Curiosities of Nature" at the Bell Museum (Oct. 23-24); U.S. Comptroller General David Walker on changes and challenges in federal policy and their impact on state and local governments (Oct. 26). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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UMC CHANCELLOR VELMER BURTON resigned Oct. 21. Since his appointment in June 2003, Burton presided over reorganizing three academic centers into five departments. Burton was formerly dean of the graduate school and a professor of sociology at North Dakota State U; he plans to return to academic work at the U of M. A search for a new chancellor will begin within a few months. Leadership in the interim will be provided by a campus team headed by Joe Massey, vice chancellor for academic affairs, and supported by central administration. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1917&from=umnnews> .

ACQUISITION OF THE PAPERS OF CLARENCE DARROW, celebrated attorney in the 1925 Scopes trial, establishes the U Law Library as the premier repository of Darrow materials. The papers include more than 900 letters by and to Darrow spanning 60 years. The collection marks the library's one millionth volume. Darrow's son-in-law and grandchildren attended a celebratory event in Mondale Hall Oct. 22. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1886&from=umnnews> .

2. News and Features

U SENATE VOTES TO RESTRUCTURE: Last month, the U Senate voted to add representatives of academic professional and administrative (P&A) and civil service staff. Pending approval by the president and regents, the governing body will become more inclusive than ever before. Teri Wallace, chair of the Council of Academic Professionals and Administrators (CAPA), shares her view of the process and prospects for change. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Senate_votes_to_restructure.html .

MINUTECLINIC SETS UP SHOP ON THE TWIN CITIES CAMPUS: This week UMTC joins the list of sites including Cub Foods, Target stores, and the Carlson Center office park where you can get fast screenings and treatments for common ailments, from strep throat to cold sores, without an appointment. You can also get vaccines for pneumonia and (when available) flu, plus shots required for school. Employees and their dependents are the priority group for service at the new site. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Minute_Clinic_opens_in_Coffman.html .

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University-wide:

COMMENTS REQUESTED ON STRATEGIC POSITIONING BY NOV. 15: All U faculty, staff, and students are invited to comment on two drafts about the U's strategic positioning initiative, currently under way, led by senior VP and provost E. Thomas Sullivan. The documents are (1) a list of framing principles, goals, vision, mission, values, organizational structure, and strategies, and (2) a set of potential planning criteria for evaluating programs and setting priorities. After review of comments from the U community, final documents will be presented to the regents in February. For more information, see http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic_positioning .

VOTE FOR THE U: The U has a big stake in the elections Nov. 2. In the coming year, the state legislature will debate the biennial budget and capital request and the federal government will take up reauthorization of the Higher Education Act. Polls are open 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Find your polling place at <http://www.votefortheu.umn.edu> . To avoid long lines on election day, check to see if your county allows you to vote before Nov. 2. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/groots/vote/early.php> .

POLICIES ON TIME OFF TO VOTE: U employees may request paid time off to vote before noon on election day, which is Nov. 2 this year. Supervisors and staff should be aware of the statute and policies regarding time off to vote. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/empres/voting.html> .

THE ANNUAL U FLEET VEHICLE AUCTION will be Oct. 30. Public display, 9-11 a.m.; auction begins at 11 a.m. Fleet Services Building, 901 29th Avenue S.E., Minneapolis. For more information, including photos and descriptions, see <http://www.umn.edu/fleetsrv> .

Crookston:

RECIPIENTS OF THE UMC TORCH AND SHIELD AWARD, recognized in a program Oct. 20, are regent Clyde Allen, former admissions and financial aid director John Bywater, all-college advisory committee member Bill Connelly, longtime science professor Jerome Knutson, and former development director Del Roelofs. The Torch and Shield, the most prestigious award given by UMC and the Northwest Research and Outreach Center, recognizes individuals who have provided leadership and aided in the development of UMC and the center. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews> .

Duluth:

INNOVATIVE TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH PROJECTS that impact northern Minnesota will be featured at Research Day 2004, cosponsored by the UMD Northland Advanced Transportation Systems Research Laboratories (NATSRL) and the Minnesota Department of Transportation, District One. Nov. 4, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Mn/DOT District One headquarters, 1123 Mesaba Ave., Duluth. For more information, contact 218-726-7446 or natsrl@d.umn.edu .

ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE is available at UMD. Departments are encouraged to arrange transportation for individuals with mobility limitations at the time they arrange for other University-sponsored travel needs. Sources include Care Cab (218-723-1212) and Northern Access (218-728-5264). For more information and requests for reimbursement, contact Greg Sather, UMD business office, 218-726-6137 or gsather@d.umn.edu .

"CANAL CRUISING IN ENGLAND" will be presented by retired staff member Mary Evans, who spent a week in April living and traveling on a canal boat. Part of the International Brown-Bag Series, Alworth Institute for International Studies. Free and open to the public. Oct. 28, noon, Griggs Center, Kirby Student Center. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/calendar> .

Morris:

IN THE TRICK-OR-TREAT TRADITION, UMM students will travel door-to-door in Morris for the annual Trick or Can, collecting unopened nonperishable food items and household products for the Stevens County Food Shelf. Oct. 27, 6-8 p.m. For more information, see <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=193> .

"LANGUAGE AND CONTEMPORARY GEOPOLITICS" is the topic of the annual Barber Lecture, delivered by Mary Louise Pratt, Silver Professor of Spanish and Portuguese, New York U. Oct. 28, 7:30 p.m., Oyate Hall. For more information, see <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=196> .

THE CLASSIC FILM FESTIVAL will include *Some Like It Hot* (Oct. 28), *Arsenic and Old Lace* (Oct. 29), *National Velvet* and *The Day the Earth Stood Still* (Oct. 30), and *The Birds* (Oct. 31). All at 7 p.m. except *National Velvet*, 2 p.m.; Morris Theater. Sponsored by the Campus Activities Council Films Committee.

Rochester:

UMR'S COMMUNITY FUND DRIVE to benefit the United Way raised \$5,286 and qualified for the charity's Commitment Award, the highest for which UMR was eligible. Ninety-one percent of UMR faculty and staff contributed. The drive ended Oct. 15.

Twin Cities:

COMMUNITY FUND DRIVE UPDATE: At the end of the third week, the drive reported a total of nearly \$585,000 and participation just over 15 percent. The goal is \$1 million and 40 percent participation. There's still time to give. Deadline: Oct. 31. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/cfd> .

BOYNTON HEALTH SERVICE maintained national accreditation for quality health care through the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAH), it was announced Oct. 25. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1891&from=umnnews> .

THE SCHOOL OF NURSING received a three-year, \$2.5 million grant from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to train scientists to conduct adolescent-related public health research and advance policies, practices, and programs to address health problems in young people. The grant is one of 57 made by the CDC for the Health Protection Research Initiative and the only one awarded to a school of nursing. Researchers from the Medical School and School of Public Health will also participate. For more information, see <http://www.ahc.umn.edu/news/releases/nursing101404/home.html> .

BEAUTIFUL U DAY GRANT APPLICATIONS are now being accepted. Departments may apply for up to \$3,000 to plan activities on or near Beautiful U Day, April 21, 2005, along the Mississippi River or on other parts of the UMTC campus. Matching funds are required. Deadline: Dec. 3. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1913&from=umnnews> .

THE EMPLOYEE HEALTH AND BENEFITS FAIR provides computers for open enrollment and personal assistance from benefits specialists. Sponsored by Boynton Health Service and the Office of Human Resources. Oct. 27, Great Hall, Coffman Union. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. each day. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/eb/event> .

"HEALTH CARE BEGINS AT HOME: Medical Resources When You Need Them Most," with UPlan Wellness Program director Ruth Rounds, will introduce the new *Mayo Clinic Guide to Self-Care*, just one of the resources of the self-care initiative. Gifts for participants who complete a self-care quiz. Oct. 29, 11-11:30 a.m. and noon-12:30 p.m., 215 Donhowe. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/worklife> .

"ONLINE WRITING/WRITING ONLINE" will feature a panel discussion for instructors interested in adapting online technologies to their writing assignments. Oct. 29, noon-1:30 p.m., 325 Coffman Union; register by Oct. 27. For more information, see <http://writing.umn.edu/home/events.htm> .

ALUMNI COLLEGE will feature 11 mini-classes on topics ranging from adventure learning to strength training for your brain to global workforce issues. Sponsored by the College of Education and Human Development. Oct. 30, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Coffman Union. Open to the public. Teachers may receive 4.5 continuing education credits. For more information, contact 612-626-1601 or kamin003@umn.edu or see <http://education.umn.edu/alum/AlumniCollege.html> .

MORE EVENTS include "Developing a Lactation Plan" (Oct. 27); "The Graduate Advising Relationship: Making It Work for You" (Oct. 28); "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: The Changing Landscape of Housing Policies and Its Impact on Low-Income Housing" (Oct. 29); Poulenc's *La Voix Humaine* and Puccini's *Gianni Schicchi*, University Opera Theatre (Oct. 28-31); "Enhancing Student Learning With Self-Assessment Activities" (Nov. 1); and "Healthy Foods, Healthy Lives," a conference to kick off the U's presidential initiative (Nov. 2). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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"HEALTHY CAMPUS: TOBACCO-FREE SUMMIT," hosted by Boynton Health Service, will focus on effects of tobacco and ongoing preventive and educational methods that universities and colleges can use to decrease student tobacco use. At a news conference at 11 a.m., Boynton will release results of a survey and a study of college students and second-hand smoke that identifies where and how students are exposed. Nov. 4, Humphrey Institute. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1931&from=umnnews> .

