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[ooxxx003@umn.edu](mailto:ooxxx003@umn.edu)**Past issues**

**President Yudof talked about "special aspects that differentiate the U"** from other state higher education institutions to House Higher Education Committee Jan. 8. Discussion included funding sources, expenditures, and enrollment and employment statistics. Presentation is available at [www.umn.edu/govrel](http://www.umn.edu/govrel). Presentation to Senate Higher Education Budget Division will be Jan. 22, 1 p.m., State Capitol.

**President-elect Bush has named Yudof** to his 31-member transition advisory committee on education. "Education policy and reform are longtime interests of mine," said Yudof, "and I look forward to discussing these critical issues with those charged with setting our nation's policies." Bush has named 475 individuals, including Minnesotans Yudof and Gov. Ventura, to work on 15 committees.

**Provost Bruininks has been appointed** to Governor's Workforce Development Council. Group advises governor on workforce development policies and plans strategies associated with Minnesota's workforce.

**Recent gift of \$10 million** to Minnesota Landscape Arboretum is largest in its 42-year history. Arboretum, part of the Department of Horticultural Science, will use the gift from an anonymous donor to build new Visitor Center. Center will serve as formal entry point to gardens and collections; projected opening is 2004.

**Preliminary findings on unauthorized use** of U long-distance telephone access code by 13 Gopher football student-athletes and other U students were released Dec. 20. Report shows more than 1,500 calls totaling more than \$1,600 were made between approximately Aug. 29 and Nov. 29, 2000. Incident has been reported to NCAA; internal investigation by general counsel's office is ongoing.

**Umbilical cord blood transplant for 6-year-old** Fanconi anemia patient Molly Nash was successful. Nash underwent surgery at Fairview-U Medical Center in September. This is "an example of the how work done to combine pre-implantation genetic diagnosis and in-vitro fertilization to create a healthy cord blood donor holds great promise for those with not only (the often fatal) Fanconi anemia, but also leukemia, thalassemia, Hurler syndrome, and other diseases that cause the immune system and bone marrow to fail," said U transplant specialist John Wagner.

**New U-wide contract travel agencies** effective Jan. 1 are AAA Minnesota/Iowa Travel Services, Carlson Wagonlit Travel, Corporate Travel Services, and University Travel. 2001 U-wide contract book will no longer be available in print. Web contract data will include links to TechMart, U Stores, and Financial Forms Nirvana. For information, see [uwidecontracts.umn.edu](http://uwidecontracts.umn.edu) or [purchasing.umn.edu](http://purchasing.umn.edu).

**Revised Workers Compensation Policy and Procedures** effective Dec. 15 are available at [www.fpd.finop.umn.edu/groups/ppd/documents/policy/workers\\_comp.cfm](http://www.fpd.finop.umn.edu/groups/ppd/documents/policy/workers_comp.cfm). For information or policy training, call 612-627-1858 or 9.

**U stationery items**--letterhead, envelopes, business cards, notehead, and labels--can now be ordered online at [www.printing.umn.edu](http://www.printing.umn.edu) (click on Order Stationery). New system will allow quicker turnaround of orders, and every order placed will be available for 18 months, eliminating the need to reenter certain data for new orders. Special 10% discount is offered until Feb. 2.

**Sesquicentennial photo plaques** are now available through U Bookstores in cherry wood or faux marble, with choice of 16 campus scenes. Sesquicentennial logo can be included on photo and an engraved plate may be added. Cost is \$49.95, with additional charges for personalization. To order, call 1-800-551-8636 or see [www.bookstore.umn.edu](http://www.bookstore.umn.edu); click on Gifts & Apparel, then on sesquicentennial logo.

**Nominations** for Supercomputing Institute research scholar are due Jan. 15. For nomination forms or information, see [www.msi.umn.edu/general/Programs](http://www.msi.umn.edu/general/Programs), call Michael Olesen at 612-624-1356, or e-mail [olesen@msi.umn.edu](mailto:olesen@msi.umn.edu).

**New Consortium on Law and Values** in Health, Environment, and the Life Sciences is seeking funding proposals for research, projects, or curricular innovation in academic year 2000-01, including summer 2001. Applicants may seek up to \$10,000; consortium will award total of \$40,000. E-mail [manne006@umn.edu](mailto:manne006@umn.edu) by Feb. 1.

**CROOKSTON**--Kami Trowbridge, assistant director of admissions, will begin as new interim director of first year experience effective Jan. 15. Working with faculty and staff, Trowbridge will be responsible for planning and implementing First Year Experience program for students entering UMC fall 2001.

UMC student chapter of the Wildlife Society was recently presented with its charter at the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference in Minneapolis. Charter officially recognizes it as part of the national organization.

Students enrolled in fall semester's Hort 3033, Commercial Floriculture Crops, produced and sold nearly 600 poinsettia plants for the holidays. Profits help cover costs of attending professional horticulture activities and events. Spring semester project will be to raise Easter lilies for mid-April.

**DULUTH**--"Spaces of Remembrances: World War II," exhibition by UMD Art Department assistant professor Catherine Ishino and Minneapolis photographer Thomas Allen, will be Jan. 16-Feb. 18, Tweed Museum of Art. Exhibit includes performance video, interviews, photographs, and art design. Ishino will lecture Jan. 24, 10 a.m., Tweed art lecture gallery.

Ajit Das, psychology professor, has contributed an article on compulsive gambling for the Encyclopedia of Psychology, published by American Psychological Association (APA) and Oxford University Press.

UMD's Natural Resources Research Institute (NRRI) Web site "Water on the Web" was featured in Nov. 10 issue of *Science*. Article appeared in Education section of the publication's Net Watch and includes a graphic of chemistry professor Robert Carlson's Remote Underwater Sampling Station (RUSS).

**MORRIS**--Campus streets now have names to assist emergency personnel who may be called to campus. Locations are as follows: University Drive--to the left as one enters campus on 4th St.; Cougar Circle--to the right at 4th St. entrance; Center Ave.--from North Parking Lot past Humanities Fine Arts, Community Services, and Camden Hall; Alumni Drive--between North Parking Lot and Transportation Garage; Prairie Lane--from Alumni Drive toward West Central Research and Outreach Center. Street signs will be erected in spring.

**ROCHESTER**--First faculty recognition reception will be Jan. 10, 5 p.m., Radisson Hotel. Reception will include comments by UMR Provost Carl at 5:45 p.m.

**TWIN CITIES**--School of Journalism and Mass Communication has won 3-year, \$1.35 million grant from McCormick Tribune Foundation for proposal with New Directions for News (NDN) to relaunch it as nation's leading center for advance studies of news and the news industry. NDN has fostered innovation in the industry for more than 10 years.

Cancer Center will participate in studying the effects of arthritis drugs in prevention of colorectal cancer--2nd leading cause of cancer death among Americans. Study is sponsored by National Cancer Institute in collaboration with Searle, now part of Pharmacia Corp., and Pfizer. For information, call 1-888-226-2376 or see [www.cancer.umn.edu](http://www.cancer.umn.edu).

Expansion design of Weisman art museum will be undertaken by Frank Gehry, original building designer. Plans, which are in early stages, will include exhibit space for museum's collection and a cafe.

Raptor Center staff members and 2 bald eagles joined Target's 22-ton, 55-foot-long float in Tournament of Roses Parade. Float, themed "America the Beautiful," featured the eagles beneath Washington Monument replica.

Dec. 20 *Brief* reported Facilities Management's landcare crew as contact for campus removal of ice and snow; however, requests for snow and ice removal at handicapped access entrances and 20 feet around buildings should be directed to building zone representatives: Zone 1 (St.Paul) 612-624-2288, Zone 2 (West Bank) 625-2001, Zone 3 (Health Sciences) 624-2900, Zone 4 (Campus Zone) 626-9963, Zone 5 (CLA) 626-8119, Zone 6 (IT) 625-0008. For parking ramps and lots, call Art Kistler, Parking and Transportation Services, at 626-8602.

Climbing and Outdoor Adventure adult enrichment sessions, Jan. 17-Feb. 26, include snowshoe clinics, cross country skiing, fly rod building, fly tying, and indoor rock climbing. Geared toward novice participants; cost is \$35-\$170. For more information, call Todd Tratz at 612-624-9779, e-mail [tratz001@umn.edu](mailto:tratz001@umn.edu), or see [www.recsports.umn.edu](http://www.recsports.umn.edu).

Center for Teaching and Learning Services is offering 9 teaching enrichment workshops this spring. For workshop descriptions and registration link, see [www.umn.edu/ohr/teachlearn](http://www.umn.edu/ohr/teachlearn).

**Events:** Discussion on tripartisan government in Minnesota will be Jan. 16, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Humphrey Center. Panelists include Gov. Ventura; Sen. Roger Moe, Senate majority leader; and Rep. Tim Pawlenty, House of Representatives majority leader. Cost is \$30. For information, call Ellen Tveit at 612-625-8330, e-mail [etveit@hhh.umn.edu](mailto:etveit@hhh.umn.edu), or see [www.hhh.umn.edu/centers/policy-forum](http://www.hhh.umn.edu/centers/policy-forum).

U of M Toastmasters Club meets Wednesdays, noon-1 p.m., 7-101 BSBE building. For more information, call 626-2057 or see [toastmas@tc.umn.edu](mailto:toastmas@tc.umn.edu).

**Announcements:** Claudia Schmidt-Dannert, assistant professor of biochemistry, was named a young scientist to watch in *U.S. News and World Report* Innovators for 2001.

Patrick Mantyh, preventive sciences professor, received the Javits Neuroscience Investigator Award from National Institutes of Health for scientific excellence and productivity.<p>

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**President Yudof will give budget presentation** to House Higher Education Committee Jan. 26 and 29, 10:15-noon, 300-S State Office Building. Academic Health Center presentation will be Jan. 31. See [www.umn.edu/govrel](http://www.umn.edu/govrel).

**Regent Candidate Advisory Council** will interview 25 candidates later this month for 5 openings on U's Board of Regents. List includes 3 current regents seeking reappointment: Patricia Spence, Michael O'Keefe, and Warren Larson. Council will submit 2 to 4 names to legislature for each open position.

**A 20-year facilities draft plan** for the Academic Health Center will be presented for input Jan. 17, 10:30 a.m. and Jan. 24, 3 p.m. at 4-101 Basic Sciences and Biomedical Engineering (BS&BE) and Jan. 30, 10 a.m., 6-101 BS&BE. Plan will support AHC's programmatic goals. Call 612-626-4450.

**Faculty Consultative Committee** will meet Jan. 18, 1:30-3:30 p.m., 238a Morrill Hall. Agenda will include health care, declaration on salaries, nomination process, stadium, and police background checks.

**U will have guaranteed access** to world's most powerful telescope--Large Binocular Telescope--with \$5 million gift from Hubbard Broadcasting. Telescope, which is under construction in Arizona, will increase U's research capabilities and ability to attract top faculty and graduate students, said Leonard Kuhi, astronomy department chair.

**U surgeons performed nation's first laparoscopy** for combined kidney and partial pancreas donation on Gary Burns, resident of Appleton, Wis., who donated his organs to his 26-year-old niece. Laparoscopy, which promotes faster healing and less pain, has been used in kidney and pancreas transplantations but never when both organs are removed at the same time. Fairview-U Medical Center performs about 150 pancreas and 240 kidney transplants a year.

**Use of nicotine products** produces direct precursor to the tobacco-specific lung carcinogen NNK, according to U Cancer Center study. "Our research provides scientific evidence that nicotine products designed for long-term use, such as the so-called 'safe' cigarettes, may not be safe," said Stephen Hecht, lead author on study. Research appears in Oct. 24 issue of Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences online early edition at [www.pnas.org](http://www.pnas.org).

**2001 U-wide contract book** will no longer be available in print. Web contract data will include links to TechMart, U Stores, and FinancialForms Nirvana. For information, see [uwidecontracts.umn.edu](http://uwidecontracts.umn.edu).

**Gopher the Gold business plan** competition will begin Jan. 18. Equity and services totaling \$30,000 will be awarded to entrepreneurial group or individual with winning business plan. Deadline for executive summary is March 2; deadline for submission of completed business plan is April 3. Teams must have at least one U student, staff, or faculty member. For more information, see [www.gopherthegold.org](http://www.gopherthegold.org) or call 612-624-6205.

**Employee Benefits** will host brown bag lunch sessions on financial topics: "Ignoring the Noise: An Analysis of Equity Returns, Volatility, and Costs," Jan. 22, and "How to Conduct Your Own Annual Investment Review," Jan. 26. Sessions are noon-1 p.m., 210-215 Donhowe Building and through interactive TV at UMD, UMM, UMC, and Grand Rapids; view only in St. Paul.

**Biomedical Genomics Center (BMGC)** is offering matching funds (in the form of expression arrays) to investigators interested in using gene expression technologies and microarray profiling with Affymetrix "GeneChip" system. BMGC will consider requests to support up to \$10,000 (list price) of expression arrays over 6-month period. For application details, see [www.bmgc.umn.edu](http://www.bmgc.umn.edu); deadline is Jan. 22.

**Application deadline** for 2001-02 Fesler-Lampert Chair in Urban and Regional Affairs is Feb. 19. Endowed one-year position supports research activities of faculty member for work on project related to urban and regional affairs in Minnesota. To apply, see [www.umn.edu/cura/chairapp.html](http://www.umn.edu/cura/chairapp.html) or call Tom Scott at 612-625-7340.

**New award program**, Burroughs Wellcome Fund: Career Awards, seeks nominations for 2 postdoctoral candidates with physical and computational sciences background and an interest in biological questions and academic research. Award provides up to \$538,000 over 5 years. For more information, see [www.research.umn.edu/research/external/bwfann.html](http://www.research.umn.edu/research/external/bwfann.html), call Teresa Neby Lind at 612-625-2356, or e-mail [grantaid@umn.edu](mailto:grantaid@umn.edu).<p>

**U of M, Rochester (UMR)** has named Jay Hesley new director of marketing and communications. Responsibilities are to expand student enrollments and increase community awareness of UMR activities.

**CROOKSTON**--UMC was honored with the Pioneer Award at 4th annual Conference on Ubiquitous Computing in South Orange, N.J. Award recognizes groundbreaking efforts of colleges and universities that have made commitments to offering students "anytime, anywhere" access to computer technology and sharing experiences with others.

United Staff Association named John Zak Employee of the Semester for fall 2000. Zak was honored for exemplary work with campus publications and photos, his commitment to promoting the campus, and leadership and contributions to the Harris A. Peterson Gazebo project.

**DULUTH**--Tweed Museum of Art is hosting "Post Hypnotic" through March 4. Traveling exhibit features 1960s Op- Art-style works of 28 modern abstract painters from the USA, England, Switzerland, and Japan. Post-hypnotic party, which includes live music, refreshments, and retro fashion, will be Feb. 9, 7-10 p.m. Museum curator Barry Blinderman will lecture on show Jan. 23, 6:30 p.m., Tweed lecture gallery. Event is free and open to the public. Call 218-726-7823.

Faculty artist series concert will feature music department assistant professors Rachel Inselman, soprano, and Jeanne Doty, pianist, Jan. 30, 7:30 p.m., 90 Bohannon Hall.

Theatre department associate professor and actor Tom Isbell will present "Making Theatre out of History" for meeting of UMD University for Seniors Jan. 31, 1:15 p.m., Kirby Student Center ballroom C.

**MORRIS**--*Chronicle of Higher Education*, Jan. 12 (page 9), featured UMM as one of 20 colleges that award more than 40% of degrees in physics to women.

Deformed frog research by professor of biology David Hoppe is included in an article, "The Trouble With Frogs," in Jan.-Feb. 2001 issue of *Minnesota Conservation Visitor*.

**TWIN CITIES**--1999-2000 international student enrollment at TC campus ranked 16th among top 20 research universities in annual Open Doors report released Jan. 13 by Institute of International Education. Enrollment was 3,061 students or 7.7% of total enrollment. U fell one rank this year despite increase from 2,813 students reported last year.

Institute of Technology signed an exchange agreement with Universidad de Guadalajara during Minnesota trade mission to Mexico Oct. 23-27. Agreement allows for additional U colleges to develop projects; interested colleges or individuals should call Kathleen Sellow at 612-626-8834 or e-mail [k-sell@umn.edu](mailto:k-sell@umn.edu).

Densford Center Clinical Scholars program received the 2001 Sigma Theta Tau International, Region 4, Utilization Award. Award honors an individual or group who has used research for practice innovation or provided leadership for utilization of research in clinical nursing practice.

U Services is seeking input on long-term facility and programming improvements to Northrop Auditorium. E-mail ideas and suggestions to [mcdonald@facm.umn.edu](mailto:mcdonald@facm.umn.edu). Predesign documents will be prepared by late spring. Over the last 6 months, Northrop and U Services staff have made several immediate service and image enhancements, including signs and banners.

Nolte Dining is now Montague's at Nolte. Cafe will offer new menu, which includes market-style deli sandwiches, 4 different salads, 2 chilis, and Starbucks coffee. Menu selection will change daily. For information, call 612-624-8093.

Free Bio-Medical Library classes will include Medline, Endnote, molecular biology resources, PowerPoint, and alternative medicine. For copy of current listings, call 612-626-3260 or e-mail [medref@umn.edu](mailto:medref@umn.edu).

Tandem conversation partner program matches Americans with international students for informal language exchange; apply by Jan. 24. Call Andrea at 612-626-9581 or e-mail [poulo002@umn.edu](mailto:poulo002@umn.edu).