A CONFERENCE ON TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND LAND-USE CHALLENGES will bring national experts together with Minnesota policy makers and professionals. "Access to Destinations: Rethinking the Transportation Future of Our Region" will include a half day of presentations and discussion open to the public. Opens Nov. 8, Coffman Union. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1929&from=umnnews> .

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THE UNIVERSITY-WIDE GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER (GLBT) COMMISSION convened for the first time in a conference call Oct. 21. Appointed by senior VP for system administration Robert Jones, the group will monitor issues and needs of GLBT people on the U's campuses on an ongoing basis. The commission comes at a time when challenges to GLBT safety and discourse are on the rise. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Uwide_GLBT_commission_appointed.html .

FACULTY, STAFF, AND COLLEGE AWARDS AND APPOINTMENTS: A summary of recent announcements, including medals awarded by the Federal Republic of Austria, McKnight Presidential Leadership Chairs, the Gail Profit Award of the North Central College Health Association, Fulbrights, National Academies, and more. To read more in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Faculty_and_staff_November_2004.html .

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"AN INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL PERSPECTIVE," the next topic in the Great Conversations series, will feature the Right Hon. Clare Short, a member of the parliament, United Kingdom, since 1983, and J. Brian Atwood, dean of the Humphrey Institute for Public Affairs. Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall, West Bank, UMTC; the series is telecast live to UMC, UMD, UMM, and UMR. For more information, see <http://www.cce.umn.edu/conversations> .

"CONVERSATION ON RURAL LIFE: THE CHANGING RURAL LANDSCAPE" will explore global events that affect rural life, what they mean for the sustainability of rural places, and how changes are experienced personally. Daryl Hobbs, professor of rural sociology, U of Missouri, Columbia, will lead discussion and help to explain trends affecting rural society today. Nov. 11, noon-1:30 p.m., Alumni Room, Student Center, UMM. For more information, see http://www.mrs.umn.edu/services/cst/press/rural_lifeconvo/rural_life.html .

"THE ECONOMICS OF DISABILITY" CONFERENCE will be the second in a series on disability to bring together faculty members and community representatives to further insights and an agenda for ongoing collaboration. The day will open with a set of personal vignettes that raise a variety of economic issues, which will be the focus of a moderated panel discussion including U faculty, government officials, and private-sector representatives. Part of the President's 21st Century Interdisciplinary Conference series. Dec. 1, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Radisson Hotel Metrodome, Minneapolis. Registration deadline: Nov. 26. For more information, see <http://www.hsr.umn.edu/coa> .

U DELEGATION IN CHINA: The first U student from China enrolled in 1914. Today, Minnesota has thousands of Chinese alumni, who are the focus of many activities of the U delegation visiting through Friday. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1918&from=umnnews> .

THE MINNESOTA ACE (AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION) NETWORK for women in higher education will hold its 2004 annual conference, "MAKING A DIFFERENCE," in Minneapolis. The network supports women in all areas of higher education, helping to develop skills and talents for leadership. Nov. 4-5. For more information, see <http://www.minnesotaacenetwork.org> .

Duluth:

THE NEW MULTICULTURAL CENTER OPENED last month on the second floor of the Kirby Student Center. The center aims to build a strong, inclusive environment and to assist in promoting, recruiting, and retaining a diverse student body. Facilities include meeting rooms, student organization offices, multimedia and graphics rooms, and a student lounge. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2004/October/21.html> .

IN THE 12TH ANNUAL "NIGHTWALK" FOR CAMPUS SAFETY, students, faculty, staff, and community members will walk together, covering all outside and several inside areas of the campus to identify potential safety improvements. Nov. 8, 6-7:30 p.m.; meet at 6 p.m., Kirby Student Center, near the information desk.

"DULUTH AND THE STATE LEGISLATURE: What Happened Last Year, Goals and Possibilities for the 2005 Legislative Session" will be presented by Sen. Yvonne Prettner-Solon. Sponsored by the Urban Studies Program and the Center for Community and Regional Research. Nov. 10, noon, Griggs Center, Kirby Student Center. Free and open to the public. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2004/November/01.html> .

Morris:

THE PRIDE OF THE PRAIRIE FOOD EXPO AND FARMERS' MARKET will provide a fall feast of Minnesota-grown food and food certified by the Food Alliance Midwest; local music by Carol Ford and Colleen Frey; and, from service-learning courses, photographs and writing that highlight local food producers. Nov. 4. Market 2-4 p.m., Oyate Hall; feast 4:45-6:30, Food Service Building. Tickets at the door.

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNTRY FAIR will feature artifacts, music, pictures, PowerPoint presentations, international foods, and more. Presented by the Center for International Programs and the (Peer) Study Abroad Advising Service. Nov. 9, 5-7 p.m., Oyate Hall.

"FUTURES FESTIVAL: OPPORTUNITIES, CHALLENGES, AND STRATEGIES FOR OLDER ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES" will bring together people from 14 counties in western Minnesota to explore positive aspects of aging, envision a healthy future, and make connections between people and resources. Nov. 12, 8:30 a.m.-noon, Student Center. For more information, see <http://www.centerforsmalltowns.org> .

Rochester:

THE SECOND ANNUAL "SCARVES (AND MORE) FOR SCHOLARS" to raise funds for student scholarships will feature more than scarves--view some of the handcrafted items in advance of the Nov. 16 auction. Nov. 12, 3-4:30 p.m., UCR Atrium; or on the Web at <http://www.scarvesforscholars.com> .

Twin Cities:

"WILLIAM MAXWELL AND THE ART OF MENTORING" will be presented by Charles Baxter, Edelstein-Keller Visiting Professor, Department of English. Maxwell, an American writer and beloved fiction editor for *The New Yorker*, who died in 2000, is the subject of a new book whose contributors include Alice Munro and John Updike, edited by Baxter, Michael Collier, and Edward Hirsch. Baxter will read from the collection and discuss the art of mentoring. Nov. 3, 2 p.m., University Bookstore, Coffman Union.

"VIVA LA VIDA FAMILY DAY," in conjunction with the "Chicano Visions" exhibition, will include dance, music, an ofrenda for Day of the Dead, and the opportunity to create family art. Nov. 7, noon-4 p.m., Weisman Art Museum. For more information, see http://weisman.umn.edu/exhibits/exhibit_A_home.html .

"INTERFAITH DIALOGUE ON RACE AND RELIGION" will feature Rabbi Joseph Edelheit, adjunct professor of religious studies and part of the U's Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, on a panel of religious leaders. Nov. 7, 6-7:30 p.m., Channel 17.

VOTE FOR GOLDY: Goldy Gopher is one of 11 mascots in a national competition as part of the Capital One All-American Mascot Team. For 11 weeks through Dec. 26, fans can cast online votes for their favorites. The mascot with the most popular votes, combined with judges' scores during the nomination process, will be awarded at the Capital One Bowl Jan. 1. To vote for Goldy, see <http://www.capitalonebowl.com> .

MORE EVENTS include a free informational meeting about Weight Watchers "At Work" program (Nov. 3, next 10-week series begins Nov. 17); "Charging for Traffic Congestion in London," keynote at the fall luncheon of the Minnesota Center for Transportation Studies (Nov. 4); "Echoes of Empire: America and the Contest for Cultural Preeminence" (Nov. 4); "Presidents and Presidential Elections," part of the University Libraries' First Fridays series (Nov. 5); Percussion Extravaganza (Nov. 6); Rita Dove, U.S. poet laureate 1993-95 (Nov. 7); the King's Singers (Nov. 9); and *Interplay* at the Nash Gallery (through Nov. 11). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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NEW VP FOR RESEARCH will be Timothy Mulcahy, professor of pharmacology and associate dean for biological sciences at the U of Wisconsin, Madison, beginning Feb. 1. Mulcahy has also served as vice chancellor for research and associate vice chancellor for research policy. He will follow interim VP David Hamilton, who has served for two years and will return to the Medical School faculty. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1954&from=umnnews> .

A NEW WIND TURBINE at the West Central Research and Outreach Center, Morris, will be the first large-scale wind research instrument at a public university in the Midwest. The groundbreaking marks an important step in integrating renewable energy into Minnesota's rural economies and in developing state research and education strength around renewable energy. The turbine is expected to produce enough power for more than half the electricity used at UMM each year. For more information, see <http://www.coafes.umn.edu/energy> .

THE SURVIVAL RATE OF AFRICAN AMERICANS WITH HEART FAILURE increased by 43 percent in a trial of medications developed at the U, researchers announced Nov. 8. The two-drug combination is expected to be approved soon and will be the first approved for a specific race. African Americans suffer disproportionately from heart failure. For more information, see <http://www.ahc.umn.edu/news/releases/heart110804/home.html> .

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POST-ELECTION POLITICS AT THE U: New vigor in congressional discussions about universities' accountability and tuition, more tight budgets in Washington and the state capitol, and hope for a state bonding bill can be expected in the wake of last week's elections. U federal relations director John Engelen gives a run-down. To read the story in UMNnews, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Postelection_politics.html .

CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE UPDATE: Three ways that civil service staff can support the U at the legislature; U Senate restructuring and civil service; and updating the civil service rules. To read more in UMNnews, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Civil_Service_Committee_update_November_2004.html .