**Events:** Children, Youth, and Family Consortium 10th anniversary celebration, Jan. 18, 1-5 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center, U of M Gateway. RSVP Rebecca Reibestein at 612-625-7849.

Affordable housing shortage workshop, Jan. 19, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Sheraton Midway Hotel, St. Paul. To register, e-mail [mbruin@che.umn.edu](mailto:mbruin@che.umn.edu) or call 624-3780.

Minnesota Ballet, Jan. 19-20, 8 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. Tickets are \$17-\$30; call 624-2345.

Roy Wilkins postage stamp First Day of Issue event, Jan. 24, noon, Northrop Auditorium.

Chinese paper cutting art workshop cele-brates Chinese New Year, Jan. 24, 3-6 p.m., 110 Heller Hall. Call 624-1002 or e-mail [chinactr@umn.edu](mailto:chinactr@umn.edu).

**Announcements:** Mark Becker is new School of Public Health dean, replacing Edith Leyasmeyer, who retired after 4 years in position.

Soon John Park, assistant professor of surgery, was named St. Jude Chair in Biomedical Engineering. Created by endowment from St. Jude Medical, Inc., chair will reside in Biomedical Engineering Institute and support new Lillehei Heart Institute in Medical School.

Peter Bitterman, professor of medicine and chief of pulmonary and critical care medicine, has been appointed Lillehei Heart Institute director of research for 2-year period.<p>

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[ooxx003@umn.edu](mailto:ooxx003@umn.edu)**Past issues****Intellectual Future of U: The Academic Health Center**" will be discussed at Faculty Consultative Committee meeting Jan. 25, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Family Seminar Room, Weisman Art Museum. Guests will include President Yudof, Provost Bruininks, and senior VP Cerra.**Declaration on faculty salaries** supporting U's biennial request for 7% increases in faculty compensation for each of the next 2 years and letter expressing that U must deliver increase, even if it fails to receive state funding, were endorsed by Faculty Consultative Committee (FCC) Jan. 18. Purpose of letter is to draw attention to the issue, said Charles Speaks, Senate Committee on Finance and Planning (SCFP) chair.

FCC members discussed impact of low salaries on recruitment and retention and voiced concern about reasons faculty leave. "Some faculty believe there is no long-term prospect [at U], that's why they leave," Speaks said. Declaration--jointly drafted by Senate Committee on Faculty Affairs and SCFP--will be brought to Faculty Senate for action Feb. 22.

**U will seek health care bids** independent of state, "which doesn't mean we'll split from the state," said Fred Morrison, FCC chair. "We're just looking at our options." Interim Benefits Advisory Committee is studying wide range of options for employees. Priorities include domestic partner and improved mental health coverages. Morrison said cost to provide current plan benefits will increase 15% or more next year; major reason includes rising cost of pharmaceuticals.**U will cooperate in new stadium studies and analysis**, reported VP Kruse to FCC Feb. 18, but will not lead effort. Reason U is examining issue is because Minnesota Vikings and Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission (MSFC) have asked for U's position. MSFC is seeking endorsement from U of its plan to remodel Metrodome for football only. Kruse said until U determines what its program and priorities will be, it cannot provide an answer. FCC reiterated its 1995 position not to support stadium.

During SCFP meeting Jan. 16, Kruse said U has contracted with a consulting firm in Kansas City specializing in sports facilities to help U evaluate proposals related to football program needs, financial opportunities and responsibilities, and impact of facility on campus and neighborhood.

**Regent Candidate Forum** will be Feb. 6, 4:30-6 p.m., basement hearing room, State Office Building. Finalists forwarded by Regent Candidate Advisory Council will give statements and answer questions in their only public forum before legislature appoints regents for 5 seats in spring. Forum is sponsored by U of M Alumni Association. Open to the public, but reservations are required due to limited space; call 612-624-2323.**Third sesquicentennial conference**, "Governing GMOs: Developing Policy in the Face of Scientific & Public Debate," will be Feb. 1, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Humphrey Center. Conference will examine the controversy over genetically modified organisms in food supply. Free; advance registration required. Call 612-625-0055.**2001 sesquicentennial calendars** available in limited quantities for \$5.50 each. Calendar offers glimpse of past U accomplishments and vision for 21st century through photos and stories from all campuses. Call 612-624-6868.**Network for women of color** is being formed in Office for University Women. For more information, e-mail Felecia Franklin at [frank055@umn.edu](mailto:frank055@umn.edu) or Toni Coleman at [colem006@umn.edu](mailto:colem006@umn.edu).**New policies** on U-Wide Policy Library: Collecting Information from Visitors to U Web Sites (Online Privacy), Expanded Intervention, and Creating and Evaluating Interdisciplinary Centers. See [www.fpd.finop.umn.edu](http://www.fpd.finop.umn.edu). U-Wide Forms Library has added Risk Management and Insurance forms; see [process.umn.edu/groups/ppd/documents/main/formhome.cfm](http://process.umn.edu/groups/ppd/documents/main/formhome.cfm). For e-mail notification of changes, call 612-624-1611 or e-mail [process@umn.edu](mailto:process@umn.edu).**President's Award for Outstanding Service** nominations are due March 2. Award honors active or retired faculty or staff "who have demonstrated an unusual commitment to U community." Send nominations to President's Award Committee, c/o Vickie Courtney, U Senate Office, 427 Morrill Hall. For information, call 612-625-4805.**Nominations for Distinguished Women Scholars Awards** (humanities, social sciences, and arts; and science and engineering) are due Feb. 2. For criteria and nomination process, see [www.research.umn.edu/research/womsch.html](http://www.research.umn.edu/research/womsch.html).**Center for Human Resource Development** is offering workshops on customer service, dealing with difficult behaviors, and communication and empowerment, through Service Improvement Program. For current schedule, see [www.umn.edu/ohr/service](http://www.umn.edu/ohr/service) or call 612-626-0774.**CROOKSTON**--26th annual Ag-Arama featuring student contests in agronomy, animal science showmanship, horticulture, mechanized agriculture, and natural resources will be Jan. 26-27. Jan. 27 highlights include contests in the morning; awards show, 1:15 p.m.; alumni reception, 5-7 p.m., Irishman's Shanty Restaurant; dance, 9 p.m., Crookston Armory. For full schedule, see [webhome.crk.umn.edu/clubs/agarama](http://webhome.crk.umn.edu/clubs/agarama).**DULUTH**--UMD Center for Economic Development (CED), located in Duluth Technology Village, has opened new facility to host focus groups for businesses and those interested in new product development. Facility includes meeting rooms, remote control cameras, and audio equipment. CED director Stephen Marder said no similar facility exists in northern Minnesota, northwest Wisconsin, or Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

Biology Seminars will be 3:30 p.m., 175 Life Science Building: John Lehman, U of Michigan Biology Department, Jan. 26, and Alan Mensinger, UMD Department of Biology, Feb. 2. Mensinger will present "Toadfish 2001: An Odyssey All Its Own."

Recreational Sports will offer 2 Introduction to Scuba courses Jan. 27, Feb. 3, and 10; and Feb. 17, 24, and March 3. These Saturday classes will run from 5-9 p.m. For more information, call 218-726-7128.

**MORRIS**--Rachel Brand, '95 alumna, will join President George Bush's White House staff as assistant counsel. While at UMM, Brand was National Merit Scholar, U Senate member, Student Senate vice chair, Morris Campus Assembly member, and assistant editor of University Register.

Bobby Seale, Black Panther Party cofounder and former chair, will be keynote speaker at public presentation for UMM Black History Month Jan. 29, 7:30 p.m., Edson Auditorium. He will visit classrooms Jan. 30. Visit is cosponsored by CAC Convocations, Black Student Union, Imani, and UMM's history department.

**TWIN CITIES**--Carlson School of Management faculty were ranked No. 7 out of 380 accredited business schools for outstanding accomplishments in research productivity in December 2000 *Academy of Management Journal*. Production/operations management and management information systems were each ranked No. 1, management and marketing placed 7th and 9th, respectively.

Coffman Union renovation is "back on track," reported VP Jones to FCC Jan. 18. Project is in design-build process and will undergo redesign with Jan. 5 hiring of Ryan Companies US, Inc. (Riverbend Commons project contractor). Cost of construction is \$32 million. U bookstores might become anchor tenant to offset operating costs; proposal would result in consolidation of all U bookstores to 55,000 sq. foot "flagship bookstore" in the student center.

Former Coffman tenants--Campus Involvement Center, New Student Programs, U Card office, and about 20 student organizations--will move from 720 Washington Ave. to 825 Washington Ave. (Stadium Village Mall) Jan. 19-31. During move, U Cards can be picked up at Rec Center M-F, 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sa., 11 a.m.-1 p.m. or St. Paul Gym M, Tu, Th, 4:30-6 p.m. and W, F, Sa., 11 a.m.-1 p.m. U Passes may be picked up at 3rd floor Transportation and Safety Building. For more information, see [www.coffman.umn.edu](http://www.coffman.umn.edu) or call 612-624-INFO.

Community Service Award nominations are due March 2. Award honors community outreach and community service activities of faculty, staff, and members of greater U community. Five awards will be presented; faculty and staff awards will carry salary augmentation of \$1,500 annually. Call Linda Blake at 612-626-7730.

New Parking and Transportation Services satellite office in St. Paul is located on first level of Gortner Ave. ramp (corner of Gortner and Fitch Avenues). Open Thursdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information, call 612-626-7275.

**Events:** Technology Enhanced Learning (TEL) seminar on Jan. 25, noon-1:30 p.m., MN Commons Room, St. Paul Student Center. See [www.umn.edu/dmc/initiatives/seminar-series](http://www.umn.edu/dmc/initiatives/seminar-series).

McKnight Summer Fellowship Program 2000 recipients, professors Patrick Bruch and Amy Lee, will present their research projects Jan. 30, 3:30-5 p.m., Nolte Library. Refreshments will be served.

Lecture and book signing by Ralph Cintron, author of *Angels' Town: Chero Ways, Gang Life, and Rhetorics of the Everyday*, Feb. 1, 3:30 p.m., Shepherd Room, Weisman Art Museum.

"Issues and Practices in Post-Tenure Review," by Dean Edwardson, School of Nursing, and Dean Taylor, General College, for campus deans and department chairs and heads will be Feb. 23, 3-5 p.m., Nolte Library.

**Announcements:** Laura Coffin Koch, associate vice provost for First Year Programs and interim director of Academic Counseling and Student Services, has been appointed to 3-year term on national Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services.Go to the [U of M home page](#)



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**Grassroots mobilization is needed** to support U request to legislature, said Bob Burgett, U of M Alumni Association associate executive director, Outreach and Programs. Following Gov. Ventura's budget presentation Jan. 23, President Yudof is urging all faculty and staff to contact their legislators. "Legislators are listening to see how much support there actually is for the U and higher education," said Burgett. To contact legislators, see [www.umn.edu/qovrel](http://www.umn.edu/qovrel).

**President Yudof will discuss U's budget request** on KSTP AM 1500 with Barbara Carlson Feb. 1, 7:10 a.m. Yudof also appeared on "The Ruth Koscielak Show" WEZU 1220 AM (metro area) Jan. 30 and Minnesota Public Radio Jan. 25.

**Yudof gave 2-hour overview of U** to Senate Higher Education Budget Committee Jan. 29. Presentation included student testimony and updates on public and private partnerships, programs addressing diversity, and 1998 legislative investment in 5 interdisciplinary academic initiatives--digital technology, molecular and cellular biology, design, new media, and agricultural research and outreach.

**Retrenchment, salary freezes, and "double-digit or more" tuition increases** are likely if Gov. Ventura's \$56.6 million recommended state funding to U is passed, said Yudof to Faculty Consultative Committee Jan. 25. "Total allocation is \$2 million less than the total needed to maintain the same health care benefits all of you have today," he said. Appropriation is 3rd lowest in nonrecession year since 1945.

Yudof called proposed funding "so far off the mark [that] it puts all the gains [in undergraduate education] of the last 3 years at risk." U has requested \$221.5 million for the biennium--\$150 million for core operations and \$71.5 million to support initiatives that fuel Minnesota's economy. Immediately after Jan. 23 release of governor's budget, Yudof told media that budget did not include "one thin dime for economic development, and that's just irresponsible and shortsighted in today's knowledge economy." For more information about U's request, see [www.umn.edu/qovrel](http://www.umn.edu/qovrel).

**Governor's budget would fund \$8 million deficit in Medical School**, which U has asked for. Ventura's budget, however, "does not invest in programs we believe are critical to replenish lost teaching and research faculty and to support growth in our capacity to meet the workforce needs of our health care system," Cerra stated in letter calling for support from AHC faculty, staff, and students Jan. 24.

"Our job is far from over," he added. "We will continue to push for state support through the legislative process for medical education, training, and research." Cerra will present AHC portion of U budget request to House Higher Education Finance Committee, Jan. 31, 10:15 a.m.-noon, 300S State Office Building.

**U plans to continue participation in State Employee Group Insurance Program (SEGIP)**, based on Health Plan Task Force recommendation, but will seek additional management flexibility through negotiations with Minnesota Department of Employee Relations, which manages SEGIP. U will also explore plans outside SEGIP system.

Administrative Consultative Group (ACG) appointed by President Yudof is working to implement Health Plan Task Force recommendations. Top priority of group, led by Cerra, will be to maintain high quality, cost-effective health care. ACG will consult with employee groups through Interim Health Benefits Committee and series of public forums. New health care options may be presented to U community in early March. To submit views, e-mail [sen\\_hpts@aquamarine.tc.umn.edu](mailto:sen_hpts@aquamarine.tc.umn.edu) or [cerra001@umn.edu](mailto:cerra001@umn.edu).

**Campaign Minnesota has raised more than \$1 billion** in gifts as of December 2000, making U first organization in Minnesota and one of 8 public universities to do so nationally. Goal is to raise \$540 million in new endowment funds for faculty, students, and strategic investments and \$760 million for ongoing program support by 2003. "[Donors] want their gifts to supplement, not replace, other sources of funding," said Burr Gibson, fund-raising expert who has advised 6 Big Ten schools conducting billion-dollar campaigns, including U.

**National satellite videoconference**, "Healthy Families, Healthy Communities: Building Supportive Policies," will be broadcast Feb. 1, 1-3 p.m., at 15 U of M Extension Service sites. Eleven experts will focus on family strengths, quality child experiences, engaged parents, and reducing violence. See [www.che.umn.edu/conted/events.html](http://www.che.umn.edu/conted/events.html).

**Meet Board of Regents finalists** Feb. 6, State Office Building, basement hearing room. Reception will be 3:45 p.m.; program 4:30-6 p.m. RSVP to Cheryl Jones, 612-624-2323, by Feb. 2. For more details, see [www.uma.umn.edu](http://www.uma.umn.edu).

**"Designing Research for Change: The Role of Research and Researchers in Affecting Change within Communities,"** 4th sesquicentennial conference, will be Feb. 22-24. Focus is on research planning and dissemination of findings to benefit those being studied. Space is limited; register early. Call Brooke Manisto at 612-625-4265.

**Employee Benefits brown bag lunch sessions** continue Feb. 5 with "Retirement in View," noon-1 p.m., 210-215 Donhowe Building; also on interactive TV at UMC, UMD, UMM, and Grand Rapids; view only in St. Paul.

**CROOKSTON**--Craig Ohlhauser, '00 alumnus, spoke to students and faculty Jan. 23 about his solo canoe trip down Mississippi River. Trip--nearly 2,550 miles--began Oct. 21, 2000, at Lake Itasca and ended Jan. 4, 2001, in New Orleans. Information on trip is available at [www.olescanoetrip.com](http://www.olescanoetrip.com).

Patrick Downs was named director for Valley Technology Park, cooperative business incubator project between UMC and Crookston. He will work with UMC, the city, and the state to coordinate technological, industrial, and business projects for northwest Minnesota.

**DULUTH**--Gov. Ventura spoke to capacity crowd in Kirby Student Center ballroom Jan. 24. He addressed issues of his proposed biennial budget in 40-minute prepared speech and later met with members of the news media.

Annual Head of the Lakes Job Fair will be Feb. 7, 2-6 p.m., and Feb. 8, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Kirby Student Center ballroom. More than 75 employers will be present; sponsored by UMD Career Services. See [careers.d.umn.edu](http://careers.d.umn.edu).

UMD Theatre presents classic Greek tragedy *The Bacchae* by Euripides Feb. 1-4 and 7-10, Marshall Performing Arts Center. All performances will begin 8 p.m. For tickets, call 218-726-8561.

**MORRIS**--MPR journalist Stephen Smith will explore battle against racial prejudice and legal segregation during World War II in presentation, "Radio Fights Jim Crow," Feb. 8, 7 p.m., Edson Auditorium. Presentation, in recognition of Black History Month, will include original recordings, interviews, and visual depictions. MPR, UMM, and Black Student Union will cosponsor broadcast of presentation to west central Minnesota. Radio show will air nationwide late February.

**TWIN CITIES**--Groundbreaking for Microbial and Plant Genomics Building and grand opening of Biodale will be Feb. 7, 3 p.m. Meet in Gortner Lab lobby. Ribbon-cutting for Biodale follows in 13 Snyder Hall.

U will sponsor African American Read-In (AARI) Feb. 4, 2 p.m., Humphrey Center. Event, part of national AARI program will feature readings and performances. "We hope that all schools will observe AARI on Monday, Feb. 5, and read a piece of African American literature, even in classes that are not literature classes," said Ezra Hyland, General College instructor and event organizer. For information, call 612-626-7352 or e-mail [hylan003@umn.edu](mailto:hylan003@umn.edu).

School of Nursing has established the White Family Cancer Endowment Fund. Goal of award is to improve care of cancer patients and their families. For application and eligibility, see [www.nursing.umn.edu](http://www.nursing.umn.edu).

Minnesota Student Project for Amity among Nations is seeking adviser applicants and country proposals for summer 2002; due Feb. 28. Duties include student recruiting, facilitating country group meetings, and assisting in individual research projects. For more information, call 612-626-1083 or e-mail [span@umn.edu](mailto:span@umn.edu).

"Goldy Meets the Cat in Hat Book Drive for Kids" will be Feb. 26-March 3 at all 17 Minnesota Barnes & Noble locations. All books purchased will go to children receiving Literacy Initiative tutoring and TC schools and community centers. Call Peggy Rader at 612-626-8782 or Raleigh Kaminsky 626-1601.

McNamara Alumni Center, U of M Gateway is available for meetings and special events. Building's public spaces vary in size and amenities. For information on space availability, catering, and rental costs, call 612-624-9831.

**Events:** Opening reception for Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibit, "The Jazz Age in Paris," Feb. 1, 5-8 p.m., Elmer L. Andersen Library.

ScienceFest 2001, Feb. 3, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Bell Museum of Natural History; free with U-Card.

"Meditation as Medicine: Activate the Power of your Natural Healing Force," Feb. 5, noon, Mayo Memorial Auditorium.

"The Challenge of Multiculturalism: Individual and Institutional Development," Feb. 8, 3 p.m., 215 Humphrey Center.

"The Mating Game," adult-only tour of courtship and sex in the wild, Feb. 10 and 14, 7-9 p.m., Bell Museum. Tickets \$40/couple and \$21/single (members); \$45/couple and \$25/single (nonmembers). Limited registration; call 612-624-9050.

**Announcements:** Collaborative experiment between U assistant professor of physics Shaul Hanany and UC-Berkeley physicists was named Science magazine's Top 10 research developments of 2000. Balloon experiment provides first "observational evidence that the universe is flat," said Hanany.

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**Regents will meet Feb. 8-9**, 600 McNamara Alumni Center, U of M Gateway. Agenda topics include biennial budget request, Rosemount master plan, and PeopleSoft implementation updates; electric energy issues; disability services and programs; undergraduate education strategic directions; and schematic plans and design guidelines for several building and renovation projects. Faculty Consultative Committee will have dinner with regents Feb. 8.

**"U wants to compete, not retreat,"** is the title of opinion-editorial by President Yudof about the impact of Gov. Ventura's budget recommendations on U of M. To read column, which appeared in Feb. 4 *Pioneer Press*, see [www.pioneerplanet.com/seven-days/sun/opinion/docs/020067.htm](http://www.pioneerplanet.com/seven-days/sun/opinion/docs/020067.htm).

**"U in crisis/Ventura budget calls for giant step backward,"** commentary by Provost Bruininks in Feb.4 Star Tribune addressed governor's recent comparison of U of M with U of Wisconsin. U's TC campus receives more state support than Madison, said Bruininks, "but that is not surprising since the TC campus has about 10% more students and 3% more faculty than Madison (not 40% more, as stated [in *Star Tribune* Jan. 31].)" To read column, see [www.startribune.com](http://www.startribune.com) and type "Bruininks" in search window. For U of M, TC, and U of Wisconsin-Madison comparison information, see [www.umn.edu/urelate/govrel/factsheets.htm](http://www.umn.edu/urelate/govrel/factsheets.htm).

**Regent O'Keefe** is one of two candidates under consideration by legislature for regent representation from 5th Congressional District. Two UMM-affiliated candidates have also been announced as potential U regents: former chancellor David Johnson, for an at-large seat, and Angela Bos, for student regent position (currently held by UMM alumna Jessica Phillips).

**U has received \$200,000 from Time Warner Cable**, Minnesota, to support economically disadvantaged students studying telecommunications and business and for programs in U's Office of Community Economic Development. Jan. 30 check presentation ceremony will be aired on "Time Warner Connections," Feb. 13, 20, and 27 at 6:30 p.m.

**U Medical School** researchers have discovered a cause and potential treatment for brain damage resulting from stroke. "This is a breakthrough in stroke treatment because this is the first time COX-2 [enzyme] has been implicated in the mechanism of stroke and because it suggests that COX-2 inhibitors can be used to treat stroke," said Constantino Iadecola, director of U's Center for Clinical and Molecular Neurobiology. COX-2 inhibitors were recently introduced to treat pain and arthritis, he added. Study is published in Jan. 30 *Proceedings of National Academy of Sciences*.

**Civil Service Committee** will have 6 vacancies for 3-year terms beginning July 2001: one at UMC, one at UMD, and four on the TC campus. For more information, call John Felipe at 612-624-9547 or e-mail [felip001@umn.edu](mailto:felip001@umn.edu). Application information is available at [www.socsci.umn.edu/civilser](http://www.socsci.umn.edu/civilser).

**"Tax Planning--Keeping More of What You Earn,"** will be Feb. 12, noon-1 p.m., 210-215 Donhowe Building; also on interactive TV at UMC, UMD, UMM, and Grand Rapids; view only in St. Paul.

**Optional Retirement Plan investment performance** results through Dec. 31, 2000, will appear on the back page of *Minnesota Daily* Feb. 8. Information will be sent separately to UMC, UMD, and UMM.

**2001 Academic Staff Award** nominations are due March 2. Award, presented by Academic Staff Advisory Committee (ASAC), recognizes P&A staff who have provided extraordinary service to U in areas of teaching, research, or outreach. For nomination forms and criteria, see [www.umn.edu/ohr/asac/award.html](http://www.umn.edu/ohr/asac/award.html).

**ASAC announces 2001 Best Practices Award** for the college, division, or campus demonstrating leadership in P&A staff development. Nominations are due March 2. Award is \$1,000 and can be used at discretion of winning unit for activities that benefit P&A staff. For nomination forms and criteria, see [www.umn.edu/ohr/asac/award.html](http://www.umn.edu/ohr/asac/award.html).

**Applications for 2001-02 Grant-in-Aid Program** are available at [www.research.umn.edu/research/fundsrc.html](http://www.research.umn.edu/research/fundsrc.html) or from Office of the VP for Research. For more information, call 612-625-2356 or e-mail [facgrant@umn.edu](mailto:facgrant@umn.edu).

**Rochester** Provost David Carl will present "Consortia Overseas Delivery of Graduate Programs" at Southern Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers annual meeting in Oklahoma City Feb. 12.

**CROOKSTON**--Reps. Peggy Leppik, Steven Dehler, and George Cassell of the Minnesota House Higher Education Finance Committee and members of their staff visited UMC Feb. 2. Students, faculty, and staff met with the legislators, answered questions, and demonstrated the use of technology in teaching and learning at UMC.

Eleven UMC community members were appointed to serve on a First Year Experience Project Team. Team will meet regularly to explore how to enhance first-year experience for freshmen. Discussion topics will include orientation, first-year seminars, and advising.

Snow Dazed and Confused week will be Feb. 9-17. Events include snow sculpture contest, semiformal dance in Bede ballroom (Feb. 10), and coronation and concert with Jim's Big Ego band Feb. 12.

**DULUTH**--Academic Support and Student Life was awarded the Minnesota Quality Gold Award by Minnesota Council for Quality--only 2nd time since council was founded (1988) that a higher education institution has earned gold. Award recognizes high quality management and customer service. "The detailed assessment needed to earn a Minnesota Quality Award has been a powerful learning tool for us," said Vice Chancellor Bruce Gildseth. "We see this as a long-term strategy for delivering services." Tutoring Center received Best Practice designation.

Robert F. Pierce Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic in Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders provided services to 104 community members fall semester 2000. Services included speech, language and hearing therapy, and diagnostic evaluations.

**MORRIS**--West Central Educational Development Association, a UMM community support network, hosted an open house at State Capitol Feb. 7 to thank legislators for past support and to encourage continuing interest in UMM.

UMM 40th birthday events will continue through September 2001. Senior James Horsman spoke at Stevens County Historical Society annual meeting Feb. 4 about UMM's Founders Day historical booklet, recollections, and research he participated in (with UMM senior Jenny Jones).

Colombian Gov. Luis Gilberto Murillo, in political exile in the United States, will speak on Colombia's civil war and the destabilizing effects of U.S. war on drugs in Colombia, Feb. 12, 7 p.m., Oyate Hall.

**TWIN CITIES**--Nearly 300 U supporters attended Annual Legislative Network Briefing Jan. 16; attendance was highest ever for event. President Yudof presented details of request and outlined progress for state. Sen. Larry Pogemiller talked about how important it is for legislators to hear from citizens about significance of U in their lives.

U study abroad participation may exceed last year's total by 15%, according to U's *International Campus Update*. More than 400 students are enrolled in Global Seminars and other short-term, faculty-led study abroad programs.

Carson Pirie Scott & Co. launched "Charge Against Breast Cancer," yearlong program to benefit breast cancer research at U Cancer Center. Donation will be made to center each time Herberger's Rose Card is used. For more information, call Diana Morgan at 612-624-1913.

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Former Coffman Union tenants have moved to 825 Washington Ave. (Stadium Village Mall). For complete list of organizations, see [www.coffman.umn.edu](http://www.coffman.umn.edu). For more information, call 612-624-INFO. U Card pickup: Rec Center M-F, 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sa, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., or St. Paul Gym M, Tu, and Th, 4-6 p.m. and W, F, and Sa 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Carlson School of Management International Week, Feb. 7-9, will feature information sessions and fairs about study abroad for undergraduate and graduate students and panel discussions by exchange students.

Organizational gathering for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender (GLBT) faculty and staff to discuss future directions and ideas for GLBT Employee Network will be Feb. 15, 4:30-5:30 p.m., 152 Klaeber Court. Refreshments will be served. For reservation, call David Galt at 612-626-8086 or e-mail [galtx003@umn.edu](mailto:galtx003@umn.edu).

Faculty and staff are invited to submit nominations for President's Student Leadership and Service Award. Award honors students for outstanding leadership and service to U community; nominations are due Feb. 19. For forms, call Campus Involvement Center at 612-625-3243.

**Events:** "Lost and Found"--law, ethics, and importance of film restoration, Feb. 8, 4-5 p.m., Murphy Hall auditorium. Free screening of *The Red Pony* will follow at 7 p.m., Heights Theatre, 3951 Central Ave.

"Financial Market in Review," Employee Benefits info session with Fidelity Investments, Feb. 14, noon-1 p.m., 210-215 Donhowe Building.

McKnight Summer Fellowship Program 2000 recipients, professors Bernard Bachrach, Christopher Nappa, and Philip Sellev will present their research projects Feb. 14, 3:30-5 p.m., Nolte Library. Refreshments will be served.

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**Legislative hearings:** Presentation on accountability to House Higher Education Finance Committee, Feb. 19; presentation on State Health Plan by Department of Employee Relations (U administrators will be in attendance) to same committee, Feb. 21. Both at 10:15 a.m.-noon, 300 South, State Office Building.

**U has suspended** Richard Pervo, professor of classical and Near Eastern studies, pending an investigation by Office of the General Counsel into allegations of employment misconduct. Hennepin County District Court issued a search warrant Feb. 7 for evidence of possession and distribution of child pornography in Pervo's office. Pervo, a tenured faculty member, has been at U since fall 1999. U currently has no evidence implicating other employees or students.

**The Board of Regents is "totally committed"** to supporting the U in its budget request, said Regent Spence at the February regents meeting. "We will spend a significant amount of time talking to citizen groups, rotary groups, and legislators about our success story," she said. In addition to citing value of the U to rural and urban communities, several regents commended President Yudof on his vision and leadership skills. "People in Minnesota appreciate integrity and honesty and people who do what they say they will do," said Regent Hogan.

**Accountability and prudent fiscal management** were addressed by Yudof in his report to the regents. "We've made a great deal of progress over the last 4 years, and we are today a more streamlined institution," he said. As examples, Yudof cited reduction of \$33 million in administrative budget over past 4 years, repositioning of 30 faculty positions to high priority initiatives, and the \$30 million reallocation in current biennial budget request.

U has also sought ways to self-finance rather than ask for state assistance, he said; U has invested \$80 million in new technology systems to improve student records and financial aid management, human resources, and grants management. Yudof said he had "a lot of confidence" that legislators would make the right decisions regarding U budget when they review the facts, including how U is accountable to Minnesotans and how it manages its resources.

**To win and retain first-class faculty**, the U must offer competitive salaries, said Fred Morrison, Faculty Consultative Committee chair, to regents. "When we lose researchers, we lose the ability to contribute to the health of the economy," he added. Morrison said salary issue is "very critical" and effects on the U would be "very disastrous" if Gov. Ventura's proposed U budget was approved. "You cannot disentangle programs from the people who execute them," said Yudof in support of Morrison's message to the regents.

**U is taking proactive steps** to protect its long-term energy supply, said Steve Spehn, facilities services director to regents Facilities Committee. "There is only one way these prices will go," said Regent Bergland, "and that is up." Spehn said energy costs increasingly account for large portion of U's operating budget.

Spehn discussed current U energy conservation strategies, including use of efficient lighting and heating systems, to reduce electric costs and new policies to hedge against future price increases and deal with future electrical energy deregulation. He outlined 2 energy bills expected to come before legislature--Department of Commerce bill, which promotes use of renewable energy resources and wholesale competition, and Minnesota Chamber of Commerce bill, which encourages retail competition or allows customers choice of electricity source.

**Regent Phillips** has retired after 6 years on the board. "At times I feel as if I have been given more than I've given," said Phillips, who began as student regent when she was 19. The UMM alumna received a standing ovation from the board and was praised by Regent Spence for her maturity and dedication to "increasing the quality of the U."

**Also at regents meeting:** Approval of new master academic and programming plan for 7,500-acre Rosemount property, new Minnesota Showboat schematic plans, and 8-year lease with Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center for UMD men's and women's hockey, and discussion about Biomedical Innovation and Commercialization Initiative (BICI) and policy issues related to commercialization of technology by U.

**National Institutes of Health (NIH)** has removed U's exceptional status designation, imposed August 1995 following discovery of systemic weaknesses in its grants management procedures. Move returns U to "community of research universities in good standing with the federal government," said senior VP Cerra.

Since 1995, U has taken corrective actions, including developing an electronic grants management system and new sponsored projects management model and implementing new oversight systems and tools. NIH is U's largest research sponsor, granting more than \$150 million through more than 800 grants and contracts each year.

**AFSCME meeting** will be Feb. 15, noon, first floor lounge Nolte Center. For more information, call local union office.

**Celebration of U's founding** will be Feb. 18-25. At Ted Mann Concert Hall: Martin Luther King, Jr., Concert, Feb. 18, 2 p.m.; U Faculty Recital, Feb. 20, 7:30 p.m.; and Ted Mann Musicians, Feb. 21, 7:30 p.m. On Feb. 21: Birthday at the Capitol, 11-11:30 a.m., Minnesota Capitol rotunda. Events are free and open to the public. For details about these and other Founders Day events, see [www.umn.edu/sesqui](http://www.umn.edu/sesqui).

**Nominations for new President's Emerging Leaders Program** are due Feb. 28. Goal is to develop leadership skills of P&A, civil service, and bargaining unit staff from all campuses. For more information, call 612-624-6556.

**Rochester** has hired Michelle Stahlman as coordinator for the Center for Applied Research and Educational Improvement (CAREI). CAREI Rochester will serve the educational research needs of southeastern Minnesota, primarily in K-12 education. Center is part of TC College of Education and Human Development.

**CROOKSTON**--Faculty and staff from College of St. Catherine in St. Paul visited UMC Feb. 8 to learn about its technology initiatives. UMC faculty and staff led technology demonstrations and discussions focusing on notebook computers, classroom technology, and Internet connectivity as tools for enhancing teaching and learning.

Maroon and Gold Week is Feb. 19-23. Events will include Regal the Golden Eagle coloring contest in local elementary schools; best dressed maroon and gold pride contests; community pancake breakfast; student rally in support of U budget request; and maroon and gold day in the community, Feb. 23.

**DULUTH**--School of Business and Economics (SBE) has received a donation of computer lab equipment from Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota. Gift includes 20 new desktop computers and monitors, a network server, and 4 printers. Equipment will be used to establish Financial Markets Program (September 2001). Yearlong program, which will be open to qualified senior SBE students, will include investment analysis and management of an actual stock portfolio.

Sigma Xi-Duluth 17th annual Scientific Poster Exhibition will be Feb. 19-23 at UMD School of Medicine atrium, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. daily. Public reception will be Feb. 19, 7:30 p.m.

**MORRIS**--National Soccer Coaches Association of America has recognized UMM women's soccer team as having the highest team GPA (3.5) in NCAA Division II and has ranked coach Chris DeVries's squad 5th nationally in all divisions (men and women).

Chancellor Schuman and members of UMM Alumni Association and West Central Educational Development Association hosted an open house for Minnesota legislators at State Capitol on Feb. 7. Update on new programs and developments; success stories of current students and alumni; and a student-created video of the recently completed \$25 million Science Building, made possible through legislative funding, were presented.

UMM Jazz Ensembles, directed by James "Doc" Carlson, will perform with woodwind artist, Chris Vadala, Feb. 16, 3:40 p.m., Minneapolis Convention Center (during the Minnesota Music Educators Association Conference).