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OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR EMPLOYEE BENEFITS ENDS NOV. 15 AT MIDNIGHT. If you want to change or waive your medical plan, add or cancel family medical coverage, enroll in a pretax flexible spending account for 2005, or add longterm disability coverage, or if you are a member of Patient Choice and your cost group is changing, you must complete an online application by the deadline. Go to <http://hrss.umn.edu> , click on "Benefits," and log in with your Internet ID and password. If you need help, call the OIT Helpline at 612-301-4357 or (at UMTC) 1-HELP (4357). If you need to use a computer at a work station, go to <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/eb> and choose "Open Enrollment for Employees" to find a list of labs with designated computers. For additional assistance, call the Employee Benefits Service Center, 612-624-9090 or 1-800-756-2363, and press option 2. Extended telephone hours Nov. 11, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Nov. 15, 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

U CARDS NOW USE PRIMARY (LEGAL) NAMES rather than preferred names, due to U Department of Central Security recommendations. Legal name changes can be entered into the PeopleSoft database only by a department's human resources or payroll representative. Primary names will be used for all official U-issued documents, such as pay statements and W-2s. Preferred names will continue to be used for unofficial purposes, such as directory listings and mailings; they may be updated online at <http://hrss.umn.edu> .

DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS ON STRATEGIC POSITIONING: Nov. 15 is the last day for faculty, staff, and students to submit comments about two draft documents that will inform the U's strategic positioning process. To read the Framing Concepts and Criteria for Setting Priorities documents and submit feedback, go to http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic_positioning .

"KEEPING OUR FACULTIES III: RECRUITING, RETAINING, AND ADVANCING FACULTY OF COLOR" will address several themes, including the challenge of retaining students of color and recruiting and advancing faculty of color in the sciences, technology, engineering, and business. All U campuses and colleges are contributing, as well as representatives from institutions and businesses across the nation. Nov 18-20, Radisson Hotel Metrodome, Minneapolis. Nov. 11 is the deadline for early online registration at a reduced rate. For more information, see <http://www.cce.umn.edu/kof> .

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK IS NOV. 15-19. Activities across the U will include the 50th anniversary celebration of the U's relationship with Seoul National University in Korea, an international achievement award to College of Education and Human Development alumnus Somwung Pitiyanuwat of Thailand, a study abroad reunion, and many more campus and college events. For more information, see "Events" at <http://www.international.umn.edu/IEweek/2004> .

THE FINANCIAL SYSTEMS USER NETWORK (FSUN) will hold its 21st biannual general membership meeting. Nov. 18, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Great Hall, Coffman Union. Registration deadline: Nov. 15. For more information, see http://www.fss.umn.edu/FSUN/FSUN_home.htm .

THE FIRST RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM OF THE INITIATIVE FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT (IREE) will include presentations of IREE research projects and recommendations from Energy Alley and the Minnesota Environmental Initiative for Minnesota's renewable energy research priorities. Nov. 18, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/iree> .

Crookston:

"RESPECT AROUND THE COUNCIL FIRE: TRIBAL LESSONS FOR CHALLENGING TIMES" will be presented by Jaki Cottingham-Zierdt, equal opportunity consultant for the U Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action, as part of Native American Month. Nov. 16, noon-1:30, Brown Dining Room A and B. For more information, see <http://www.crk.umn.edu/campusinfo/calendars/novcal04.htm> .

THE COMEDY *NOISES OFF* will be presented by the UMC Music and Theater Department. Nov. 17, 18, and 20, 8 p.m.; Nov. 21, 2 p.m. Kiehle Auditorium.

Duluth:

JACQUES BREL IS ALIVE AND WELL AND LIVING IN PARIS will be presented as part of the Department of Music's Ovation Guest Artist Series. The production of the famed cabaret-style revue of 23 Brel songs and ballads is created and staged by North Star Opera planning director Craig Fields. Nov. 16, 7:30 p.m., Weber Music Hall. Reservations recommended. For more information, call 218-726-8877 or see <http://www.d.umn.edu/music/events/calendar/november.html> .

ALL TOGETHER NOW, an exhibition of the Department of Art and Design, presents the work of more than 20 faculty members, adjunct faculty, and graduate teaching assistants. Through Dec. 19, Tweed Museum of Art. For more information about the museum, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/tma> .

THE UMD PROFESSIONAL STAFF COUNCIL presents its annual fall forum. Susana Pelayo-Woodward, coordinator of the Achievement Center, Hispanic/Latino/Chicana Student Services, will speak briefly about the new Multicultural Center. Nov. 10, 2-3 p.m., remarks at 2:15 p.m.; Multicultural Center, second floor, Kirby Student Center.

Morris:

THE "TRICK OR CAN" FOOD DRIVE Oct. 27 collected more than 2,000 pounds of food and other items for the Stevens County Food Shelf. The annual event is sponsored by Community Service and Volunteerism in Student Activities. For more information, see <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=204> .

TO EXPRESS PRIDE IN THE STUDENT BODY, of which 80 percent voted Nov. 2, faculty and staff dressed as their favorite superheroes on Thursday. The idea came from political science professor Paula O'Loughlin's American government class.

Rochester:

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS AND THEIR BENEFACTORS were hosted by UMR at a dinner Nov. 9 at the Somerby Golf Club in Byron, Minn. UMR will award \$7,950 in scholarships to 18 undergraduate and graduate students thanks to support from community contributors.

Twin Cities:

THE COLLEGE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION (CCE) 2004 Distinguished Teaching Award was given to Patricia Brown, Department of Theatre and Dance, at CCE's annual staff celebration Nov. 4. The award recognizes excellence in CCE instruction, commitment to CCE student growth and development, and accessibility to CCE students.

THE ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL LORENZ G. STRAUB AWARD for a meritorious thesis in hydraulic engineering will be presented to John Philipp Vitkovsk, a graduate of the U of Adelaide, Australia, in a ceremony followed by keynote faculty lectures in mechanical engineering. Nov. 10, 3:30-5 p.m., St. Anthony Falls Laboratory Auditorium. For more information, see <http://www.saf.umn.edu> .

A NANOTHERAPY WORKSHOP for researchers in the Academic Health Center, Institute of Technology, College of Biological Sciences, Beckman Center for Transposon Research, and other units as well as local industry, will establish links for future collaborative work in nanomedicine, a highly specific medical intervention at the molecular scale for curing disease or repairing tissue. Nov. 15, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Walter Library. For more information, see <http://beckmancenter.ahc.umn.edu/nano> .

TWO INFORMATION MEETINGS ABOUT BEAUTIFUL U DAY GRANTS will be held for those considering an application for funding. Attend one meeting, Nov. 12 or 17, 10-11 a.m., 101 Walter Library. For more information, contact 612-624-2863 or buday@umn.edu or see <http://www.uservices.umn.edu/beautifulu> .

"TEACHING FOR UNDERSTANDING IN LARGE CLASSES: Active Learning and Assessment" will feature Diane Ebert-May, Michigan State U, a national leader in the scholarship of teaching. Free and open to U faculty, staff, and students. Nov. 16, 12:30-4:30 p.m., Great Hall, Coffman Union. To register, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/teachlearn/largeclasses> .

MASTERING WINTER DRIVING, Fleet Services' newest class, will especially benefit new staff and faculty members and students from snow-free climates in the U.S. or abroad. Shop manager Tony Bittner will cover topics from how to start your car after a sub-zero night to the smartest way to brush off the snow. Nov. 18, 1-3 p.m., Fleet Services Building, 901 29th Ave. S.E., Minneapolis. To register, call 612-625-7817. For more information, call 612-625-3033 or see <http://www.parkandtrans.umn.edu/hottopics.htm> .

AUTHORS READING ON CAMPUS today are sports journalist Donald Moss, *Going Pro: Scholarships, Student Athletes, and Money* (2 p.m., U Bookstore), and environmental science writer William Souder, *Under a Wild Sky: John James Audubon and the Making of the Birds of America* (7 p.m., Bell Auditorium). For more information, see <http://www.bookstore.umn.edu/genref/authors.html> .

THE WEISMAN ART MUSEUM "WAM" ART EXPO will feature original works of art for sale by 10 local galleries. Nov. 12-14, preview party Nov. 12. For more information, see <http://www.weisman.umn.edu> .

MORE EVENTS include a blood drive by the Interfaith Campus Coalition and other groups at Hillel (Nov. 10); "Don't Stop Thinking About Tomorrow: After the 2004 Elections," by *The Atlantic Monthly* correspondent James Fallows (Nov. 10); "Scrambling for Flu Vaccine," by Michael Osterholm and state immunization chief Kris Ehresmann (Nov. 12); "Immigration Reform: Getting It Right," a panel of local and national experts (Nov. 12); Midwest Voice for Human Rights conference (Nov. 12-13); and "Forensics," part of Cafe Scientifique (Nov. 16). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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THE REGENTS APPROVED THE U'S BIENNIAL BUDGET REQUEST to the state legislature Nov. 12; provisions were described in *Brief* Oct. 6 and 13. The regents also agreed to resubmit the 2004 capital bonding request, which the legislature failed to pass in the last session. In other business, the regents heard a report on the state's changing demographics and implications for the U. They recognized UMTC recipients of the McKnight Presidential Leadership Chair awards: senior VP Frank Cerra, Medical School dean Deborah Powell, and College of Liberal Arts dean Steven Rosenstone; and the recipient of the McKnight Presidential Professorship in Law and Public Policy, law professor Michael Paulsen. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1961&from=umnnews> .

THE NEW VP FOR UNIVERSITY RELATIONS, beginning Jan. 3, will be Linda Thrane, executive director for the Council for Biotechnology Information in Washington, D.C. She formerly served as VP for public affairs at Cargill, as an editorial writer at the *Star Tribune*, and as a reporter for United Press International. She will follow interim VP Tom Swain. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1966&from=umnnews> .

UMD'S NEW SCIENCE BUILDING, STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION, WAS VANDALIZED over the weekend, resulting in more than \$1 million in estimated damages. UMD officials remain determined that the Swenson Building open on schedule in September. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Vandalism_at_UMD.html .