**TWIN CITIES**--New \$20 million Microbial and Plant Genomics Building "is an example of a collaboration that advances the state," said President Yudof at Feb. 7 groundbreaking ceremony. Three-story, 64,000-square-foot facility, funded equally by the state and Cargill is scheduled for completion November 2002. Work will focus on producing improvements in food supply, new drugs and treatments, and ways to remove environmental contaminants.

"Biodale is one-stop shopping for cutting-edge biological research support services [that are] one-of-a-kind in the state and nation," said Robert Elde, CBSU dean, at Feb. 7 grand opening of U's new biotechnology facilities. Located in lower levels of Snyder Hall and Gortner Lab, Biodale's services include automated DNA sequence analysis, mass spectrometry, and high-speed network workstations to analyze genome information.

Office for University Women is currently offering project grants and special awards, including Women's Leadership Award, Sharon Doherty Award, CSBU Awards, and Teamster Awards. For guidelines and forms, see [www.umn.edu/women/awards.html](http://www.umn.edu/women/awards.html). For more information, call 612-625-2385 or e-mail [women@umn.edu](mailto:women@umn.edu).

International Tax Information session will be Feb. 17, 2-5 p.m., L-110 Carlson Management building. CPA specializing in nonresident tax returns will give NRAware software presentation and answer questions about forms, state taxes and refunds, and hiring a paid preparer. For more, information, call 612-624-9512.

**Events:** Family Resiliency and Childhood Cancer Research seminar, Feb. 15, 1-2 p.m., Ski-U-Mah room, McNamara Alumni Center, U of M Gateway.

U and Macalester College will cosponsor "The Politics of Writing Black: An African American Studies Conference," Feb. 16-18 (events on both campuses). For information, call 612-624-9847.

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**Death of U student** at Bailey Hall Feb. 17 has prompted a comprehensive review of U policies and procedures on alcohol use in residence halls. According to Ramsey County medical examiner Feb. 19, immediate cause of GC freshman Jonathan Thielen's death was a head injury from a 5-foot fall out of a loft bed. Thielen, of Fridley, who was not a resident of the hall, was drinking with at least 6 other students in a room, said George Alyward, U police chief.

Police investigation is ongoing and toxicology result is likely in 2 weeks. Policy review will be led by Ed Ehlinger, director of Boynton Health Service and chair of U's Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs Task Force. U has made counseling services available to students; faculty and staff can receive counseling and information through Faculty and Academic Staff Assistance Program, 612-625-4073, or U Employee Assistance Program, 626-0253.

**Keeping tuition increase as small as possible** was most important to 45% of respondents in Feb. 15 *Pioneer Press* and Minnesota Public Radio poll. In the debate in the legislature over U budget, 625 people were asked which of 3 choices was most important. Other choices: 27% said providing a state tax cut or rebate for taxpayers was most important; 16% said raising U salaries to retain and attract quality faculty members; 12% other or not sure. For more on poll, see [news.mpr.org/features/200102/15\\_marsicanop\\_poll](http://news.mpr.org/features/200102/15_marsicanop_poll).

**U has received \$7 million from ADC Foundation** to support its Digital Technology Center (DTC). "This gift is intended to help the U play an even bigger role than it already does in attracting bright, innovative faculty and students who push the boundaries of knowledge and develop groundbreaking research," said William Cadogan, ADC CEO and president. Gift will be used to endow 5 faculty positions and 8 graduate fellowships; additionally up to \$3 million will support U research projects in area of telecommunications and advanced networking technologies.

**Concurrent meeting of U Senate, Faculty Senate, and TC Campus Assembly** will be Feb. 22, 2:30-5 p.m., 25 Law Building. Broadcast locations: UMC, 305 Selvig Hall; UMD, Kirby Student Center Garden Room; UMM, Behmler Hall Conference Center. Agenda will include semester conversion amendment and reports from President Yudof and Health Benefits Advisory Committee. See [www.umn.edu/usenate/u\\_senate/010222agenda.html](http://www.umn.edu/usenate/u_senate/010222agenda.html).

**"Universal U,"** Minnesota Public Radio's (MPR) weeklong series celebrating U sesquicentennial, Feb. 18-25. Topics from U's history and mission to use of laptop computers by UMC students will air on "Morning Edition," 5-9 a.m., and "All Things Considered," 3-6:30 p.m. MPR will host a live forum about U's future and vision with panel of legislators, President Yudof, former regent and Gov. Anderson, and invited guests Feb. 22, noon-2 p.m. For forum, tune in to KNOW 91.1 FM. For more on Universal U, see [news.mpr.org/programs/specials/u](http://news.mpr.org/programs/specials/u).

**Founders Week celebration** continues. Feb. 23: Statewide Maroon and Gold Day (first official event of its kind); President's Anniversary Tribute, seating by 11:40 a.m., Northrop Auditorium--President Yudof and college presidents throughout Minnesota welcome Pulitzer prize-winning *New York Times* columnist Thomas Friedman. Feb. 24: "A Blast from the Past," 11-4 p.m., Bell Museum; and Sesquicentennial President's Concert, 7:30 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. Feb. 25: "Music for a Grand Space," 2:30 p.m., Cathedral of St. Paul. See [www.umn.edu/sesqui](http://www.umn.edu/sesqui).

**U libraries** now have online access to Science Direct, a remote database of electronic journals published by Reed-Elsevier. More than 1,200 journals are available through the end of 2001. See [www.sciencedirect.com](http://www.sciencedirect.com).

**"Five Fundamentals of Successful Wealth Accumulation,"** final Employee Benefits brown bag lunch session, will be Feb. 23, noon-1 p.m., 210-215 Donhowe Building; also on interactive TV at UMC, UMD, UMM, and Grand Rapids; view only in St. Paul.

**Nominations for Josie R. Johnson Award** for Human Rights and Social Justice are due March 2. Award honors one faculty or staff member and one student who exemplify Johnson's standard of excellence in creating respectful and inclusive living, learning, and working environments. For more information, call 612-624-0594.

**Applications and nominations for director of research compliance** may be sent to 501 Mayo. Responsibilities include monitoring and assuring U and its employees comply with all aspects of federal, state, and local laws and U policies related to research. Applications will be reviewed beginning March 5. For info, e-mail [mucho001@umn.edu](mailto:mucho001@umn.edu).

**Rochester** (UMR) will celebrate U's 150th birthday with lunch and cake Feb. 23. Program starts at 11:45 a.m. with remarks from Joseph Gibilisco, UMR Advisory Committee chair, and Ardell Brede, former president, Rochester Area Alumni and Friends. President's Anniversary Tribute in Northrop Auditorium will follow via special ITV feed.

**CROOKSTON**--Spring Semester Convocation will be Feb. 28, 10 a.m., Bede Ballroom. Guest speaker Prairie Topp, international sales and marketing manager for Dahlgrens (worldwide supplier of sunflower food products), will discuss global marketing. Student academic and athletic achievements will also be recognized.

Dan Svedarsky, professor of natural resources, presented the 2001 Glenn Alan Paur Memorial Lecture at U of North Dakota Feb. 15. Svedarsky's lecture was "Resource Management in the New Millennium."

UMC will host the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) Hunt Seat Equitation Competition Feb. 24-25. Participating schools are U of Wisconsin--River Falls, U of Wisconsin--Madison, U of Nebraska--Lincoln, Ellsworth Community College of Iowa, Iowa State U, Carleton College, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Cloud State U, South Dakota State U, and UMC.

**DULUTH**--Air Force Lt. Gen. Bruce Carlson, 1971 UMD graduate and key adviser to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, visited UMD Feb. 16-17. He met with students and cadets from the UMD Air Force (AF) ROTC Program and was featured speaker at the AFROTC annual military banquet.

Symphonic Wind Ensemble concert will be Feb. 22, 7:30 p.m., Marshall Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$4-\$5. Faculty Artist Series will present jazz pianist Ryan Frane, assistant professor of music, Feb. 27, 7:30 p.m., 90 Bohannon Hall. Admission is free. For information on both performances, call 218-726-8208.

**MORRIS**--John Schwaller has accepted the position of vice chancellor for academic affairs. He has served as associate provost and associate VP for academic affairs at U of Montana since 1995.

In celebration of UMM's 40th birthday, the International Programs Committee and Founding Year Committee hosted an Intercultural Celebration Feb. 21 in Oyate Hall. Event included foods from around the world, games, crafts, music, and information about international study opportunities.

Minnesota Maroon and Gold Day, Feb. 23, will include coverage in local and area media, Morris Area Chamber presentation of UMM commemorative chocolates and pencils, mayoral proclamation, and campus giveaways.

**TWIN CITIES**--Birthday Bundles project for underprivileged children throughout the state is part of sesquicentennial celebration. U Bookstores will give a 25% discount on maroon and gold clothing to anyone who brings in a gift for a child until Feb. 23. You can also participate online at [www.bookstore.umn.edu](http://www.bookstore.umn.edu) or call 1-800-551-UofM to make a cash donation. Birthday Bundle drop sites: East Bank Store in Williamson Hall, West Bank Store in Blegen Hall, St. Paul Store in St. Paul Student Center, Health Sciences Store in Moos Tower. Birthday Bundles will contain a cake mix, a can of frosting, and a small gift for a child.

Wilson Library now supports wireless access to the Internet with equipment provided by Academic and Distributed Computing Services (ADCS). Wireless equipped laptops are available for daily rental through ADCS ([lighthouse .micro.umn.edu/laptoprental](http://lighthouse.micro.umn.edu/laptoprental)) or patrons may use personal laptops with assistance from the help line: [www.umn.edu/adcs/info/helpline.html](http://www.umn.edu/adcs/info/helpline.html).

U Youth Programs brochure is now available. Call 612-625-2242 or e-mail [DRSYouth@umn.edu](mailto:DRSYouth@umn.edu). Information is also on the Web: [www.recsports.umn.edu/youth](http://www.recsports.umn.edu/youth).

International Opportunities Fair will be Feb. 22, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Humphrey Center atrium. More than 70 representatives will be on hand to talk about international work, volunteer, study, intern, and travel opportunities abroad. Win great prizes, including European rail passes, airfare to London, and travel guidebooks and vouchers.

"Under the Volcano: A Celebration of Women's History," will be March 1, 6-11:30 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center, U of M Gateway. Keynote speaker will be Rose Brewer, associate professor of Afro-American and African studies. There will also be performances and a raffle to benefit women. For more info or to buy raffle tickets, call 612-625-9837.

Campus Club members may use the Maroon Room in McNamara Alumni Center, U of M Gateway, for lunch 11 a.m.-2 p.m. until May 31. For more information or to renew membership cards, call Gerry Klement at 612-625-0913.

**Events:** "Ethics and the Research Imperative," Feb. 22, 12:15-1:15 p.m., 2-650 Moos Tower.

"A Tale of Two Cities: Issues and Practices in Post-Tenure Review at the U," Feb. 23, 3:30-5 p.m., Nolte Library.

"Designing Research for Change," Feb. 22-24, Humphrey Center. Call 612-625-4265.

Rescheduled McKnight Summer Fellowship Program presentations by Bernard Bachrach, Christopher Nappa, and Philip Sellaw will be Feb. 27, 3:30-5 p.m., Nolte Library.

**Announcements:** Martha Johnson was named new International Study and Travel Center (ISTC) director. ISTC serves students, faculty, and staff seeking to travel abroad. Elizabeth Santas Kraatz, assistant professor of nursing, received the 2000 Rising Rookie Award from Metro Minnesota Chapter of the Oncology Nursing Society.



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**U at the Capitol:** Overview of asset preservation to Senate Capital Investment Committee, March 1, 1-3 p.m., 123 Capitol; overview of research to Senate Higher Education Committee, March 5, 1-3 p.m., 107 Capitol; and Department of Employee Relations health insurance plan overview--U and MnSCU perspectives--to Senate Higher Education Committee, March 12, 1-3 p.m., 107 Capitol. For more on U budget request, see [www.umn.edu/govrel](http://www.umn.edu/govrel).

**U's overall performance is seen as very favorable** or favorable by 82% of respondents in survey by Minnesota Center for Survey Research. In survey, 800 Minnesotans--about 50% in TC and 50% statewide--also rated U's role in state: 98% said U is very important or somewhat important in providing undergraduate education, 98% said U is very important or somewhat important in providing graduate and professional education, 98% said U is very important or somewhat important in conducting research, and 95% said U serves as a state driver of economy.

When U needs more money for educational programs, 65% of respondents said additional funding should come from state, 17% said raise tuition, 15% said both, and 4% said other. "If we do our job--explaining accountability, our role in culture, arts, and the economy--we can be successful in this [legislative] session and sessions to come," said President Yudof.

**"[U] is a jewel, but a statewide jewel,"** said Yudof to U Senate in summarizing the message he emphasized in visits to Greater Minnesota. Yudof visited Rochester, Austin, and Marshall Feb. 20 to discuss impact of U locally.

**RFP was issued to health plan carriers** Feb. 16 to see "what we can get on our own," said Fred Morrison, Health Benefits Advisory Committee (HBAC) interim chair in report to U Senate and TC Campus Assembly Feb. 22. HBAC was formed to study health care coverage and eligibility issues as well as rising cost. "If we do nothing, we face an estimated 18%-20% cost increase next year," said Morrison. "Over the next biennium, increase will be \$90 million."

Morrison said although alternative bids are being sought, U will continue to work with state's Department of Employee Relations "to see if some plan the state offers can meet our goals." RFP bidders were ask to submit 4 plans: limited HMO, traditional HMO, point-of-service, and new plan. "The different plans are intended to give employees a choice of benefits and how they want to pay for them," said Morrison. "The U now has same plan offered by 3 different companies." Final health care plan decision for U is likely late May.

**U presented an honorary doctor of humane letters degree** to Thomas Friedman, 2-time Pulitzer prize-winning *New York Times* columnist and author of *The Lexus and the Olive Tree*, at President's Anniversary Tribute Feb. 23. At event, Friedman announced his scholarship endowment to U's School of Journalism and Mass Communication. Gift of \$12,500 will be matched by \$10 million Hubbard Broadcasting Inc. gift to create scholarship in perpetuity. Faculty Consultative Committee meeting will be March 1, 1:30-3:30 p.m., 238a Morrill Hall. Agenda includes discussions with Provost Bruininks and athletics faculty representatives.

**Faculty and staff age 55 or older** are invited to attend preretirement planning seminars beginning in March. If you have received an invitation letter, respond by March 2. For more information, call Employee Benefits at 612-624-9090.

**CROOKSTON**--Regal, UMC Golden Eagle mascot, and 148 students traveled to the Capitol in St. Paul Feb. 20 to participate in U's Student Lobby Day. Students gathered again Feb. 22, along with other students, faculty, and staff for follow-up rally in UMC's Brown Dining Room. Lobby Day attendees said they were encouraged by their meetings with individual legislators and vowed to actively support efforts to ask legislature for increased funding for U.

Dean's List Breakfast, new UMC tradition, will be Feb. 28, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Brown Dining Room. Event will honor the more than 240 students who achieved dean's list and chancellor's list honors for fall semester 2000.

UMC science faculty will host Western Regional Minnesota Science Fair March 3. Regional junior and senior high school students will take part in the event sponsored by the Minnesota Junior Academy of Science.

Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA) Alumni Association will sponsor a social and luncheon March 6 at Mr. Gotti's Pizza in McAllen, TX. All NWSA and UMC friends and alumni are invited.

**DULUTH**--U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has awarded UMD Natural Resources Research Institute (NRRI) a \$6 million grant to develop and test environmental indicators for Great Lakes coastal and near shore regions. Research grant is largest ecological grant ever given by EPA's Science to Achieve Results research program and largest received by UMD. Project is led by Gerald Niemi, director of NRRI Center for Water and the Environment.

International Club will present the 33rd annual Feast of Nations March 3, 6 p.m., Kirby Student Center ballroom. International exhibits will be displayed 4:30-5:30 p.m in Rafters. Tickets are on sale in Kirby Student Center in front of bookstore; prices are \$15 (general admission) and \$10 (students).

UMD Philosophy Colloquium Series will present "The Ways-of-Relating Perspective: Grounding Morality in Empathy" by Stephen Chilton, political science professor, March 7, 3 p.m., 235 Anderson Hall.

**MORRIS**--World Touch Cultural Heritage Week, "Sharing our Cultures: One Dialogue at a Time," will be March 12-17. Keynote speaker Christy Haubegger, founder of Latina, first bilingual magazine targeted to Hispanic women in the U.S., will lecture March 12, 7:30 p.m., Edson Auditorium. Other events--March 13: Peace Run, 3 p.m.; Dennis Banks lecture, 7:30 p.m., Edson Auditorium. March 14: Kathy Humphrey presentation, "My Soul Went to Work One Day." March 15: Mixed Blood Theatre's *Eastern Parade*. March 16: Invitational ethnic dinner and recognition of minority student leadership program participants and Minority Student Program graduates. March 17: Powwow.

**TWIN CITIES**--U has been selected by IBM as one of a few sites in the U.S. for the IBM Pieta Kiosk, an interactive computer display dedicated to Michelangelo's Florentine Pieta. Kiosk, which is located in Andersen Library, allows viewers to learn about sculpture's history and rich detail. U's Charles Babbage Institute also received gifts from IBM: 3 desktop computers, 2 laptop computers, and a network printer.

McNamara Alumni Center, U of M Gateway, has won the 2001 Engineering Excellence Awards Grand Award. Calling it a "masterpiece," judges gave the building the highest point total of 32 entries and praised the structural engineers, Meyer, Borgman, and Johnson, Inc.

Immigration History Research Center (IHRC) was awarded a \$500,000 grant from National Endowment for the Humanities. Grant is centerpiece of IHRC endowment campaign, "Stories Worth Remembering, Stories Worth Telling."

Golden Gopher Growth Fund at Carlson School beat the industry benchmark (22% loss) for year 2000 despite 8% negative return. Fund, which was formed in 1998 with several TC financial institution investments, is one of the largest student-run funds in the nation and has more than \$5 million in assets.

Telephone system upgrade project will begin April 2001 and is expected to be completed by December 2002. First phase has begun with complete inventory of wiring infrastructure. Work will not cause any disruptions to telephone services. Full project details and conversion schedules will be available at [www.umn.edu/oit/telephoneupgrade](http://www.umn.edu/oit/telephoneupgrade).

Institute of Child Development International Adoption Project will send surveys to nearly 4,000 families regarding the welfare of adopted children. Responses will be used to educate parents and prospective parents and to improve practices in medical community, schools, and adoption agencies. For more information, call 612-624-0321.

Gopher Guide 2001-02 is now in production. Deadline is March 1 for calendar section; submit events and programs between August 2001 and August 2002. See [www.umn.edu/cic/GopherGuide](http://www.umn.edu/cic/GopherGuide). For more information or to place an ad, e-mail Tracie Smith at [ocelx002@umn.edu](mailto:ocelx002@umn.edu) or call 612-626-0188.

Studio Annex in B-12 U Technology Center, 1313-5th St. S.E., is now open. Studio, formerly in Coffman Union, offers noncredit minicourses in ceramics, culinary arts, floral design, and other creative classes. Call 612-627-4165.

Promotion and Tenure Workshop led by VP's Jones and Carrier will be March 1, 1-3 p.m., 665 McNamara Alumni Center, U of M Gateway. To register, call Catherina Kipper at 612-626-7152 or e-mail [wongx005@umn.edu](mailto:wongx005@umn.edu).

CBS Career and Internship Fair 2001 will be March 2, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center, U of M Gateway. Fair features employment and internship opportunities in biological sciences and information on graduate and professional programs. For more information, e-mail Traci Mouw at [tmouw@cbs.umn.edu](mailto:tmouw@cbs.umn.edu) or call 612-624-9270.

Office of Admissions will host annual conferences to update community college and high school counselors in Minnesota on opportunities available at U. Community college counselors will visit March 6, 7:45 a.m.-2:45 p.m; high school counselors will visit March 13, 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Both at Earle Brown Center. For information, call 612-626-0582.

**Events and lectures:** Rendezvous with the U/Beaux Arts Ball 2001, March 3, 5:30 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center, U of M Gateway.

"Writing Winning Grants," March 6, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., or March 7, 8:30 a.m.-noon, 42 Earle Brown Center.

"Cooperative Learning and Electronic Online Testing," March 8, noon-1:30 p.m., 2-101 BSBE.

**Announcements:** David Kidwell will step down as Carlson School dean in September. Kidwell, who has been with school for 10 years, announced his resignation early February.

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**Board of Regents will meet March 8-9.** Agenda topics will include central corridor transit plan, tenure policy review, employee health care benefits, and status of U research. For full agenda, see [www.umn.edu/regents](http://www.umn.edu/regents).

**Regents will also meet** in joint session with Fairview Health Services board of directors March 15, 3-5 p.m., Johnson Room, McNamara Alumni Center, U of M Gateway. Agenda will include report on 3-year external evaluation of affiliation between U Academic Health Center and Fairview.

**Investigation into misuse of phone access code** by U football student-athletes and other U students is complete. More than 2,000 improper phone calls totalling \$1,900 were made between Aug. 25 and Nov. 29, 2000 by 13 student-athletes and 7 female students. Incident has been reported to National Collegiate Athletics Association. Charges that have been accounted for have or will be repaid to U.

**U has received \$15 million from 3M**, bringing total gifts from company since 1968 to \$34.6 million. Campaign Minnesota giving includes \$6.2 million to endow 3M Science and Technology Fellowships for students in Institute of Technology, Academic Health Center, College of Biological Sciences, and UMD and \$2.4 million for new technology commercialization center in Carlson School of Management. Center will link Carlson faculty and graduate students with peers in science and technology to create opportunities for evaluating business potential of new technologies.

**Official registration statistics** for fall 2000 are available at [www.irr.umn.edu](http://www.irr.umn.edu). Systemwide enrollment is 59,185 (up 989 students from fall 1999); enrollment by campus: UMC 2,775, UMD 9,087, UMM 1,842, and TC campus 45,481.

Undergraduate enrollment systemwide grew from 37,233 in fall 1999 to 37,719 in fall 2000. Total graduate enrollment grew from 10,074 to 10,528. Enrollment at the professional level increased to 2,733.

Total number of undergraduate students of color systemwide grew from 4,632 in 1999 to 4,711 in 2000. Number of graduate students of color fell from 842 to 816; number of professional students of color declined from 309 to 306.

Credit loads for undergraduate and graduate students rose slightly--undergraduate mean credit loads went from 13.2 in 1999 to 13.4 in 2000 and graduate mean grew from 7.9 to 8.3; for professional students, mean is 18.3 from 19.2.

**U scientists find origin of bacteria resistance** to mitomycin C, an antibiotic and anticancer agent. Finding, published in Jan. 30 issue of *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, may expedite understanding of the developing resistance to powerful anticancer drugs and make current drugs more effective.

**Adult literacy, new media, and technological literacy** is focus of 6th sesquicentennial conference. "New Literacies for a New Millennium: An Evening with Rubin Carter" will be March 8, 7:30 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. Carter's life story, which includes wrongful imprisonment, is depicted in 1999 film *The Hurricane*. Free and open to the public.

**U Staff Day 2001** will be May 31; staff are invited to nominate their departments for "top 10 departments to work for." Competition recognizes exemplary leadership and positive work environments at U. Deadline for entries is April 30. For more information, e-mail Dana Langseth at [langsetd@facm.umn.edu](mailto:langsetd@facm.umn.edu).

**Recently published books written by U faculty, staff, students**, and alumni are sought by *Minnesota*, alumni association magazine, for summer books roundup. Send copy of general interest (nonscholarly) book by May 4 to Shelly Fling, McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak Street S.E., Suite 200, Minneapolis, MN 55455 or e-mail [fling003@umn.edu](mailto:fling003@umn.edu).

**Nominations are open for 2001-02 vacancies on U Senate and Assembly Committees.** Committee descriptions and application form available at [www.umn.edu/usenate/conc/commdescription.html](http://www.umn.edu/usenate/conc/commdescription.html); nomination deadline is March 23. For more information, call Senate office at 612-625-9369 or e-mail [senate@umn.edu](mailto:senate@umn.edu).

**Civil Service Committee** has 6 vacancies for 3-year terms beginning July 2001: one in Crookston, one in Duluth, and 4 on TC campus. Application deadline is April 2; interviews week of April 16. Call John Felipe at 612-624-9547.

**U of M, Rochester (UMR)** has named Sue Hommerding new social work coordinator. Responsibilities are to expand master of social work degree, certificate, and other continuing professional education programs in Rochester.

**CROOKSTON**--UMC is featured in "Laptop Lessons" in March 2001 issue of *Online Learning* magazine. Article debates the merits and challenges of colleges providing notebook computers to students. Doug Knowlton, vice chancellor for academic affairs, comments on infusing technology into curriculum. See [www.onlinelearningmag.com](http://www.onlinelearningmag.com).

Stanley Sahlstrom, regent emeritus and UMC founding provost, received the "Builder of the Valley Award" from Red River Valley Development Association at its 63rd annual banquet at UMC Feb. 24.

More than 75 7th and 8th grade "mathletes" from 13 schools across northwest Minnesota participated in the annual Mathcounts competition Feb. 23, sponsored by UMC and Lake Aggasiz Chapter of the Minnesota Society of Professional Engineers. Bemidji Middle School team took top honors and will go on to state competition.

Northwest Regional Sustainable Development Partnership is seeking ideas for projects that address northwest Minnesota needs associated with agriculture, natural resources, or tourism; improve the local economy; promote sustainable development; and involve citizens, businesses, community organizations, public agencies, and U faculty and students. For more information, call Linda Kingery at 701-993-8663 or e-mail [kingery@polarcomm.com](mailto:kingery@polarcomm.com).

**DULUTH**--Center for Environmental Education is holding weekly seminars on current issues in environmental education Mondays, 4-5 p.m., 208 Sports and Health Center; free and open to the public. Anne Zelinski, Educational coordinator for Lake Superior Zoo, will speak March 19. For more information, call 218-726-8677.

UMD Theatre performance of *Conference of the Birds* runs through March 10 in Marshall Performing Arts Center. Performances are at 8 p.m. For ticket information, call 218-726-8564.

Tweed Museum of Art presents "Gerald Guthrie and Brian Paulson: Mind Over Matter" through April 5. Exhibition presents 20 works by the 2 artists featuring landscapes, objects, and figures. Paulson will lecture April 5, 6 p.m., Tweed lecture gallery; reception will follow.

**MORRIS**--Chancellor Schuman was among 60 invited participants on MPR "Middy" broadcast Feb. 22, which focused on the U's sesquicentennial. He spoke about the value to the state of having a U with four campuses and one center--each focused on a different mission.

Nearly 70 students gathered at the Capitol Feb. 20 to support President Yudof's budget request during U's Lobby Day. Students met with legislators from their districts and attended a rally held in the Capitol rotunda.

In celebration of Read Across America Day March 2, faculty, staff, students, spouses, and alumni joined other Morris community members in sharing a favorite book with area elementary school students.

Craig Kissock, education professor and division chair, was invited to present keynote addresses at international educators conferences in Melbourne, Australia, and Kuwait City, Kuwait.

**TWIN CITIES**--KS95 Radiothon 2001 (March 8-11) will broadcast live March 9, 6-9 a.m., in the lobby of Fairview-U Medical Center. Goal is to raise funds for Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare and Children's Cancer Research Center Fund, which supports U Cancer Center faculty and several faculty chairs, education, research, and CarePartners volunteer program. To pledge support during radiothon, call 877-253-KIDS.

Brock Dubbels, doctoral student in educational psychology, is the first winner of the Graduate School Fulbright Scholarship Exchange Program with Norwegian U of Science and Technology (NTNU) in Trondheim, Norway. One NTNU student will receive a similar award to study at U next year.

Student Services Center, 200 Fraser Hall, will extend hours first 2 weeks (excluding Fridays) of fall and spring semesters, beginning fall 2001. Extended hours: 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Regular hours resume Sept. 17: M-Th., 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., and F 8 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, see [www.onestop.umn.edu](http://www.onestop.umn.edu).

U Card Office new location: room 107, 825 Washington Ave. S.E. Phone and e-mail are the same.

Forum on public scholarship and civic engagement will be March 8, 4-5:30 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center. Reception with guest speaker David Mathews, Kettering Foundation president and former secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare in Ford administration, will precede forum, 3:15-3:45 p.m. in atrium.

**Events:** "Bugs" with Philip Clausen, U insect collection curator, March 8, 12:15 p.m., Weisman Family Seminar Room.

"Armenia and Armenians: 10,000 Years of History in One Day," March 10, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., 2-620 Moos Tower. To register, call Kathryn Snyder at 612-624-0256.

Fashion show to benefit Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer Foundation, March 10, 7 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center, U of M Gateway. Tickets: \$20 (adults) and \$15 (students). Call 624-2345.

Northrop Dance Season "You Walk?" March 10, 8 p.m., Northrop Auditorium. For tickets, call 624-2345.

**Announcements:** Thomas Shaughnessy, U librarian since 1989, has announced intent to retire Sept. 30.

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**Legal status of 4 U regents** was addressed by general counsel Mark Rotenberg at regents meeting March 9. Regents Larson, O'Keefe, Phillips, and Spence, whose terms ended Feb. 1, will continue in office until successors are elected or appointed, said Rotenberg. Joint legislative session to select new regents, scheduled for Feb. 26, was canceled Feb. 22; new date has not been set. If decision is not made before end of session, Gov. Ventura will have power to appoint.

**"The dollar follows the students,"** said President Yudof in his accountability report to regents. Yudof said academic units keep 100% of tuition revenue for operating costs in the current model for revenue distribution. In previous model, tuition, state appropriations, and indirect cost recovery were funneled through a central funds pool. Resources are directed to increasing course access for students and rewarding good teaching.

To achieve new strategic academic directions, U has adopted a compact system, redirected faculty expertise and effort, invested in new academic initiatives, and implemented measures of success. Since fiscal year 1998, U has redirected \$112.7 million to strategic areas including technology, classrooms, and facilities. It has also reduced base administrative budgets by \$33.1 million, which includes elimination of 2 provost offices, the Office of Senior VP for Finance, and Office of the Treasurer. For more on accountability at U, see [www.umn.edu/govrel/accountability.htm](http://www.umn.edu/govrel/accountability.htm).

**Regents approved schematic plans for \$3 million Gateway Plaza**, which will serve as major entrance to TC campus. Plaza, located at intersection of Oak St. and Washington Ave., will be constructed by U Gateway Corporation at their expense and donated to U. Plaza landscape will include reflecting and audible water features, mature coniferous and deciduous trees, manicured lawns and prairie grass. Construction will begin in May and is expected to be completed November 2001.

**Central Corridor Transit study** (for light rail transit, commuter rail, or busway triangle connecting Minneapolis, St. Paul, and the airport), which will be completed mid2001, has raised several key issues for U. Harvey Turner, director of planning and programming, reported to regents March 9 that issues include selecting a route that improves U's total transportation system and does not negatively impact the campus and nearby communities. "This is a transportation and land issue," he said, "not a chicken and an egg--they must be handled at the same time."

U will recommend several alternatives to planners: a route through campus on Washington Ave. or a tunnel route along Washington Ave. from Coffman Union east to Oak St., and an alignment through Dinkytown railroad trench and across Mississippi River on Bridge 9. Regents will review transit plan and recommendations again next month.

**U will house earthquake test system**--Multi-Axial Subassemblage Testing (MAST)--following regents approval of \$2.2 million design and site preparation for new building. "[Our MAST facility] will feature 10 hydraulic cylinders," said Arturo Schultz, project investigator. "The 8 largest will be capable of delivering 880,000 pounds of force in both horizontal directions while simultaneously delivering 1.3 million pounds of force vertically. This will make our MAST facility unique--no other facility will come close in terms of capacity to simulate earthquake forces."

**Law Building will be renamed Walter F. Mondale Hall** following regents approval March 9. Former U.S. president Jimmy Carter will speak at the dedication May 17.

**In 1999-2000 academic year, 99% of reviewed faculty** successfully met or exceeded goals and expectations established by their academic units. Survey by Office of the Executive VP and Provost indicated that 835 of U's 2,313 tenured faculty had undergone the peer-driven process as of spring 2000. Faculty who had below par performances entered performance improvement plans, received differentiated work assignments, or retired.

"There is a shift nationally on the merits of tenure [and] rapid proliferation of posttenure review (PTR)," said VP Jones. "[PTR] is important to maintaining faculty vitality and accountability," he said. Process of PTR was introduced at U in 1997; goal is to fully implement PTR during 2000-01 academic year.

**U has named 3 new McKnight Presidential Endowed Chairs**--psychology professor Mark Snyder, ecology professor David Tilman, and professor of medicine Catherine Verfaillie. Each chair includes a \$1 million endowment for research and is awarded at the discretion of President Yudof.

**New McKnight Land-Grant Professors** were recognized at regents meeting: Mohamed-Slim Alouini, electrical and computer engineering; Bruce Braun, geography; Patricia Crain, English; Shaul Hanany, physics and astronomy; George Heimpel, entomology; Richard Hsung, chemistry; Victoria Interrante, computer science and engineering; Canan Karatekin, child development; Monica Luciana, psychology; Gary Muehlbauer, agronomy and plant genetics; Claudia Schmidt-Dannert, biochemistry, molecular biology, and biophysics; Yoav Segal, medicine; Jiaping Wang, mathematics; and Barbara Welke, history.

Professorship, which includes \$50,000 research grant for 2 years and a year's research leave with full salary in the 2nd year, recognizes junior faculty for past achievements and current ideas, their potential for attracting students, and the significance of their research and the clarity with which it is conveyed to nonspecialists.

**U's impact on metro communities** is Yudof's focus during 4 suburban meetings with alumni and community, and school and business leaders. Yudof discussed the U's budget at the North Metro Chamber of Commerce March 13, and he will visit the south metro area March 21, west metro April 13, and east metro April 20.

**Joint U Senate, Faculty Senate**, TC Campus Assembly, and Student Senate meeting March 22 have been cancelled. Next regularly scheduled meeting will be April 19.

**CROOKSTON**--UMC's computing environment was the focus of *Wall Street Journal* March 12 feature, "A Campus Connected." Feature, written by Evan Ramstad, is part of a special section about technology revolution in education.

Annual International Seminar and Dinner Series kicked off March 5 with "Sweden: the Land of Tomorrow" presented by 7 UMC students from Sweden. Upcoming programs include "The Moroccan Way," March 19 and "Argentina: Land of Beautiful Traditions," March 26. Series culminates with an international dinner April 7.

More than 40 professionals from UMC and the city served as career consultants and speakers for Crookston Chamber of Commerce's Career Day, held on campus March 13. Juniors from 9 area high schools attended.