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SEOUL NATIONAL U CELEBRATES 50-YEAR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE U: In 1954, the faculty of Seoul National University (SNU) in Korea returned from exile to a war-ravaged campus. Fifty years later, two SNU researchers made world headlines when they cloned human embryos to create embryonic stem cells. Minnesota faculty members in medicine, nursing, veterinary medicine, agriculture, engineering, and public administration are part of SNU's story. A research symposium and banquet Monday to honor the Korea-Minnesota partnership kicked off events for International Education Week at the U. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/From_sutures_to_stem_cells.html .

FLU SEASON OFFICE ETIQUETTE: Hacking cough? Aching muscles? Fever? Sidelong glances from coworkers? In a year with a flu vaccine shortage, find out more about how to prevent colds and flu in the first place, how to tell the difference between the two, and what you can do if you get sick. To read more in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Flu_season_office_etiquette.html .

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ALUMNUS, FORMER REGENT, AND LIFETIME U SUPPORTER ELMER ANDERSEN died Nov. 15. Andersen, a tireless advocate for the U, made significant contributions to financial aid and access to education. Former U presidents lauded him Tuesday. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Elmer_L_Andersen.html .

STRATEGIC POSITIONING TOWN HALL MEETINGS: Senior VP and provost Tom Sullivan will discuss strategic positioning for the U at town-hall meetings open to everyone. Nov. 22, 9-10 a.m., Mississippi Room, Coffman Union; Nov. 23, 3-4 p.m., 25 Mondale Hall; Nov. 29, 1-2 p.m., St. Paul Student Center theater. The Nov. 23 meeting will include participation at UMC, UMD, UMM, and UMR. For more information, see http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic_positioning .

ART AND COMMITMENT, a symposium to focus on connecting the arts to politics and public life, will feature more than 20 leading artists and arts theorists from across the nation. Sponsored by the UMTC College of Liberal Arts and the President's 21st Century Interdisciplinary Conferences. Free and open to the public. Dec. 2-5, West Bank Arts Quarter, with a live Internet stream. The Tweed Lecture Gallery, UMD, will show the symposium continuously during museum hours. For more information, see <http://artandcommitment.umn.edu> .

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2005 HUBERT H. HUMPHREY LEADERSHIP AWARDS are now being accepted. The awards honor individuals who have made demonstrated contributions to the common good through public leadership and service. Nominees need not be from Minnesota. Deadline: Dec. 22. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1922&from=umnnews> .

THE FRIENDS OF EASTCLIFF BOOK CLUB'S next selection is *Catalogue Raisonne As Memoir: A Composer's Life*, by Pulitzer and Grammy award-winning faculty composer Dominick Argento. Membership is open to the public and raises funds to support Eastcliff, the historic home of U presidents. Dec. 1. For more information, see <http://www.bookstore.umn.edu/eastcliff.html> .

Crookston:

THE U'S FIRST ONLINE BACHELOR'S DEGREE, in applied health, is now offered by UMC. The program is designed for working health care professionals. It was developed with partnering two-year institutions, several regional health care facilities, and UMTC. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/newsstory.aspx?ID=14> .

Duluth:

UMD CELEBRATES ITS FIFTH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK NOV. 15-19 with guest speakers, film festival, and fashion show. The concluding highlight will be International Taste of UMD, with ethnic foods from around the world. Nov. 20, 4-8 p.m., Hope Church, 301 W. St. Marie Street; \$2 donation requested. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2004/November/05.html> .

MEDICAL SCHOOL DULUTH students were four of nine medical students from across the nation selected to present research at the Annual Scientific Assembly of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) last month. Paul Tonkin received the top honor award for medical student research, and D. Maggie McEnvoy received third place. Gus Mellgren and Danielle Baker also presented. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2004/October/22-A.html> .

"A DRAMATURG'S VIEW: DOCUMENTING *LA TRAVIATA*" will be presented by Kate Maurer, Department of Composition. Nov. 19, 1 p.m., Visualization and Digital Imaging Lab, 154 Marshall Performing Arts Center.

Morris:

THE UMM TEAM AT THE 64TH ANNUAL PUTNAM MATH COMPETITION placed 71st out of 479 U.S. and Canadian schools. Teams of three solve as many math problems as they can in six hours. Among more than 3,500 students, UMM math student Ben Peterson scored in the top 500, and Katie Sullivan and Bill Cox placed in the top 1,000.

"ARTISTIC EXPRESSION OF MUSIC," an exhibit including the work of students Michael Eble, studio arts, and Matt Dingo, music, along with other regional artists, will be on display at the Lake Region Arts Council Gallery in Fergus Falls. Through Jan. 14, weekdays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. A reception Dec. 5, 1-3 p.m., will feature musicians performing songs from the exhibit. For more information, contact 800-262-2787 or lrac4@charterinternet.com .

Rochester:

UMR VOLUNTEER Brendan Laing was recognized by the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Southern Minnesota Chapter, for outstanding achievement in the category of Youth in Philanthropy. He received the award at the chapter's National Philanthropy Day Celebration Nov. 9.

Twin Cities:

THE *2004-05 STUDENT-STAFF DIRECTORY* is currently being delivered to all U offices that responded to a request form sent in October. Dynamex delivery company will make one delivery attempt to each office during business hours. If a signature cannot be obtained, departments will need to arrange and pay for an additional delivery. Students can pick up directories at the information desks in Coffman Union and the St. Paul Student Center. For more information, call 612-625-3089. The U department directory is also available online at <http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/directories> .

RESEARCH RELATED TO QUALITY PRINCIPLES is supported by the Juran Center for Leadership in Quality, Carlson School of Management. Awards of \$5,000 or \$10,000 are made to Ph.D. students who conduct research within a broad range of quality concepts, including continuous improvement and learning, ethics and responsibility, waste management, fact-based decisions, and more. For more information, contact 612-625-4554 or juran@csom.umn.edu or see <http://www.carlsonschool.umn.edu/jurancenter> .

CARBOHYDRATE NUTRITION, including definitions of low-carb and carb-free, will be the topic in the Learn Over Lunch series, sponsored by the Department of Recreational Sports. Nov. 17, noon to 1 p.m. (Maria Stewart) or 4:30-5:30 p.m. (dietician Mark Johnson), U Recreation Center. For more information, contact lemler@umn.edu .

THE U YOUTH AND COMMUNITY PROGRAM'S WINTER BREAK ACTIVITIES for ages 5-12 will be Dec. 20-23 and 28-30. Register a child for 1-7 days. For more information, call 612-625-2242 or see "Winter break" at <http://www.recsports.umn.edu/youth> .

THE BUILDING U.S.-CHINA BRIDGES LECTURE will feature economic policy counselor Tian Jun, negotiator of Chinese membership in the World Trade Organization. A panel discussion on U.S.-China economic policy and trade will include Sen. Mark Dayton, Haier America president and CEO Michael Jemal, and Charles Lee Enterprise CEO Charles Lee, who is also the author of *Cowboys and Dragons: Shattering Cultural Myths to Advance Chinese/American Business*. Nov. 17, 4-6 p.m., Coffman Union Theater.

"THE MARRIAGE EQUATION: A Practical Theory for Predicting Divorce and a Scientifically-Based Marital Therapy," will feature James Murray, professor emeritus of mathematical biology, Oxford, and of applied mathematics, U of Washington. Sponsored by the Institute for Mathematics and Its Applications. Nov. 18, 7 p.m., Smith Hall. For more information, see <http://www.ima.umn.edu/public-lecture/2004-05/murray> .

"THE GROWING CHALLENGE OF IMMIGRATION" will feature Doris Meissner, former commissioner of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), now a senior associate with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Free and open to the public. Nov. 19, 9-10 a.m., 215 Humphrey Institute.

MORE EVENTS include the annual English department grad student organization book sale (Nov. 17); "One Holocaust Survivor Remembers," with author Gerda Weissmann Klein (Nov. 17); the first Renewable Energy and Environment Initiative (IREE) research symposium (Nov. 18); Keeping Our Faculties of Color conference (Nov. 18-20); New York painter Larry Brown (Nov. 18); the Vienna Choir Boys (Nov. 20); a Memorial Wall in Peters Hall Atrium in observance of the sixth annual Transgender Day of Remembrance (through Nov. 22); a guided reflection on the letters of Etty Hillesum (Nov. 22); *Enforcing the Peace* book signing (Nov. 23); and watercolors of Song Jinsheng at the Campus Club (through Nov. 24). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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1. News and Features

THE SCHOLARS WALK IS OPEN: The bur oaks are small and bare, but the new walkway from Union Street to the McNamara Alumni Center opened Nov. 12. Footings are in place for installations that, beginning next spring, will honor U-wide scholarship and research. To read more in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Scholar_Walk_opens.html .

CAPA UPDATE: Academic staff at Big Ten universities now have a stronger, more formalized organization to share information and promote their interests. The Committee on Institutional Cooperation Association of Professional Staff Councils (CIC-APSC) emerged from a meeting in Chicago last month as an organization with a name and formal mission. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Getting_the_big_picture.html .

2. Campus Events and Information

University-wide:

STRATEGIC POSITIONING TOWN HALL MEETING: The last town hall meeting with senior VP and provost Tom Sullivan about strategic positioning for the U will be Nov. 29, 1-2 p.m., St. Paul Student Center theater. Everyone is welcome. For more information, see http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic_positioning .

"THE ECONOMICS OF DISABILITY" CONFERENCE will be the second in a series on disability to bring together faculty members and community representatives to further insights and an agenda for ongoing collaboration. The day will open with a set of personal vignettes that raise a variety of economic issues, which will be the focus of a moderated panel discussion including U faculty, government officials, and private-sector representatives. Part of the President's 21st Century Interdisciplinary Conference series. Dec. 1, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Radisson Hotel Metrodome. Registration deadline: Nov. 26. For more information, see <http://www.hsr.umn.edu/coa> .

THE U-WIDE ONE STOP WEB SITE WILL CHANGE THE WEEK OF DEC. 13, with a new look and added features. Links to applications, such as UM Reports at <http://www.umreports> , will not change. But all "flat" links to text-format pages, such as the Registrar page at <http://www.onestop.umn.edu/registrar> , will change; users will be redirected to the new page or linked to the One Stop home page. Departments are encouraged to update printed material and Web sites when the new site is launched. For more information, contact Amy Lund Swalley at lunds008@umn.edu .

2004-05 "EVEN MOTHER NATURE LOVES MAROON AND GOLD" posters and notecards are now available, featuring a photo of Big Bluestem, the tallest of the native Minnesota prairie grasses, by longtime U photographer Tom Foley. For more information, see http://www.umn.edu/urelate/05_mkqtg_mothernature.html .

FACULTY INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GRANTS DEADLINE IS DEC. 1 for travel in January through April 2005. For more information, including an application to download, call 612-624-5580 or see <http://www.international.umn.edu/travelgrant> .

Crookston:

SEASONAL AFFECTIVE DISORDER (SAD) will be the topic of a presentation by Cheryl Forfang, Northwestern Mental Health Center. See a light box, take a self-assessment for SAD, and hear about self-help strategies. Free and open to faculty, staff, and students. Nov. 29, noon to 12:50 p.m., Brown Dining Room A & B. Sponsored by UMC Student Health and the Office for Students With Disabilities.

"WHAT'S A PARENT TO DO?" is the topic of a two-part satellite conference for professionals, parents, and volunteers working with families, Nov. 30 and Dec. 7. The Nov. 30 segment will address what families, schools, and communities can do to support healthy social and emotional development in children and youth. David Osher, American Institutes for Research, is the featured speaker. 5:30-8:30 p.m., 220 Dowell Hall. For more information, see <http://www.parenting.umn.edu> .

Duluth:

THREE JUVENILES WERE APPREHENDED AND CONFESSED TO VANDALISM that caused more than \$1 million damage to the new Swenson Science Building on the weekend of Nov. 13, UMD police announced Thursday. Information and evidence collected at the scene and cooperation among police crime investigation units led to identification of the vandals. "We are committed to rebuilding this fine facility to meet 100 percent of our expectations for UMD students, faculty, and staff, and to opening the academic program of this building as scheduled this September," said Chancellor Martin. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2004/November/18.html> .

A VOCAL JAZZ CONCERT, directed by Tina Thielen-Gaffey, will be presented by the Department of Music. Nov. 30, 7:30 p.m., Weber Music Hall. Tickets \$3-6. For more information, call 218-726-8877.

Morris:

THE GROUNDBREAKING FOR A WIND TURBINE at the West Central Research and Outreach Center (WCROC) Nov. 17 was attended by about 30 local officials, legislators, and UMM and WCROC staff. The project, part of the Renewable Energy Research and Demonstration Center in Morris, is expected to supply more than half UMM's annual energy needs and is part of a four-prong energy initiative, which is also exploring biomass heating and cooling, biodiesel fuel production, and methane digestion. To read more about the Initiative for Renewable Energy and the Environment (IREE) in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Looking_for_energy_answers_a_recent_University_conference_explored_the_latest_science.html .

TOYS FOR TOTS: UMM students in Community Service and Volunteerism will partner with the Morris Area High School for the 2004 drive. Through Dec. 9. Take new, unwrapped toys to the UMM Student Center or Morris businesses.

BIOLOGY SENIOR Nicolette Knudson placed third in the Best Undergraduate Student Paper competition at the 2004 annual meeting of the American Indian Science and Engineering Society conference in Anchorage, Alaska, Nov. 11-13. "Molecular Assays for Detecting Waxy Wheat Alleles" summarized her work during a summer internship at North Dakota State University.

Rochester:

THE SECOND ANNUAL SCARVES (AND MORE) FOR SCHOLARS raised more than \$4,000 to help fund UMR student scholarships. Attendees enjoyed dinner and bid on handcrafted items and area business donations in silent and live auctions.

Twin Cities:

COMMUNITY FUND DRIVE MEETS \$1 MILLION GOAL: UMTC employees met the \$1 million mark for the second time in three years by giving \$1,060,028. Top units in participation were the Board of Regents Office (100 percent) and General College (89 percent). Overall participation was more than 30 percent, up 5 percent over last year. The most improved participation award went to the Minnesota Extension Service for increasing from 20 to nearly 47 percent. Pledges are still being accepted online or by mail. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/cfd> .

START THE SEASON OF GIVING WITH THE SECOND ANNUAL "FILL THE BUS!" The clothing drive to benefit Pillsbury United Communities in north Minneapolis began Nov. 16. Faculty and staff are asked to help by bringing donations of new or used clothing to the Campus Connector parked outside Coffman Union, Dec. 1, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. President Bruininks and his wife, Susan Hagstrum, will speak at 3 p.m. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1955&from=umnnews> .

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"PLAGIARISM: A DISCUSSION FOR INSTRUCTORS WHO TEACH WITH WRITING" will address questions about avoiding, detecting, and handling issues of suspected plagiarism. Panelists include Pat Bruch, General College; Sharon Dzik, Office for Student Integrity; Pamela Flash, Center for Writing; and Kim Strain, an instructor of nonnative-speaking sections of undergraduate and graduate courses. Dec. 3, noon-1:30 p.m., 325 Coffman Union. Lunch for the first 30 to register; register by Dec. 1. For more information, see <http://writing.umn.edu> .

THE GOPHER FOOTBALL TEAM BOWL GAME location and date will be announced soon. Sign up to receive bowl travel information when it becomes available. For more information, see <http://www.alumni.umn.edu/qogophers> .

"BE DAZZLED," the holiday celebration of the Weisman Art Museum, will feature fiesta-style refreshments and 20 percent discounts in the museum store. Dec. 2; register by Nov. 29 by calling 612-626-4747.

MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM upcoming events include holiday teas and sales, winter solstice celebrations, and--when it snows--cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. For more information, see <http://www.arboretum.umn.edu> .

MORE EVENTS include the Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker (Nov. 26); "The Lion's Mane" at the Bell Museum (through Nov. 28); "Preventing Harm in the Commons: What is the Role of Government?" (Nov. 29); French filmmaker Jacques Tarnero on media portrayal of the Arab-Israeli conflict (Nov. 30); and a Women in Black silent vigil at the St. Paul Student Center (Dec. 1). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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1. Top Stories

THE U'S REVISED CAPITAL BONDING REQUEST was presented to a senate committee by President Bruininks Nov. 29. Minimal changes from the original 2004 request were made: the Higher Education Asset Preservation and Replacement (HEAPR) amount was held constant, planning funds for UMD and UMTC business school projects were removed, and all projects were adjusted for inflation. The result is a capital investment request of \$192.1 million--about \$8 million more than the original proposal earlier this year--with a state contribution of \$158.1 million. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1986&from=umnnews> .

UMM'S FIRST DISTINGUISHED VISITING PROFESSORSHIP IN THE LIBERAL ARTS, announced Nov. 29, will be held by composer and singer Bernice Johnson Reagon, Apr. 26-May 5. The professorship, endowed through a contribution by French professor emerita Bettina Blake, will offer an opportunity to each academic division in turn. Reagon, founder of the Grammy Award-winning group Sweet Honey in the Rock, is professor emerita of American University and curator emerita of the Smithsonian Institution National Museum of American History. At UMM she will teach courses, work with choirs, and give two public lectures and a public performance. For more information, see <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=215> .

2. News and Features

CHANGE IN CHINA: The U's delegation to China got a warm reception from hundreds of higher education administrators, graduate students, and alumni from six U chapters. Since his last trip to China 11 years ago, President Bruininks observed enormous economic growth and a continued high value placed on education. He was impressed by the energy and interest of Chinese students and spoke of the need to increase U students' global literacy. To read more in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/China.html .

REEVALUATING SEASONAL OFFICE PARTIES: Offices need celebrations, but parties in December present some special problems. It's already a busy month, with fewer work days and a variety of religious observances outside of work. As offices get more diverse, people wonder how to celebrate in respectful ways. Even careful planning may backfire. Get tips for making office celebrations respectful, relaxing, and successful. (How about January?) To read the story in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/December_holiday_tips.html .

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THE UPDATED U "FACTS & FIGURES" BROCHURE is available from University Relations. It features a wide range of general information about the U and its campuses, including rankings, enrollment and financial data, and highlights about research discoveries and educational opportunities. For a free PDF version or to order printed copies, see http://www.umn.edu/urelate/04_comserv_facts.html .

Crookston:

AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES DAY will host area high school students participating in contests across campus, from horse and dairy judging to floriculture and landscaping. Winners qualify for scholarships. Dec. 3. Registration begins 7:15 a.m. Region I awards, 12:30 p.m.; ag activities awards, 1:15-2 p.m. For more information, see <http://www.UMCrookston.edu/ag/AAD> .

PART TWO OF "WHAT'S A PARENT TO DO?" will feature Charles Smith, Kansas State U, on "finding a mighty heart"--acquiring the courage to stand up for oneself and others. The satellite conference is for professionals, parents, and volunteers working with families. Dec. 7, 5:30-8:30 p.m., 220 Dowell Hall. For more information, see <http://www.parenting.umn.edu> .