**DULUTH**--UMD Access for All, student organization promoting disability awareness on campus, has created a snow sculpture replica in front of Vermillion Hall (across from Kirby Student Center) of the newly dedicated Franklin Delano Roosevelt statue in Washington, D.C. Sculpture was built as part of UMD Disability Awareness Week and depicts FDR in his wheelchair, exemplifying that disabilities do not prevent leadership and greatness.

Women's History Month activities continue. All events are free and open to the public. March 20: Latin American Women Film Series, "Broken Silence," noon, 311 Kirby Student Center and "Dad and Daughters" by keynote speaker Joe Kelly, 7 p.m., Kirby Student Center ballroom. Reception will follow. March 21: Jean Baribeau-Thoennes will present "Body Image: Battling the Ideal," noon, 355-57 Kirby Student Center and artist lecture by Lori Peterson Thole, 2 p.m., Tweed Museum of Art. March 22: Denise Osterholm will present "Transsexual Woman: Up Close and Personal," noon, 355-57 Kirby, and Rosemary Christensen will present "Seven Laws of the Anishinabe," 2 p.m., Bull Pub.

**MORRIS**--Paula O'Loughlin, assistant professor of political science, is 2000-01 recipient of both the UMM Alumni Association Teaching Award and the John Tate Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Academic Advising.

Shannon Lambert, UMM student, is one of 3 U-wide recipients of the \$9,000 Katherine E. Sullivan Scholarship. Award supports U seniors who wish to enrich their academic experience with a 5th year of undergraduate study in another country. Lambert will use the scholarship for study in India.

**TWIN CITIES**--International travel grant applications are available from Office of International Programs, China Center, and McKnight Arts and Humanities Fund. Deadline is April 2 for activities beginning May 1-Aug. 31; subsequent deadlines are Aug. 1 and Dec. 3. Call 612-624-5580 (624-1002 for China travel), or see [www.international.umn.edu/travelgrant](http://www.international.umn.edu/travelgrant).

If you will be away from the Twin Cities during the next academic year and would like to rent your home to new U faculty or staff, call Relocation Assistance Program at 612-626-0775 or e-mail [rapland@umn.edu](mailto:rapland@umn.edu).

Optional retirement plan presentation will be March 19, 2:30-3:30 p.m., 210 Donhowe. To register, call 612-624-9090.

Publisher Elsevier Science will demonstrate its *ScienceDirect* electronic journal (currently licensed by U Libraries until December 2001) March 19, 555 Bio-medical Library; March 20, S-30b Wilson Library; March 21, Rohrer Room, Magrath Library. Sessions are 10-11 a.m. and 3-4 p.m. Refreshments will be served. See [www.lib.umn.edu](http://www.lib.umn.edu).

Events and lectures: "Consensus in Science," March 16, 3:15 p.m., 210 Physics.

"Color in Vogue--A Fashion Fête and Concert," March 16, 8 p.m., Weisman Art Museum. Call 612-625-9495.

"Seduction of the Cyberbabe, Lara Croft: Postergirl for the Digerati, Pixel Vixen, and Postfeminist Icon?," March 21, noon-1 p.m., 400 Ford Hall.

McKnight Summer Fellowship presentations by professors Greg Laden, C. Kenneth Waters, and Andrzej Piotrowski, March 21, 3:30-5 p.m., 3-166 Carlson School of Management.

Inaugural NCAA Women's Ice Hockey Championship, March 23 and 25, Mariucci Arena. Call 1-800-U-Gopher or see [gophersports.com](http://gophersports.com).

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**Fairview Health Services and U affiliation** has been vital to both organizations and should continue to move forward, according to external review report. Key recommendations include reformulating a clearer vision for the relationship and role for Fairview-U as a teaching hospital, promoting more effective and consistent interorganizational behavior, and increasing funding to restore national prominence of Medical School. Affiliation, which began in 1996, included acquisition of U Hospital by Fairview. For copy of report, call 612-624-5100.

**"An advance in one discipline affects the whole U,"** said President Yudof in U academic initiatives conference March 14. Besides advancing research, a major goal of 5 academic initiatives--agriculture, cellular and molecular biology, design, digital technology, and new media--"is to bring faculty and staff from different fields together."

Daylong conference included progress reports by deans and directors and recent scientific and cultural innovations that influence each initiative. For streaming video replay of "Pointing Toward Our Future: U of M Initiatives for the 21st Century," see [vs.itlabs.umn.edu/Special/cce0314.html](http://vs.itlabs.umn.edu/Special/cce0314.html). Video will be available until May 14.

**U is looking for niches** where it can be competitive, said VP Muscoplat of genomics revolution. "Other universities have a head start but we have expertise to contribute..." To advance genomics research, U has created the Biomedical Genomics Center ([www.bmgc.umn.edu](http://www.bmgc.umn.edu)) and Biodale ([www.cbs.umn.edu/biodale](http://www.cbs.umn.edu/biodale)), and on Feb. 7 it broke ground for a new Microbial and Plant Genomics Building.

**More women are entering agriculture**, said VP Muscoplat during agriculture initiatives update. Female students make up 54% of total student body in College of Agricultural, Food, and Environmental Sciences; and 65% of entering freshmen were female. Overall college enrollment is up 25% in the last 3 years, Muscoplat said, and general student interest lies in nonproduction agriculture (81%).

**More people are aging** and will need health care, but "we're training the same number [of health professionals] we were 15 years ago," said VP Cerra. Acute shortage in Minnesota health delivery workforce includes more than 3,000 nurses, 300 physicians, and 250 dentists. For aging and U enrollment trend chart, see March/April issue of *Kiosk*.

U is requesting \$7.1 million from legislature for plan to expand health professional training to meet current and future state health care needs: \$.7 million to develop a bachelor of science in nursing and \$1.1 million to establish undergraduate medical technology programs in Rochester, \$4.6 million to create pharmacy program at UMD, \$.7 million to create rural dentistry program and 2 full-service dental clinics in rural communities.

**General College** has won the John Champaign Memorial Award for Outstanding Developmental Education Program from the National Association of Developmental Educators. College was evaluated on program quality as recognized by peers and campus administrators, quality of service to students, and demonstrated effectiveness.

**Rusty Barceló**, associate VP for multicultural and academic affairs since 1996, will leave U by July 1 to assume position as VP for minority affairs at U of Washington. U will announce new leadership plans in the near future.

**Grassroots calling nights** to support U budget request are held M, T, and W (until mid-May), McNamara Alumni Center, U of M Gateway. Goal is to ask alumni and community supporters to contact their legislators about budget. All faculty, staff, students, and friends are invited to volunteer; call Libby Tate at 612-625-9187.

**Cancer vaccine trial** has begun at Medical School. "Our goal is to stimulate the immune system enough to induce remission in some types of cancer and potentially prevent them in the future," said Ian Okazaki, lead researcher. Study is the 2nd phase of a new cancer therapy that uses a patient's own cancer cells to create a vaccine.

**New HIV vaccine safety trial** will begin at U. "We do not know yet if this vaccine will prevent the infection or help those already infected to have a better immune response to the virus," said Timothy Schacker, lead researcher. Study will involve 160 participants not infected with HIV and who are at low risk for acquiring it.

**"Sharing the Load: Local Electric Energy Generation and Distribution,"** March 29-30, St. Cloud Civic Center. Statewide Action Congress will focus on Minnesota's electric energy future, distributed generation, and public policies. U's Institute of Technology will present a half-day adjunct technical seminar March 31. Registration is \$60 or \$35 for individual days; call 1-800-318-8636 or see [www.regionalpartnerships.umn.edu](http://www.regionalpartnerships.umn.edu). For agenda, call 1-800-909-6472.

**Changes in U Media Resources:** Biomedical Graphics in Academic Health Center will close March 23. Discontinued services include graphic arts, medical illustration, and surgical and location photography. Effective July 1, Interactive Television Engineering will be transferred to Office of Information Technology. Services will include video conferencing; videotape duplication; satellite down linking; and consultation, design, and equipment installation for video streaming and interactive television classrooms. For more information, call 612-625-3001.

**University of Minnesota 1945-2000** by Stanford Lehmberg and Ann Pflaum is available from U Press; order at [www.upress.umn.edu](http://www.upress.umn.edu). Authors explore post-WWII campus, social activism of late 1960s and early 1970s, and recent athletic, academic, and outreach achievements and controversies.

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**March 7 Brief** reported systemwide enrollment is 59,185 (up 989 students from fall 1999). Figure comprises 37,719 undergraduate, 10,528 graduate, 2,733 professional, and 8,205 non-degree-seeking students. See [www.irr.umn.edu](http://www.irr.umn.edu).

**CROOKSTON**--Minnesota Agricultural Student Trainees from 7 countries attended a precision agriculture seminar at UMC March 17-19. Pierre Roberts, TC campus Precision Agriculture Center, collaborated with UMC's Aziz Rahman and Paul Aakre to bring the group to UMC to work with technologies used on UMC alum Gary Wagner's farm near Crookston.

UMC will sponsor a horse clinic March 23, U Teaching and Outreach Center Arena. John Hovde, North Dakota rancher and professional horseman, will lead the clinic focusing on nonverbal communication and psychology in training horses. Activities continue March 24-25 with Intercollegiate Horse Show Association western riding show.

Annual Northwest Urban Forestry workshop will be March 28, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Youngquist Auditorium, Agricultural Research Center.

**DULUTH**--UMD Commission on Women will sponsor "Winning a Pay Equity Settlement in 2001" March 26, 7 p.m., Kirby ballroom. Presenters will be St. Cloud State female faculty plaintiffs and their attorney who recently settled a class-action, sex discrimination lawsuit against St. Cloud U.

Department of Theatre will sponsor the Guthrie Theater production of *Molly Sweeney* directed by Joe Dowling, March 20 and 21, 7:30 p.m., Marshall Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$15 and \$20; to reserve, call 218-726-8561.

Student Association held its annual Food Drive in observance of March National Food Share Month. Group collected more than 2,000 pounds of food, which was donated to Salvation Army. Five bus loads of UMD students participated in the annual Student Lobby Day at the state Capitol Feb. 20.

**MORRIS**--Staff and their supervisors attended 3 Star Treatment quality service training sessions sponsored by Office of Human Resources. Program will be offered again March 21 for those unable to attend or complete the sessions.

American Chemical Society Student Affiliate (ACSSA) at UMM kicked off its 34th annual Science Sensations 2001 tour with a showcase March 20, 7 p.m., Science Auditorium. Program will combine chemistry fun with a focus on UMM's 40th birthday celebration.

**ROCHESTER**--U of M Rochester Advisory Council will convene March 21, 4:30 p.m., Presidents Room, UCR campus. Council, unanimously reappointed by Board of Regents, is charged with assisting provost and regents in identifying needs of higher education in Rochester and southeastern Minnesota. Council comprises 9 community members and one student representative; Joseph Gibilisco will chair. Agenda will include an overview of U of M Rochester, presentations on educational initiatives, and appointment of subcommittee assignments.

**TWIN CITIES**--Law firm of Robins, Kaplan, Miller and Ciresi L.L.P. has committed \$1.5 million to Law School. Senior partner Elliot Kaplan will chair a \$30 million capital campaign for school. In recognition, school is naming its new main street Robins, Kaplan, Miller and Ciresi Concourse.

**Events:** Raptor Center volunteer orientation March 22, 6 p.m., and March 24, 9:30 a.m. Call 612-624-9753.

Annual science and technology banquet with Ronald Smith, Intel Corporation, April 10, 6-9 p.m. To register, see [www.it.umn.edu/itas/banquet](http://www.it.umn.edu/itas/banquet) or call 626-1802.

"Cabinet of Curiosities," featuring more than 600 objects from U's scientific, cultural, and historical collections, through May 27, Weisman Art Museum.

**Announcement:** Lawrence Jacobs, associate professor of political science, won the 2001 Goldsmith Book Prize from Harvard U for *Politicians Don't Pander: Political Manipulation and the Loss of the Democratic Responsiveness*.

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[ooxxx003@umn.edu](mailto:ooxxx003@umn.edu)**Past issues**

**U has no official position** on joint Vikings and Gopher stadium proposal until after discussion between Board of Regents and other internal stakeholders; regents will meet April 5. Vikings revealed facility plans March 22. At press conference, VP Kruse said U will not support plan at expense of academic priorities or budget request.

"U staff have been working with Vikings to ensure that their joint stadium proposal meets U's requirements in terms of physical contributions, financial opportunities, and programmatic needs," he said. Criteria includes on-campus location, open-air facility, collegiate look, and no additional operating costs over present Metrodome rent. VP Gardebring said stadium discussions were initiated by the Vikings; U is participating "to protect [its] interest."

**Position of Faculty Consultative Committee** on new stadium proposal was expressed in a statement to the media following Vikings press conference. Statement includes reminder that "financial resources provided to us by students and taxpayers must be directed toward education." Statement also calls for "appropriate consultation with the U community" about proposal.

**"U is being punished** for projecting real state needs," said former Minnesota governor Arne Carlson of Gov. Ventura's proposed budget. Carlson and former governor Wendell Anderson visited Duluth and Owatonna March 22 to discuss U's future with citizens and business leaders. "U is a statewide asset, which we all have a stake in preserving," Anderson said.

**Gifts from 6,500 faculty and staff**, including 100% Law School faculty participation, to Campaign Minnesota total \$36 million. Overall campaign contribution as of Feb. 28 is \$1,060,200,000 or 82% of goal. Gifts for endowed fellowships is strong among faculty, staff, and other donors because of matching endowment program. So far, 129 new fellowships have been approved to be matched. For more on campaign or to make a gift, see [www.campaign.umn.edu](http://www.campaign.umn.edu).

**U will receive about \$2 million** in Bush Foundation grants for 2 proposals: \$899,935 (Office of International Programs) to enhance integration of study abroad into undergraduate programs and \$900,000 (Center for Teaching and Learning Services) to address student learning problems through innovative learning and Web-based strategies.

**Morse-Alumni Award recipients** for outstanding contributions to undergraduate education are Donna Zimmaro Bliss, nursing; William Durfee, mechanical engineering; Murray Stowe Jensen, GC; Joan Karp, education, UMD; Daniel Kelliher, political science; P.T. Magee, genetics, cell biology, and development; Dwight Purdy, humanities, UMM; and Gary Thomas, cultural studies and comparative literature.

**Graduate-Professional Teaching Award recipients** are Ronald Aminzade, sociology; Kenneth Brooks, forest resources; Edward Griffin, English; Chap Le, biostatistics; Larry McKay, food sciences and nutrition; Patrick Schlievert, microbiology; Heinz Stefan, civil engineering; and Kathleen Watson, medicine.

**John Tate Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Advising recipients** are Pamela Price Baker, CLA Honors division; Mark Bultmann, COAFES Student Services; Paula O'Loughlin, political science, UMM; and Sharon Torrison, student affairs, UMD.

**Truman Scholarships** have been awarded to 3 U students--Laurel Kimpell (TC campus), Kjersten Nelson (TC campus), and Reid LeBeau (UMM). They are among 80 college students nationwide to win the \$30,000, merit-based awards given to students pursuing careers in public service.

**Passive smoking can increase risk** of lung cancer in women, according to U Cancer Center study. "We found that women living with smoking partners had 5-6 times higher mean levels of tobacco-specific compounds...", said Kristin Anderson, lead author. Study appeared in March 7 *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*.

**Scores on Graduate Record Examinations** (GRE) predict success in graduate school, according to study by U researchers published in *Psychological Bulletin*. Researchers found tests of knowledge in specific subject areas tended to be most accurate predictors, but GRE scores could not predict how long it would take individuals to earn degrees.

**Forums on proposed changes in purchasing health care benefits** will be April 2, 25 Law School auditorium; April 6, theater, St. Paul Student Center; and April 9, Johnson Room, McNamara Alumni Center, U of M Gateway. All forums will be noon to 1 p.m. Discussions will include Interim Health Care Benefits Advisory Committee and Administrative Work Group strategies.

**"Close Encounters of Human-Kind,"** president's sesquicentennial conference, will be April 11, 1-5:30 p.m., Northrop Auditorium. Topics include future of human and environment interactions. See [www.cnr.umn.edu/conference](http://www.cnr.umn.edu/conference).

**"Writing Winning Grants,"** April 27 and May 4, 8:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Registration is \$175 for 2-day workshop. For more information and brochure, call Linda Boche at 612-626-1980 or e-mail [boche001@umn.edu](mailto:boche001@umn.edu).

**Financial Systems User Network** general membership meeting will be April 12, Earle Brown Center. Send RSVP by April 4; call Mary Selisker at 612-625-3493 or Naomi Gooselaw at 624-8087.

**Nominations for Women's Leadership and CS/BU awards** due noon, April 6. For application materials, see [www.umn.edu/women/grants/leadership.html](http://www.umn.edu/women/grants/leadership.html) and [www.umn.edu/women/grants/csbuaward.html](http://www.umn.edu/women/grants/csbuaward.html).

**2001 Facts and Minnesota Academic Initiatives:** *Where will the University of Minnesota be in 20 years?* brochures are now available. To order or for more information, call University Relations at 612-624-6868.

**CROOKSTON**--"Celebrating Women's Achievements" will be March 29. Speakers will include Rusty Barceló, associate VP for Multicultural Affairs; Renee Rongen, Corporate Communications founder; and Holly Ellram, Lawson Software consultant.

Otto Bremer Foundation will provide \$100,000 over 4 years to support new rural economic development emphasis in UMC's agricultural business degree program. Rob Jacobson, Bremer Bank president, gave first installment March 21.