Duluth:

THE NEW NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN has 11 works of George Morrison on loan from UMD's Tweed Museum of Art for a yearlong Smithsonian exhibition. At its opening last summer, the national museum honored Morrison (1919-2000), an internationally recognized abstract painter and artist and a member of the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. His work is featured in a joint exhibit with that of Chiricahua Apache sculptor Alan Houser (1914-1994). To read the story in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Morrison_works_from_Tweed_on_display.html .

THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK received one of five \$400,000 grants from the U.S. Children's Bureau to universities nationwide. The grant aims to enhance master's of social work training for employment in critical placements such as tribal and public-sector child-welfare settings. The department has developed training partnerships with 18 counties and reservations in northern Minnesota. UMD has received external child-welfare grants that total \$8 million during the past eight years. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/unirel/homepage/soc-wk.html> .

THE THIRD ANNUAL HOLIDAY CONCERT SERIES will feature UMD Music's classical ensembles: university singers, concert chorale, chamber singers, wind ensemble, and symphony orchestra performing familiar carols and Poulenc's "Gloria." Dec. 10-11, 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 12, 3 p.m.; Weber Music Hall. Tickets \$3-6. Advance purchase is recommended; call 218-726-8877. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/music/events/calendar/december.html> .

Morris:

THE FIRST YEAR SEMINAR (FYS) JAMBOREE will showcase the work of this semester's students. Previous exhibitions have featured radio broadcasts, plays, videos, an Ellis Island immigration station, Mayan astral calendar, Japanese internment camp. Dec. 2, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Oyate Hall.

THE SECOND ANNUAL MORRIS WINTER FEST will be the culmination of a community education course, Community and Aging, being offered this fall in conjunction with a UMM service-learning course, Adulthood and Aging, taught by Andrew Hostetler. Dec. 3-4. Friday: community potluck, 6 p.m., Morris Area Elementary School; old-time dance, 7 p.m., school gym/auditorium. Saturday: 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Christmas bazaar, Morris Senior Center.

THE NEWLY RENOVATED SOCIAL SCIENCE BUILDING will be named Jack Q. Imholte Hall in honor of the distinguished social science faculty member, now professor emeritus in history. Imholte was a founding UMM faculty member, its first provost, then chancellor 1969-90. A celebration is planned for next fall.

Rochester:

A GRANT TO SUPPORT LIFELONG LEARNING COMMUNITIES FOR OLDER ADULTS was awarded to UMR and the U Extension Service's Rochester Center by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. In Rochester, the \$4,000 grant will support seminars, activities, and programs for "extension circles" in southeastern Minnesota, such as "Expanding Horizons in Retirement," a daylong workshop Jan. 29. For more information, contact Barbara Muesing, College of Continuing Education, 612-624-0789, bmuesing@cce.umn.edu .

Twin Cities:

A FIRST-YEAR STUDENT DIED NOV. 24 after falling from Middlebrook Hall in an apparent suicide. Counseling service staff met with students that day and as they returned to campus Sunday after the holiday break. President Bruininks expressed grief and U support for the student's family, friends, and those who knew him. For more information, see the news release at <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1985&from=umnnews> .

AN EARLY-BIRD KICKOFF FOR THE RELAY FOR LIFE, an American Cancer Society benefit to be held at the U Fieldhouse Apr. 22-23, 2005, will give participants a head start on forming teams and fund-raising. In the relay, teams of 8-15 will take turns walking or running around a track all night in a festive atmosphere. Pick up a team pack. Dec. 2, 2-690 Moos Tower, 12:20-1:10 p.m. or 4:30-5:30 p.m. For more information, contact chair Jenny Meslow, 612-625-1113 or meslo001@umn.edu .

GOPHER WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL GOT THE NO. 1 REGIONAL SEED; FOOTBALL TEAM IS BOUND FOR NASHVILLE: The women's volleyball team received its first-ever top regional seed in Division I of the national championship tournament beginning Dec. 2. The football team will play in the Music City Bowl in Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 31. Tickets went on sale Nov. 29. For more information, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/U_volleyball_team_gets_No._1_regional_seed_football_team_bound_for_Nashville.html .

THE "FILL THE BUS!" CLOTHING DRIVE main event is today. Bring donations of new or used clothing to Coffman Union plaza until 5 p.m. Short program, 3 p.m. Free hot chocolate, gift certificates, and more. For more information, see <http://www.fillthebus.org> .

FLEXIBLE WORK ARRANGEMENTS such as telecommuting, compressed work weeks, and reduced appointments will be the topic of the next Work Life information session. Discuss management considerations and tips to make arrangements successful for both employee and employer. Register online. Dec. 6, 9-11 a.m., 210 Donhowe. For more information, see <https://onestop2.umn.edu/training/category.jsp?category=SUPER+LAB> .

"BHOPAL--20 YEARS LATER" will be presented by U of Florida anthropologist Elizabeth Guillette. She recently completed an examination of the physical, mental, and social problems of the children of survivors of a deadly gas leak, Dec. 2-3, 1984, that exposed half a million and killed thousands in India. Dec. 3. Roundtable in-depth discussion on performing contaminant research in developing countries, 10-11:30 a.m., 1-155 Mayo (register at kbuxton@umn.edu). Richard Bond Memorial Lecture, 3 p.m., 2-530 Moos Tower. For more information, see <http://enhs.umn.edu> .

"SOME ABIDING ISSUES IN THE STUDY OF NATIVE AMERICAN MUSIC" will be presented by world-renowned ethnomusicologist and author Bruno Nettl. His research interests also include the music of the Middle East and his native Czech Republic. Dec. 3, 2:30-4:30 p.m., 280 Ferguson Hall. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1982&from=umnnews> .

MORE EVENTS include *Gattaca*, part of Science on the Screen series (Dec. 1); *A Day Without a Mexican* screening and discussion with filmmaker Sergio Arau (Dec. 2); "Campus Connections: Buildings and Communities Near the U," part of U Libraries' First Fridays (Dec. 3); "First Books" panel discussion with new authors (Dec. 3); Woodson Art Museum's "Birds in Art" at the Bell (opening reception Dec. 4, exhibition Dec. 5-Feb. 6); "From Campaigning to Governing: President Bush's Second Term," with Norm Ornstein (Dec. 6); "Moral Capitalism: Transvaluation of Value," by Caux Round Table global executive director Stephen Young (Dec. 7); and "Stem Cell Biology: Good Ethics Depend on Good Facts," by Burnham Institute and U of California professor Evan Snyder (Dec. 8). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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THE BUSH FOUNDATION ANNOUNCED A \$990,000 AWARD TO THE U to enhance student learning through innovative teaching and technology strategies. Each campus selected a particular focus: UMC, promoting high-quality collaborative learning; UMD, developing reflective practitioners and self-regulated learners; UMM, engaging students by teaching to multiple learning styles; UMTC, promoting student learning in large classes. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1991&from=umnnews> .

THE REGENTS ARE SCHEDULED TO VOTE ON THE U'S SIX-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN when they meet Dec. 9-10. The plan includes \$1.3 billion to be considered for capital improvements from 2004-05 to 2009-10. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1996&from=umnnews> .

THE MINNESOTA SUPREME COURT RULED THAT THE U WILL NOT HAVE TO PAY attorney fees for news organizations who sued under the state open meeting law to gain access to finalists' names during the last presidential search in 2002. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1990&from=umnnews> .

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CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE (CSC) UPDATE--SPOTLIGHT ON THE RULES: The Rules Subcommittee is moving several changes forward while also planning the first online-only publication of the *Civil Service Rules*--replacing the print edition, last published in 2000. Subcommittee chair Lori Nicol discovered the big picture about rules when writing a union contract several years ago. Also: 1 percent increase coming on Jan. 5 paychecks, things to do to support the U at the capitol, and upcoming meeting dates. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Civil_Service_Committee_update_December_2004.html

SECRET SHOPPERS REWARD GREAT SERVICE: Secret shoppers were the life of the party during "Each 1 of Us Counts," a week to recognize customer service provided by employees in Auxiliary Services units on the Twin Cities campus. To read more in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Secret_shoppers_reward_great_service.html .

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SUPPORT THE U BY COMPLETING GOV. PAWLENTY'S ONLINE BUDGET SURVEY. The Legislative Network provides resources and a link to the site. For more information, see <http://www.supporttheu.umn.edu> .

THE U ACADEMY OF DISTINGUISHED TEACHERS, in collaboration with the Provost's Council for Enhancing Student Learning, requests proposals for a one-day conference, "Pedagogical Approaches for Engaging Students," Apr. 25, 2005. The conference will provide opportunities to share ideas and learn about multiple approaches to effective, high-quality approaches to teaching and learning. The call for proposals and proposal form are on the Web. Deadline: Feb. 1, 2005. Conference registration will be online in March. For more information, see <http://www.irr.umn.edu/adt/adtconference05> or contact Karen Zentner Bacig, kbacig@umn.edu or 612-624-5082.

NEW U AWARDS OF DISTINCTION will recognize professional distinction and public and volunteer service by persons who have not been students or employees of the U. Deadline: six months in advance of the proposed award date. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/usenate/committees/alluhonors.html> or contact Vickie Courtney at 612-625-9369.

THE NEW OFFICE OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT opened Dec. 1 in St. Paul. The office assists start-up businesses that are based on U research. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1981&from=umnnews> .

TAKING THE "BAH HUMBUG" OUT OF THE SEASON: With year-end deadlines and the rush of December activities, stress may seem overwhelming. Consider things you can do to protect your immune system from stress, and renew your commitment to taking care of yourself. The U offers many resources to support employees through the challenges of December. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/eb/wellness> .

Crookston:

HARD-HAT TOURS OF THE NEW STUDENT CENTER for groups of up to 15 will be provided by Pam Holsinger-Fuchs, director of service learning and student activities. Today, noon, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, and 2:30 p.m.; 20 minutes each; meet in the atrium. To sign up, stop by the Dowell Hall information desk or e-mail Holsinger-Fuchs at pholsing@mail.crk.umn.edu .

THE HORTICULTURE HOLIDAY SALE will feature poinsettias, holiday floral arrangements, and fresh wreaths. Discounts for food shelf donations. For more information, see <http://www.crk.umn.edu/academics/hort/News> .

THE THIRD ANNUAL "LIGHT UP THE MALL" seasonal celebration of lights will include light sculptures and displays by student clubs and organizations. Open to the public; donations of canned goods for the local food shelf will be accepted. Dec. 10-12, 5-11 p.m. Kickoff Dec. 10, 5 p.m.

Duluth:

"MATH WARS," a lecture by mathematics professor Carmen Latterell based on her book by the same name, will present the facts behind heated debates over math education and explain why math education is commonly listed as the number one concern of parents and teachers in K-12 schools. Dec. 9, 3:30 p.m., 130 Solon Campus Center. Refreshments served at 3:15 p.m.

THE HEIDI CHRONICLES will be presented by UMD Theatre. Dec. 9-12 and 14, 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 12, 2 p.m. Dudley Experimental Theatre, Marshall Performing Arts Center. For tickets, call 218-726-8561. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/theatre> .

TOURS OF GLENSHEEN HISTORICAL ESTATE, as well as holiday brunches, are available Saturdays and Sundays. Reservations required for brunch. 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 3300 London Road, Duluth. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/glen> or call 218-726-8910 or 888-454-4536.

Morris:

SERVICE-LEARNING PROJECTS OF FALL SEMESTER WILL BE SHOWCASED by more than 100 students in nine courses. Projects ranged from work with elders at West Wind Village and Grandview Apartments in Morris to photographing farmers for a traveling exhibit about the benefits of local foods. Information about service learning at UMM and about spring semester courses will be available. Today, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Oyate Hall.

Twin Cities:

JURAN SCHOLAR GRANTS FOR FACULTY provide seed money for up to three research projects, beginning next summer, on achievement and sustainability of customer preference or process excellence in organizations. \$10,000 award maximum; projects should lead to large-grant funding from corporations or foundations such as the National Science Foundation. Deadline for proposals: Jan. 19, 2005. For more information, contact 612-625-4554 or juran@csom.umn.edu .

"STEM CELL BIOLOGY: GOOD ETHICS DEPEND ON GOOD FACTS," by Evan Snyder, U of California-San Diego, is part of the Lecture Series on Law, Health, and the Life Sciences open to the U community, policymakers, health care professionals and organizations, and interested community members. Today, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Mississippi Room, Coffman Union. Free; registration required for continuing education credits. For more information, see <http://www.lifesci.consortium.umn.edu> .

"THE GREAT HYDROGEN HOAX" will be presented by Vijay Vaitheeswaran, global energy and environment correspondent for *The Economist* and author of the book *Power to the People: How the Coming Energy Revolution Will Transform an Industry, Change Our Lives, and Maybe Even Save the Planet*. Dec. 9, 4 p.m., 2-470 Phillips Wangensteen Building, followed by a reception at the Campus Club. Free and open to the public. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1998&from=umnnews> .

"TOUGH GUISE--VIOLENCE, MEDIA, AND THE CRISIS IN MASCULINITY," by Jackson Katz, will present and discuss media images, from Monday Night Football to music videos. Katz has directed the violence prevention program of the U.S. Marine Corps since 1997. Dec. 9, 4-5:15 p.m., Bell Museum Auditorium. Free and open to the public. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1994&from=umnnews> .

UNIVERSITY WOMEN OF COLOR (UWOC) invites the U community to a winter welcome and gathering for new staff, faculty, and student women of color on campus. Josie Johnson, former U regent and namesake of the Josie R. Johnson Human Rights and Social Justice Award, will speak on "Institutional Change in Challenging Times." Dec. 17, reception 8:30-9:15 a.m., program 9:15-10:30 a.m., Basic Sciences and Biomedical Engineering atrium and auditorium. Free, but space is limited; register by Dec. 13 by contacting uwoc@umn.edu or 612-624-5594.

"BASICS OF INVESTING" for U employees will help define the terminology of investment language and provide a basic understanding of investment options and strategies. Dec. 13, 1:30-3:30 p.m., 210/215 Donhowe. To register, call Employee Benefits, 612-624-9090, and press option 2.

THE U CHILD CARE CENTER WILL HOLD AN OLEANNA BOOK SALE, featuring specialized and well-screened books for young children, parents, and teachers. Dec. 9-10, 8-10 a.m., 1600 Rollins Avenue S.E., Minneapolis. For more information, call 612-627-4014.

TOYS FOR TOTS LOCATION ON CAMPUS: The U Police Department is collecting Toys for Tots. Donations may be made in the lobby, 100 Transportation and Safety Building, 511 Washington Avenue S.E., Minneapolis. For more information, contact Lynn Gerhard, gerha004@umn.edu .

U BOOKSTORES OPEN HOUSE FOR FACULTY AND STAFF will feature 15 percent discounts on most merchandise, free gift wrapping on all purchases, refreshments, and a string trio. Dec. 9, 6-9 p.m., Coffman Union.

MORE EVENTS include *Zara's Tales: Perilous Escapades in Equatorial Africa* author and photojournalist Peter Beard at the Bell (Dec. 8); Pulitzer and Grammy award-winning music professor emeritus Dominick Argento discussing his new memoir (Dec. 9); Department of Art bachelor of fine arts exhibition (public reception Dec. 10; exhibit through Dec. 17); Santa at the U Bookstore as part of a book drive for children at Fairview-U hospital (Dec. 11); 13th annual CitySongs Kids Choir Concert in many languages, a youth development project of the School of Social Work (Dec. 12); "Creating a 100% Minnesota Community" on results of recent statewide survey (Dec. 14); and "Transgender 101: They're Here, They're Queer, They're Your Coworkers," a Pride @ Work program (Dec. 14). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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THE BOARD OF REGENTS approved a \$1.3 billion, six-year capital plan as well as an amended 2004 capital bonding request when they met Dec. 9-10. Also approved was a resolution that allows the U to act as a responsible governing unit in order to move forward on an environmental impact study for a Gophers football stadium in Minneapolis. President Bruininks outlined two administration initiatives related to strategic positioning: (1) a proposed salary increase for graduate students July 1, 2005, aimed at retention and (2) two new working groups, one to study academic programs and budget issues and the other to examine further aligning and improving U administrative and management systems in support of academic priorities. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2003&from=umnnews> .

THE GOPHER VOLLEYBALL TEAM ADVANCED TO THE FINAL FOUR in National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) competition for the second straight year, besting Ohio State on Saturday. They will play the defending champions, the U of Southern California, on Thursday. For more information, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Volleyball_team_headed_to_Final_Four_again.html .

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RESTORATIVE JUSTICE--SEIZING THE TEACHABLE MOMENT: When the Twin Cities campus became a partner in the Minneapolis restorative justice program July 1, people ticketed for underage drinking were given a way to clear their record. Faculty and staff are needed for the pool of volunteers who take part in community conferences with young offenders. To read more in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Restorative_justice.html .

FACULTY, STAFF, AND COLLEGE AWARDS, APPOINTMENTS, AND NEWS: A summary of recent announcements, including appointments to the Institute of Medicine and an advisory board to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, a new U-Hennepin County liaison, Siehl Prize winners, a new canine officer at UMTC, and more. To read more in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Faculty_and_staff_December_2004.html .

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MAKE SURE YOUR W-2 FORM WILL BE SENT TO THE CORRECT ADDRESS. Verify that your home/permanent address is correct through the Office of Human Resources Employee Self-Service Web site. Go to <http://hrss.umn.edu> and choose Self-Service Options, then Update Personal Information. Deadline: Dec. 31 to ensure your 2004 W-2 will reach you. W-2 forms will be mailed before the end of January. For more information, call 612-625-2016.

2005 MILEAGE ALLOWANCE RATE CHANGE: Effective Jan. 1, the mileage allowance for using a personal vehicle on approved U business will increase from 37.5 cents to 40.5 cents per mile. The standard rate for moving expenses will also increase, from 14 to 15 cents per mile. For more information, see <http://www.fpd.finop.umn.edu/groups/ppd/documents/policy/Travel.cfm#450> .

COPYRIGHT WORKSHOP: "The Meaning and Perplexity of Fair Use for Teaching and Research" will be presented by Kenneth Crews, law professor and director of the Copyright Management Center for Indiana and Purdue universities. The half-day workshop, sponsored by U Libraries, will focus on the issues surrounding use of copyrighted materials in Web-based presentation environments and distance learning. Jan. 28, 9 a.m.-noon, McNamara Alumni Center. Free and open to all U faculty and staff, but registration is required. For more information, see <http://www.lib.umn.edu/copyright/crews.phtml> .

Crookston:

PRESIDENT BRUININKS, VP Robert Jones, and VP Carol Carrier will meet with UMC faculty and staff as part of regular campus visits. Dec. 16, 10 a.m.-noon, Brown Dining Room, Sahlstrom Conference Center.

THE ANNUAL CAMPUSWIDE HOLIDAY CELEBRATION AND POTLUCK for faculty, staff, spouses, and guests will be Dec. 20, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Brown Dining Room.