U of M Vital Aging Initiative and UMC Outreach will cosponsor forum focused on maximizing potential of an aging work force in health care April 5, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Best Western, Thief River Falls. Keynote speaker is Steve Miles, assistant director of Center on Bioethics. Star Tribune reporter Lori Sturdevant will moderate a panel discussion featuring regional health professionals. To register, call 218-281-8681 or e-mail [bmuesing@mail.crk.umn.edu](mailto:bmuesing@mail.crk.umn.edu)

**DULUTH**--Tom Johnson, professor of geology and director of UMD Large Lakes Observatory, has been awarded Spring 2001 Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Research.

Author and media personality Paul Caro will be visiting guest lecturer March 27-April 8. Caro, a chemist with the French National Center for Scientific Research, will speak to UMD classes in a variety of fields including history, science, technology, and education.

Cindy Spillers, associate professor of communication sciences and disorders, was awarded the Certificate of Speciality Recognition by Special Interest Division on Fluency of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

UMD University for Seniors received a \$6,000 maintenance grant from Minnesota Humanities Commission.

**MORRIS**--Alumna Amy Wagner, '89, has been named associate development officer in Office of External Relations. Responsibilities include developing new gifts for Special Talent Fund for athletic and cocurricular scholarships.

**ROCHESTER**--U of M Rochester program directors will meet March 29 with 11 faculty members and staff of Riverland Community College, Austin, MN. Meeting will be first in series to discuss opportunities to cooperate and improve student transferability to Rochester degree programs. Focus will include business, technology, and health sciences.

**TWIN CITIES**--Washington Ave. Bridge repainting project will result in closure of lanes; traffic will be directed to one lane in each direction on north half of bridge. Ramp to East River Road will also be closed. Delays can be expected throughout summer. For more information, see [www.facm.umn.edu/facm/WashBridge/bridge.htm](http://www.facm.umn.edu/facm/WashBridge/bridge.htm)

Professional Student Appreciation Week will be April 1-7. Events include ice cream and cake social at Northrop plaza April 4, 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Call 612-625-2982 or see [qapsa.stu.umn.edu](http://qapsa.stu.umn.edu).

**Events/Lectures:** "The Health Insurance Defined-Contribution Movement: Whether Vouchers or Medical Savings Accounts," April 2, 3-4:30 p.m., 2-260z Carlson School. Call 612-626-8795.

"Austria in the Heart of Europe," April 5, 10 a.m.-4:15 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center.

"Sustaining American Democracy: The Challenges of Broadening Access and Ensuring Achievement," April 5, 3 p.m., 214 Humphrey Center.

Perennial garden symposium, April 7, 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m., St. Paul Student Center. To register, call 651-643-3601.

"Behaving Black Bodies: Gertrude Stein and Gayle Jones and the Dilemma of Generation(s)," April 9, 7 p.m., 25 Law Building.

**Announcement:** Anne Kapuscinski, professor of fisheries, wildlife, and conservation biology, was named Pew Marine Conservation Fellow. There have been 122 fellows worldwide in 10 years; she is 2nd U professor to win award.

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[ooxxx003@umn.edu](mailto:ooxxx003@umn.edu)**Past issues**

**Regents will meet April 5-6**, 600 McNamara Alumni Center, U of M Gateway. Agenda will include health care benefits task force update, Central Corridor Transit plan, schematic plans for Riverbend Commons public spaces landscape, and Vikings stadium proposal. For full agenda, see [www.umn.edu/regents/agendas/2001/april/text](http://www.umn.edu/regents/agendas/2001/april/text).

**Toyota Motor Corp.** has made \$1 million gift to U Law School to honor 1956 graduate Walter Mondale's accomplishments as U.S. ambassador to Japan from 1993 to 1996. Gift will support construction of new building addition.

**"Using Controlled Substances for Research and Teaching"** policy has been revised to improve institutional oversight. See [www.fpd.finop.umn.edu/groups/ppd/documents/policy/controlled\\_substance.cfm](http://www.fpd.finop.umn.edu/groups/ppd/documents/policy/controlled_substance.cfm).

**Sesquicentennial finale** will be "A Night to Remember" with Minnesota Orchestra, June 29, Northrop Auditorium. Tickets are \$30-\$55; available to U community as of April 1. Public sale begins April 16. For tickets, call Northrop ticket office at 612-624-2345. For more information, call 624-2323 or see [www.umaa.umn.edu](http://www.umaa.umn.edu).

**"A University in Progress: Finding and Keeping Great Talent"** will be April 17, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Radisson Metrodome. Conference, which is open to U supervisors and managers, focuses on recruiting and retention issues and solutions. It will include keynote presentation, "Why Employees Stay and Why They Leave," and a panel of staff from units exploring creative solutions. For more information or to register, see [www.umn.edu/ohr/chrd](http://www.umn.edu/ohr/chrd).

**Communicators Forum conference**, "Fishing for Meaning in Your Work Life," will be April 26, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Earle Brown Center. Topics include planning meaningful communications, conveying U's key messages, and creating a meaningful work life. For more information or to register, see [www.umn.edu/umcf](http://www.umn.edu/umcf); deadline is April 19.

**Academic Staff Advisory Committee** (ASAC) is sponsoring meetings of P&A staff in every college, administrative unit, and campus. Goal is to inform staff about issues ASAC is addressing and for ASAC members to hear concerns. For more information, call your ASAC representative or visit [www.umn.edu/ohr/asac](http://www.umn.edu/ohr/asac).

**"Help Us Assess The Library..."** is heading of an e-mail sent to 4,000 randomly selected faculty and students. Recipients are encouraged to evaluate U Libraries using a Web-based survey. For more information, call Frank Elliott at 612-625-3814 or e-mail [ellio022@umn.edu](mailto:ellio022@umn.edu).

**Research participants are needed** for "Action to Control Cardiovascular Risk in Diabetes" study. Benefits include free medications and glucose test strips. Candidates must have Type 2 diabetes and be at least 55 years old if African American or Caucasian, 50 years old if Asian or Hispanic, and 45 years old if Native American. Participants may have a history of heart disease or stroke. Call Mike Mech at 612-624-6101 or e-mail [mechx003@umn.edu](mailto:mechx003@umn.edu).

**March 28 Brief** reported that Center for Teaching and Learning Services (CTLS) will receive \$900,000 in Bush Foundation grant. Correct amount is \$990,000, and grant was awarded to various centers that support the improvement of teaching and student learning on each U campus. Grant will be administered through CTLS.

Truman scholarship recipient is Jessica Kimpell, not Laurel Kimpell, as reported in March 28 *Brief*.

**CROOKSTON**--Dialogue on rural development policy issues will be April 11, Sahlstrom Conference Center. Guests include G. Edward Schuh, Minnesota Rural Development Council chair and Freeman Center for International Economic Policy director; Regent Bergland; and representatives from Otto Bremer Foundation, Northwest Minnesota Foundation, Blandin Foundation, and U of M Foundation. Goals are to discuss current rural development initiative and identify possible projects involving collaboration among various agencies and organizations.

Mark Huglen, assistant professor of speech communication, will serve as guest editor for a special section of *American Communication Journal*, issue 4.3, to be published in May. In addition to writing his own response, Huglen will invite new authors to respond to a set of essays that appeared in issue 4.1.

**DULUTH**--UMD women's hockey team won the inaugural NCAA Women's Ice Hockey Championship March 25, defeating St. Lawrence University 4-1 at Mariucci Arena, TC campus. Bulldogs' Tuula Puputti, Maria Rooth, and Brittany Ralph were named to tournament all-star team, and Rooth was also named Most Outstanding Player.

Chancellor Martin, U.S. Rep. James Oberstar, and state transportation commissioner Elwyn Tinklenberg announced the establishment of Northland Advanced Transportation Systems Research Laboratories March 26. New UMD research center, directed by College of Science and Engineering dean James Riehl, will study comprehensive winter transportation systems and transportation needs of cities in small urban areas.

"Champagne Celebration" to honor 25-year collaboration between chemistry professor Ron Caple and William Smit, professor, Zelinsky Institute of Organic Chemistry and the Russian Academy of Science, Moscow, will be April 10, 6:30 p.m., Radisson Hotel-Duluth. Preceding dinner (4 p.m. at 185 UMD Life Science Building), Caple and Smit will present "Organic Synthesis: the Science Behind the Art." Lecture is free; dinner is \$20. Call 218-726-7250.

**MORRIS**--Nearly 90 students will participate in first annual Undergraduate Research Symposium April 20-21. Students will give oral and poster presentations. Symposium celebrates student achievements and emphasizes importance of undergraduate research in the curriculum.

Jazz Fest 2001 will be April 5-7, 7:30 p.m., Edson Auditorium. UMM jazz ensembles, under the direction of James "Doc" Carlson, will perform with trumpet soloist Allen Vizzutti and woodwind artist Chris Vadala. For tickets, call Office of Student Activities at 320-589-6080.

**ROCHESTER**--Health Sciences program director Faith Zimmerman has been selected as grant reviewer for the U.S. Department of Commerce Technology Opportunities Program. Zimmerman will review research grants related to Tele-Health delivery of services in home health care.

John Spong, Harvard U 2000 William Belden Noble Lecturer, presented "Christianity for the Third Millennium" as part of the UMR Visiting Scholar Series April 3.

**TWIN CITIES**--University Ave. ramp is now open. Public celebration of this facility and its 530 new parking spaces will be April 6, 2-4 p.m., A.I. Johnson Room, McNamara Alumni Center, U of M Gateway. Construction of ramp, which has 4 above-ground levels and one-and-a-half below-ground levels, began February 2000. Parking is \$2 per hour with a \$16 full-day maximum.

Grand opening and dedication of new mechanical engineering facilities will be April 25, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Events include building and lab tours, robots, unveiling of Borealis--5th generation solar car--and alumni dinner. Deadline for dinner reservations is April 11; call Suzanne Sower at 612-626-2289 or see [www.me.umn.edu/news/building](http://www.me.umn.edu/news/building).

2001-02 Mid-Career Teaching Program is now available. Program is professional development opportunity for faculty who want to reflect and renew. For more information, call Center for Teaching and Learning Services at 612-625-3041 or see [www.umn.edu/ohr/teachlearn/faculty/midcar](http://www.umn.edu/ohr/teachlearn/faculty/midcar).

Open forums on proposed changes in purchasing health care benefits will be noon-1 p.m., April 6, St. Paul Student Center Theater, and April 9, A.I. Johnson Room, McNamara Alumni Center, U of M Gateway.

U Libraries E-Text Extravaganza! will be April 13, 8:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m., S30a-c Wilson Library. Events include information on a variety of electronic text resources, panel discussion, and vendors. For more information, call 612-624-6370 or see [etrc.lib.umn.edu/spr01.htm](http://etrc.lib.umn.edu/spr01.htm).

**Events:** Plant sale, April 4-5, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., St. Paul Student Center. Call Jodi Bjork at 612-625-4788.

School of Public Health Film Festival: *Reefer Madness* (1937) and *Trainspotting* (1996), April 4; *Damaged Lives* (1933) and *And the Band Played On* (1993), April 5; and *H-2 Worker* (1989), April 6. All films are 3:30 p.m., 2-650 Moos Tower. Free. Expert commentary will follow.

Raptor Center open house, April 8, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 624-9753.

Cancer Center open house, April 8, noon-4 p.m., Masonic Cancer Research Building.

Distinguished Women Scholar Awards, April 11, 3-5 p.m., Weisman Art Museum. Event will honor Maria Gini, computer science professor and Cheryl Perry, epidemiology professor.

**Lectures:** One-day conference, "Austria in the Heart of Europe," April 5, 10 a.m.-4:15 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Institute.

McKnight Summer Fellowship Program 2000 recipients, professors Joan Smith, Charlotte Melin, and Alan Smith, will present their research projects, April 5, 3:30-5 p.m., 46 Folwell Hall.

"Social Conditions of Sociology/Criminology: State Funding and (Inter-) Disciplinary Organization," April 9, 2:30-3:30 p.m., 1114 Social Sciences Building. Call 612-624-6333. o "Some Episodes in the History of Cosmic Rays," April 11, 4 p.m., 150 Physics.

"University Forum: Crisis in Scholarly Publishing? Are You Contributing?" April 27, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Carlson School auditorium. Call 626-7850 or see [www.grad.umn.edu/new/uforum](http://www.grad.umn.edu/new/uforum).

"Student (Mis)behaviors in the Learning Environment: What Are Our Roles and Responsibilities?" April 27, 3-5 p.m., Nolte Library.

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**Trade-offs may be necessary** to get the health care benefits all U employee groups want, said senior VP Cerra to U employees at health benefits forums (more forums are being scheduled). Cerra said interim health benefits committee and administrative working group are studying 8 proposals they received for 4 different health plans.

Cerra said U must pay about \$58 million more for state health care benefits over next 2 years due to rising premiums. "Legislature to this date is making no provision for this increase," he said. "So we'll be on our own [in terms of funding]." He said public sector premiums are almost double those of private sector and national average. Final health plan decision is likely in May. For more information, see [www.umn.edu/usenate/hptf/forum/index.htm](http://www.umn.edu/usenate/hptf/forum/index.htm).

**Board of Regents took no formal action on Vikings stadium proposal** after reviewing facility design April 5 but agreed to cooperate with any studies authorized by legislature, Vikings, or Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission that seek to meet programmatic needs of U and Gopher football.

"The board is united with President Yudof in our belief that a stadium must take 2nd place to the genuine academic priorities of the U," said Regent Spence. "A stadium will not and must not in any way compromise or detract from securing the resources we need for academic programs."

**Fall 2001 freshman applications are at an all-time high**, reported Yudof to regents. He attributed 6% increase partially to new investments to improve the undergraduate experience. Also on the rise is academic preparedness of incoming freshmen--average high school rank of new freshmen rose from 70.6 in 1990 to 76.3 in 2000--and freshman seminar enrollment--400 students in 1999 increased to 1,875 this year.

**Riverbend Commons project**, consisting of parking, housing, and public spaces, is "on time and on budget," reported VP Kruse to regents. Regents approved schematic plans for public spaces landscape after viewing artist renderings and scale model of project. "This is a classic example of less is more," said Regent Metzzen. Construction for integrated project will begin in August; June 2002 completion is anticipated.

**Regents approved** fiscal year 2001 capital budget amendment of \$1,185,000 to upgrade dining facilities to meet code requirements and needs of U community: \$885,000 for renovation of Essentials, Metropol, Outside In, and Terrace Cafe and \$300,000 for design of Sanford Hall dining addition. Renovations will include on-site bakery and pizza production; Sanford design will include new kitchen and dining room in new 9,000-square-foot addition.

**Also at regents meeting:** Approval of tenure and promotion recommendations for 134 individuals, physical master plan for 7,500 acres owned by U in Rosemount, and resolution outlining U's position on proposed Central Corridor transit line linking St. Paul and Minneapolis through U's TC campus.

**Gopher women's basketball coach** Cheryl Littlejohn has been placed on paid leave of absence since April 4 pending U's internal investigation into alleged NCAA violations.

**House of Representatives announced its budget targets**, including \$165 million in spending for higher education. "It is important to remember that the targets are for higher education overall, and not for the U specifically," said VP Gardebring. "And there are still many decisions the legislature will make about how to divide up the higher education pie... how the University will fare ultimately is still an unknown." Senate will release its targets this week.

**Target Corp. gave U \$1 million** to fund 2 Design Institute outreach programs--K-12 design camp and TC Design Celebration. Both initiatives will build on strengths of Minnesota's art and design communities and traditions.

**More than 6,310 calls have been made to alumni** by volunteers working with U of M Alumni Association Legislative Network since Feb. 26. Callers ask alumni to contact their legislators in support of U's budget request. To volunteer for a grassroots phoning night, call Sally Miller at 612-624-1476. Legislative Network office also has request guides and grassroots call-to-action brochures available for speakers to use in talks with external audiences.

**Faculty recently elected** to Senate Assembly Steering/Senate Consultative Committee are: Arthur Erdman, mechanical engineering; Candace Kruttschnitt, sociology; and Judith Martin, geography and urban studies. New members to Academic Health Center's Faculty Consultative Committee are Mike Murphy, veterinary medicine, and Ronald Sawchuk, pharmacy. All committee members will serve 3-year terms (July 1, 2001-June 30, 2004).

**Joint meeting of U Senate, Faculty Senate, and TC Campus Assembly** will be April 19, 2:30-5 p.m., 25 Law Building. Broadcast locations: UMC, 305 Selvig Hall; UMD, Kirby Student Center Garden Room; UMM, Behmler Hall Conference Center. For agenda, see [www.umn.edu/usenate](http://www.umn.edu/usenate). Submit "Questions to the President" by April 17.

**"Holding Up the U: 150 Years of Staff Women at the University of Minnesota,"** 15-minute video highlighting contributions of civil service and bargaining unit women, will air at Office of U Women Spring Celebration, April 30, 3-5 p.m., Weisman Art Museum. More screenings and discussions: May 11, noon, and May 16, 3:30 p.m., Murphy Hall conference center; May 10, noon, and May 18, 3:30 p.m., 280 Ferguson Hall; May 9, noon, 22 McNeal Hall; and May 17, 3:30 p.m., 41 McNeal Hall.

**Extended deadline is April 13 for 6 Civil Service Committee positions:** one in Crookston, one in Duluth, and 4 on TC campus. CS staff who have held temporary or continuing appointments of at least 50% time or more for at least 2 years are eligible. Call John Felipe at 612-624-9547, e-mail [felip001@umn.edu](mailto:felip001@umn.edu), or see [www.socsci.umn.edu/civilser](http://www.socsci.umn.edu/civilser).