Duluth:

TRUMAN CAPOTE'S "A CHRISTMAS MEMORY" will be presented by English professor Joseph Maiolo. Free and open to the public. Dec. 16, 4 p.m., Weber Music Hall. For more information, call 218-726-8877.

"HOLLYWOOD AND THE NAZIS, OR 'I AM FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT AND I APPROVED THIS MESSAGE'" will be presented by history professor Alexis Pogorelskin as part of the College of Liberals Arts Third Friday faculty lecture series. Dec. 17, 3 p.m., Kirby Rafters. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/cla/main/3friday.php> or call 218-726-8981.

Morris:

UMM THEATER PROFESSOR Tap Payne was among the artists who created "Snow White: The Fairest Tale of All," the holiday show at Marshall Field's in Minneapolis. Payne created a cauldron that billows with smoke, and other painting and prop constructions. Open daily to the public through Dec. 31. For more information, see <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=219> .

Rochester:

NEARLY HALF THE UMR STAFF volunteered time and effort Dec. 11-12 to Christmas Anonymous, a charitable event serving 616 families, including more than 1,300 children, this year. Volunteers distributed age-appropriate toy donations and enough food for a Christmas meal for each family.

Twin Cities:

THE OBESITY RESEARCH CENTER provides funds for (1) multidisciplinary pilot research that focuses on understanding and responding to the public health crisis of obesity and (2) educational outreach opportunities to bring professionals together to explore current research, practices, and policies related to obesity prevention. A new Web site and Listserv are also available. For more information, see <http://www.obesityprevention.umn.edu> .

"RACE: THE POWER OF AN ILLUSION," a Friday film series offered by the Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action, will conclude with "The House We Live In," about how institutions shape and create race, giving different groups unequal life chances. Dec. 17, noon-1:15 p.m., 101 Walter Library. Bring your own lunch; dessert and beverages provided. Registration required; contact Felecia Franklin at 612-624-9547 or frank055@umn.edu by Dec. 16.

SPEND NEW YEAR'S EVE WITH THE GOPHERS IN NASHVILLE. The football team will play in the Music City Bowl Dec. 31. Fan travel packages are available. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1993&from=umnnews> .

MORE EVENTS include "Drawing: Seven Curatorial Responses," an exhibition of regional curators at the Nash (through Dec. 16); "Transforming Central and Eastern Europe: Lessons Learned and New Challenges" (Dec. 17); and "Seeing Color," an exhibition organized through the color spectrum, at the Goldstein (through Jan. 9). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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THE U JOINED THE CHICAGO CLIMATE EXCHANGE (CCX), a voluntary, legally binding multisector market for reducing greenhouse gases in Canada, Mexico, and the United States. The U is the fourth educational institution and largest public research university to join. The agreement to join CCX, signed Dec. 7, supports a regents policy adopted in July on sustainability and energy efficiency. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=1999&from=umnnews> .

FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS WILL OPEN JAN. 4. To follow U activities, see the Government Relations Web site at <http://www.umn.edu/urelate/govrel> and the Legislative Network site at <http://www.umn.edu/groots> .

2. News and Features

FLU VACCINE NOW AVAILABLE: Faculty and staff can take advantage of flu shots with vaccine released last week by the Minnesota Department of Health. At UMTC, Boynton Health Service will hold a walk-in clinic today, 2-4 p.m. In Crookston and Morris, county public health offices are also holding walk-in clinics. To read more in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Flu_vaccine_available.html .

CAPA UPDATE: In 1980, the regents created the academic professional and administrative (P&A) job class. Today the group includes 25 percent of the U work force, and the Council of Academic Professionals and Administrators (CAPA) is preparing to elect representatives to the U Senate. To read more in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/CAPA_is_ready_for_the_next_level.html .

"C" IS THE NEW "F": Extreme stress is increasingly common among college students in their fast-paced, success-oriented world. Many U offices are responding. To read more in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Extreme_stress_not_just_for_grownups_anymore.html .

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University-wide:

THE MEDICAL SCHOOL'S graduate medical education programs that train residents and fellows were granted a five-year favorable decision by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) Dec. 2. The review included the school's 19 partners in the education of residents and fellows, such as Fairview-University Medical Center, Hennepin County Medical Center, Regions Hospital, Abbott-Northwestern Hospital, and Veterans Affairs Medical Center. For more information, see <http://www.med.umn.edu> .

THE NEW "ONE STOP" WEB SITE WENT LIVE DEC. 15. Faculty and staff links have moved from the center to the bottom of the page. All flat-text URLs have changed; URLs for applications, such as *UMReports*, are the same. For more information, see the site at <http://onestop.umn.edu> or contact Amy Lund Swalley, Office of Enrolled Student Services, at lunds008@umn.edu .

"ETHICS, GENETICS, AND DISABILITY" is the topic of a conference that will explore (1) allocating finite disability resources across competing demands and (2) disability-related ethical issues raised by recent advancements in genetics. The conference is the third in a series intended to bring faculty and community representatives together around disability issues and is also part of the President's 21st Century Interdisciplinary Conference Series. Free, but registration is required. Jan. 20, Radisson Hotel Metrodome, Minneapolis. For more information see <http://www.hsr.umn.edu/coa> or call Lorri Todd at 612-625-8954 .

THE U'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004 is now on the Web. For more information, see <http://process.umn.edu/cont> or download directly at http://process.umn.edu/groups/controller/documents/information/um_annualrpt2004.pdf (PDF).

Crookston:

THE NEW UMC DIVERSITY CENTER OPENED in 120 Dowell Hall Dec. 16. President Bruininks, senior VP Jones, and VP Carrier were on hand for the event, along with UMC CEO and vice chancellor Joe Massey, diversity coordinator Marcia Walker, and counseling and career services director Don Cavalier. The center includes gathering and study space and a resource library and is dedicated to fostering a sense of community among students, faculty, staff, and administrators of all races, genders, and national origins. For more information, see <http://www.crk.umn.edu/people/services/diversity> .

Duluth:

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT GLENSHEEN: A fine-dining event will be presented by UMD Glensheen Historic Estate. Dec. 31. First seating: 4 p.m., self-guided tour; 5 p.m., dinner. Second seating: 7 p.m., self-guided tour; 8 p.m., dinner. \$50. Reservations required by Dec. 26; call 218-726-8910. For more information about Glensheen, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/glen/glenda.htm> .

Morris:

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: Local units of government, K-12 schools, and community-based organizations in 12 west central Minnesota counties may apply for financial support to hire a UMM student to help answer research questions, assist with project administration, or provide other support while learning ways to complete project goals. Deadline: Jan. 10 for spring semester. Counties include Big Stone, Chippewa, Douglas, Grant, Kandiyohi, Lac qui Parle, Pope, Renville, Stevens, Swift, Traverse, and Yellow Medicine. Coordinated by the Center for Small Towns. For more information, see <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=220> .

CREATIVE COMMUNITY SERVICE for the holiday season this year included making designer teddy bears (theater costume shop); collecting toy donations at a performance (speech team); "adopting" families (Office of Student Activities, Pine Hall, Independence Hall, women's basketball team, football team, and two individual students); donating two pickup truckloads of toys to Toys for Tots (UMM student organizations and individual faculty, staff, and students in partnership with Morris Area High School, Prairie Inn, and Common Cup Coffeehouse); bagging for tips at Willie's Super Valu to raise funds for W.E.C.A.N. to prevent child abuse (volleyball and softball teams); and ringing a Salvation Army bell at Willie's (chancellor Sam Schuman). Efforts were coordinated by Community Service and Volunteerism. For more information, see <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/academic/fclt/ocsv> .

Twin Cities:

THE GOPHERS VOLLEYBALL TEAM CLAIMED SECOND PLACE in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) championship when they lost to Stanford Dec. 18. Minnesota beat two-time defending champion U of Southern California before advancing to the finals. Stanford won its second title in four years. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Gophers_fall_to_Stanford_in_NCAA_volleyball_championship.html .

STUDENT UNIONS OFFER WINTER PARTY SPECIALS: Departments and student groups are invited to celebrate the new year at Goldy's Gameroom in Coffman Union or the Gopher Spot in the St. Paul Student Center. A seasonal special includes two hours of bowling and billiards, including beverages, at \$3 per person with a 20-person minimum. Through Feb. 11. For more information, see <http://www.coffman.umn.edu/goldys/seasonal.php> or call Stephanie at 612-625-7707.

RONIA, THE ROBBER'S DAUGHTER returns for its 17th season at the U Film Society. In Swedish, with English subtitles. Dec. 20-23 and 26-29, 5:15 and 7:15 p.m., Bell Auditorium. For more information, see <http://www.mnfilmarts.org/?venue=2> .

THE JASON EXPEDITION--DISAPPEARING WETLANDS: Louisiana bayous are the site of a scientific expedition to be broadcast live by satellite. Jan. 31-Feb. 5, five broadcasts daily, Bell Auditorium. Preregistration by Jan. 10 is required for groups and recommended for individuals. For more information, see <http://www.bellmuseum.org/jason.html> .

MORE EVENTS include *Rare Birds* (2001, R) in "Fowl Deception," part of the Science on the Screen series (Jan. 5); "The Great Seed Blast and Smash" at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum (Jan. 8); "Epidemics" with professor and state public health official Michael Osterholm as part of Cafe Scientifique (Jan. 11); a lecture and demonstration by multimedia artist and puppet creator Theodora Skiptares (Jan. 11); and "Looking Back and Moving Forward: Success in the Making," an invitational show of work by Department of Art alumni (Jan. 11-Feb. 4). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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