**CROOKSTON**--March 30 *Crookston Daily Times* Annual Progress Edition featured 12 pages of in-depth interviews with UMC students, faculty, and staff on their daily use of notebook computers and technology. Other sections of the paper included stories about outreach projects and other UMC contributions to the local community.

Students in Free Enterprise and Crookston Student Association collaborated with Crookston Area Chamber of Commerce and Retail Merchants Association to host "Business After Hours" April 3. Goal was to create an atmosphere where students could meet and network with local business owners and associates.

UMC hosted Northwest School Counselors Association quarterly meeting April 5. Event was attended by nearly 40 K-12 counselors and postsecondary admissions representatives from across northwest Minnesota.

**DULUTH**--CNN anchor and senior news correspondent Judy Woodruff will present "Inside Politics: The Role of the Media in Elections," April 18, 7 p.m., Romano Gym. Presentation, sponsored by UMD Alumni Association, is free.

UMD School of Medicine was ranked 6th in the nation in rural medicine and 8th in primary care training by *U.S. News & World Report* new graduate school rankings. UMD was ranked 13th in family medicine.

Engineering Day 2001 was attended by more than 450 high school students from northeastern Minnesota. Event included demonstrations and career information. UMD and Hibbing and Itasca community colleges were cohosts.

Annual Baeumler Kaplan Holocaust Commemoration will feature presentation by Holocaust survivor Henry Oertelt April 17, 3:30 p.m., and screening of *The White Rose*, which depicts an anti-Nazi German student resistance, 7 p.m.; panel discussion will follow. Both events will be held in Marshall Performing Arts Center. Free and open to public.

**MORRIS**--Vice chancellor for student affairs candidates will be visiting campus: April 9-10, Nicholas Piccolo; April 11-12, Sandra Olson-Loy; April 16-17, Nathan Church; April 23-24, Leroy Durant.

Second annual Spring Dance Fund-raiser, featuring UMM Big Jazz Band, will be April 20, 7:30 p.m., Historic Lakeside Ballroom, Glenwood. Hosts will be Jim Gremmels, professor emeritus of English, and Jack Imholte, professor emeritus of history. Tickets are \$0-\$1,000 and available at the door. Proceeds will go to Imholte Scholarship Fund and Humanities Phase III Project. Prizes will be awarded to best dressed and best dancing couples.

**ROCHESTER**--Forum on "Recruiting, Renewing, and Retaining Older Workers" will be April 23, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Best Western Apache. One-day session will include presentations and panels with local, regional, and national figures addressing aging workforce issue. Cost is \$30, including lunch. Register by April 17; call 507-280-2825.

**TWIN CITIES**--Peace Corps, celebrating its 40th anniversary, will present plaque to honor the more than 1,200 U students who have served in the organization. Event will be April 19, noon, St. Paul Student Center Terrace Cafe.

"Then, Now, and Forever--a Celebration of Diversity on Campus," by African American, Chicano Latino, American Indian, and Asian Pacific American learning resource centers, will be April 17, 12:15-1:30 p.m., Northrop plaza. Presentations and multicultural food festival will be held on 5th floor, Science Classroom Building.

Events: Optional Retirement Plan presentation, April 16, 2:30-3:30 p.m., 210 Donhowe Building. To register, call 612-624-9090.

Summer Travel Series, April 16-20, International Study and Travel Center. Daily informational sessions on volunteering, working, and traveling abroad. Call 626-4782.

Title IX film, *A Hero for Daisy*, April 17, 7-9 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center. Discussion by producer Mary Mazzio will follow.

Health Fair 2001, April 18, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., and Easter Egg Hunt, April 19, 5:45 p.m., Rec Center. Call 626-7591. "Sibling Models of Family Dynamics and Child Behavior Problems," April 16, 2:30-4 p.m., 1114 Social Sciences Building. Call 624-6333.

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**Senate announced its budget targets** for the biennium April 11. Included is \$283 million in increased funding for higher education (U, MnSCU, and financial aid)--\$233 million in new funding and \$50 million in targeted, one-time investments. House of Representatives released its target of \$165 million April 5.

U will continue legislative communication efforts with alumni and friends, including business and community leaders. Legislature is expected to end session May 21. For more information about U's biennial budget request, including hearing schedules and fact sheets, see [www.umn.edu/govrel](http://www.umn.edu/govrel) or call 612-626-9234. To contact House and Senate higher education senators, see [www.uma.umn.edu/legislative/action.html](http://www.uma.umn.edu/legislative/action.html).

**Japan's Prince Hitachi**, cancer researcher and brother of reigning Emperor Akihito, will receive an honorary doctor of science degree from U April 18. Following presentation, the prince will deliver an address at 6th International Symposium on the Pathology of Reptiles and Amphibians.

**Annual staff compensation and benefits** report to regents shows U is lagging the markets in compensation for scientific, health care, information technology, and some administrative occupational groups, while certain occupational groups are paid above their competitive market. U's total benefits expenditure is competitive with the market. Purpose of report is to provide regents with comparative information for upcoming budget discussions and decisions. Faculty compensation analyses will be discussed in May regents meeting.

**HR report of U staff demographics to regents:** male, 38%; female, 62%; minority 11.7%; average age, 42 years old; average length of service, 10 years; annual turnover, 15%; average retirement age, 62 years old.

**New U tax director** is Kelly Farmer. His responsibilities will include tax compliance and policy matters as well as providing tax advice and assistance to departments. For more information, call 612-624-1053 or e-mail [kdf@umn.edu](mailto:kdf@umn.edu).

**"Departure: New Feminist Perspectives on the Holocaust,"** part of president's sesquicentennial conference series, will be April 21-23, various TC campus locations. Events include film screenings, multimedia presentation featuring music of composers and performers who perished in the Holocaust, and panel discussion with Holocaust survivors. To register, call 612-624-6310 or see [chqs.hispeed.com/Educational\\_Resources/Events/events.html](http://chqs.hispeed.com/Educational_Resources/Events/events.html).

**All-U forum, Diversity Through the Disciplines**, will be April 25, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Radisson Metrodome Hotel, Minneapolis. President's Faculty Multicultural Research Award recipients will present their research findings to raise awareness of multicultural issues. For presentation topics or more information, call 612-626-7152.

**Nomination deadline** for College of Continuing Education Distinguished Teaching Awards is May 24. Up to 4 faculty members will be selected for award, which includes \$1,000 honorarium. Call 612-625-0238.

**Volunteers are needed** to launch Inside Scoop, Employee Career Enrichment Program's online directory, which will link U staff and faculty with peers interested in sharing their work experiences. See [www.thescoop.umn.edu](http://www.thescoop.umn.edu).

**CROOKSTON**--As a service-learning project, 20 Western Equitation students will host a horsemanship clinic for 100 4-H members from across the region April 21. Clinic will include demonstrations on barrel racing, pole weaving, and jumping. Equine events will continue at 6 p.m. in first UMC Equine Extravaganza; equine majors will showcase dressage, rodeo, jumping, and trick riding skills. Repeat performance will be April 22, 1 p.m.

2001-02 Crookston Student Association officers are president Steve Brandt, Kimball; VP Brent Massmann, Kimball; secretary Brook Nordeen, Duluth; and senators Cheryl Isder, Little Falls; Meghan Ulrich, Bagley; Sonic Petithomme, Miami, FL; and Jean Korkowski, Brandon. Four additional senators will be elected in the fall.

Annual student awards reception will be April 18, 6 p.m., Bede ballroom. Theme is "150 years of Outstanding Achievers." Annual athletics award banquet will be April 25, 7 p.m., Brown Dining Room.

**DULUTH**--Computer science assistant professors Hudson Turner and Ted Pedersen received the National Science Foundation Faculty Early Career Development Award "for integration of research and education." Turner will receive \$380,000 for his work in artificial intelligence using mathematical logic. Pedersen will receive \$350,000 for his research in automatic analysis and understanding of natural languages.

Natural Resources Research Institute received \$1.2 million to evaluate potential for producing direct reduced iron products from Minnesota taconite concentrates for use in the steel industry. Funding is from the Economic Development Administration, Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board, and Permanent University Fund.

Biology students Ryan Hankins and Shawn Lavelle were among 60 students chosen nationwide to present their scientific research posters at the 5th annual Council on Undergraduate Research in Washington, D.C.

UMD Student Employee of the Year Adam Keim was named Minnesota State Employee of the Year by Midwest Association of Student Employment Administrators. Adam is a junior and works in UMD Career Services.

**MORRIS**--Student Organization Leaders Network, Office of Student Activities, and UMM Alumni Association will host 18th annual Student Leaders Recognition Dinner April 18, 6 p.m., Oyate Hall.

Faculty-Staff Recognition Dinner will be April 25, Oyate Hall. Honorees include retiring staff and faculty: Marilyn Bober, Office of Intercollegiate Athletics; Char Castor, social sciences division; C. Frederick Farrell, Jr., French professor; Nathaniel Hart, English professor; James Olson, chemistry professor; and Robert Vikander, special assistant to the vice chancellor for student affairs. Others to be recognized are Paula O'Loughlin, assistant professor of political science (Tate Award for Academic Advising); Dwight Purdy, English professor (Morse-U of M Alumni Award); Bryan Herrmann, student recipient, and Judy Korn, staff recipient, of Mary Martelle Memorial Award; and outstanding staff from AFSCME, civil service, and Teamsters.

**ROCHESTER**--Goldy Gopher visited several 1st-3rd grade classes in Rochester, Cannon Falls, and Plainview April 17 as reward for participation in coloring contest recognizing U's sesquicentennial. Contest sponsored by UMR and Rochester Area Alumni and Friends of the U drew more than 900 entries from southeast Minnesota Schools.

Integrative Therapies, UMR, and Rochester Community and Technical College will host "Integrative Care in Health and Healing" April 20, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Assisi Heights. Symposium will include role of complementary medicine modalities and their integration into traditional health care. Keynote speaker is Mary Jo Kreitzer, director of U's Center for Spirituality and Healing. Call Joe Marchesani at 507-280-2819.

UMR provided the opportunity for Southwest Minnesota journalists to participate via ITV in Minnesota Journalism Center's forum on reporting 2000 census information April 13. Forum was led by Stephen Doig, Knight Professor of Journalism at Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Telecommunications, Arizona State U.

**TWIN CITIES**--Murphy Hall open house will be April 27, 4-6 p.m. Renovated building includes new classrooms, computer labs, digital resource center, and auditorium. Program with President Yudof will be 5 p.m.; annual School of Journalism and Mass Communication honors banquet will be 7 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center, U of M Gateway.

Telephone upgrade project technicians will be replacing all telephone sets. First phase starting May 1 includes changing of multi-line ITE telephones to phones with caller ID and speakers. See [www.umn.edu/oit/telephoneupgrade](http://www.umn.edu/oit/telephoneupgrade).

Extension service dean and director candidates will give public presentations: Charles Casey, April 24, 10-11:30 a.m., 155 Earle Brown Center, and Mary McPhail Gray, May 4, 10-11:30 a.m., 42 Earle Brown Center. Presentations will be downlinked to county extension offices. For more information, e-mail [jlietz@umn.edu](mailto:jlietz@umn.edu).

**Events:** Sesquicentennial Small World Coffee Hour, highlighting U's international student and scholar contributions, April 20, 4-6 p.m., 110 Heller Hall.

Landscape Arboretum's Plant Information Fair and Seminars, April 21, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Snyder Building auditorium. Fair and seminars free with gate admission. Call 952-443-1516.

Earth Day at Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, April 22, 1-4 p.m.

Labfest '01, annual scientific product show, April 24, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Radisson Hotel Metrodome, and April 25, St. Paul Student Center North Star Ballroom. Call 612-626-0237.

**Lectures:** Sociology department presents "Cross-National Comparative Research on the Life Course," April 23, 1-5 p.m., 1114 Social Sciences Building. Call 612-624-6333.

"Upheaval and Change in Ireland's Past," April 25-27. For times, locations, and list of speakers and paper titles, see [cla.umn.edu/anthropology/irisharchaeology2001](http://cla.umn.edu/anthropology/irisharchaeology2001).

"A Hormone Salon," April 26, noon-1:30 p.m., 1126 Carlson School.

"Hormone Disrupters in Everyday Life and What To Do About Them," April 26, 6:30-9 p.m., 330 Anderson Hall.

"Democracy, Discipline, and the Writing of History," April 27, 3:30 p.m., 306 Folwell Hall.

"Sustainability and Scale: Putting Global Climate Change in Context," April 27, 3:30 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center.

**Announcements:** John Finnegan, Sr., School of Journalism and Mass Communication adjunct instructor and former St. Paul *Pioneer Press* executive editor, was one of 10 people inducted into Freedom of Information Act Hall of Fame in Arlington, VA.

Douglas Arnold has been named director for Institute for Mathematics and its Applications.

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[ooxxx003@umn.edu](mailto:ooxxx003@umn.edu)**Past issues**

**President Yudof gave U Senate update** on legislative communication efforts April 19. "This is the time to communicate to those who are open and sympathetic to the U's request," he said. More than 9,000 calls have been made to alumni since U of M Alumni Association Legislative Network phonathon began Feb. 26. Yudof said although House and Senate Higher Education Committees' targets are "an improvement over the governor's budget," they are "wholly inadequate to support the U's programmatic needs."

**Debate over U budget in next four weeks** "will be fast moving and intense," said senior VP Cerra in legislative update to Academic Health Center community. Senate Higher Education Committee has proposed \$135 million for U to cover salary increases and defray cost of health care benefit increases. Committee also targeted \$5 million for expanding enrollments in health professional education and "there is some money, albeit less than the \$10.4 million requested, to begin the process of rebuilding the Medical School faculty," Cerra said.

House Higher Education Committee proposed \$64 million for U but has yet to target dollars to specific priorities or programs. House is proposing to use funds from the state's tobacco cessation endowment for medical education, "which they believe will provide an additional \$23 million over the next biennium to the Academic Health Center," Cerra said. House and senate are expected to vote on higher education bills in coming weeks. "It is far from certain what the outcome will be or what the compromise will bring to the U," he said.

**Regents will hold annual open forum** May 4, noon-1:30 p.m. to hear comments regarding U's fiscal year 2002 (July 1, 2001-June 30, 2002) budget. Forum will be held in 600 McNamara Alumni Center, U of M Gateway.

Individuals wishing to speak at forum must register by noon, April 30; call 612-625-6300 or write to Board of Regents, 600 McNamara Alumni Center. Request must include speaker's name, organization represented, relationship to U, and a general presentation topic. Speakers will be limited to 5 minutes. Deadline for written materials is May 2.

**Paperless financial aid process at U** will be launched April 27, 11:15 a.m., 200 Fraser Hall, TC campus. Guests include Sen. Paul Wellstone and U.S. Department of Education officials. Process, which students can use July 1, will allow staff to spend more time with students and less time processing the more than 30,000 annual applications.

**U's first Digital Technology Center director**, Andrew Odlyzko, will also be an assistant VP for research. Odlyzko, who headed AT&T's mathematics and cryptography research department, joins the U in early August.

**"Design of Medical Devices,"** part of president's sesquicentennial conference series, will be April 26-27, Radisson Hotel Metrodome, Minneapolis. Sessions will cover history, current activity, and future trends in medical device design. For full schedule, see [www.me.umn.edu/dmd](http://www.me.umn.edu/dmd). To register, call Alyssa Burger, 612-625-2596.

**U's Take Our Daughters to Work Day** is April 26. For event schedule, see [www.umn.edu/mnwomen/todw.html](http://www.umn.edu/mnwomen/todw.html).

**New Outstanding Unit Award recipient** is University Libraries. Other 2001 Academic Staff Award recipients are Richard Isaacson, Andersen Horticultural Library; Kristin Janke, College of Pharmacy; Mary Menzel, Continuing Education; Robin Murie, General College; Mark Sanders, College of Biological Sciences. Award ceremony will be May 1, 3-4:30 p.m., Weisman Art Museum; reception will follow at 4:30 p.m., Dolly Fiterman Riverview Gallery.

**Selected officers for 2001-02 Communicators Forum** are chair Jerry Taintor, chair-elect Lori Ann Vicich, chair emeritus Debbie Boyles, recorder Bonnie Marten, treasurer Ruth Pechauer, at-large director Deb McKinley. Voting will occur at the business meeting during April 26 annual conference. For more information, see [www.umn.edu/umcf](http://www.umn.edu/umcf).

**Humphrey Institute Policy Forum is recruiting Minnesota fellows** for its 2001-02 professional development program. Applications are due June 6. Call 612-625-8330 or see [www.hhh.umn.edu/centers/policy-forum](http://www.hhh.umn.edu/centers/policy-forum).

**U-Wide Policy Library contains new online privacy statement** ([www.privacy.umn.edu](http://www.privacy.umn.edu)) and regents policy on Reservation and Delegation of Authority. Changes to External Sales policy and recent additions to U Senate policies are also included. For U-wide Policy Library, see [www.fpd.finop.umn.edu](http://www.fpd.finop.umn.edu).

**U-Wide Forms Library has added** new student, HR, and environmental health and safety forms. See [process.umn.edu/groups/ppd/documents/main/formhome.cfm](http://process.umn.edu/groups/ppd/documents/main/formhome.cfm). To receive e-mail notification of changes, call 612-624-1611 or e-mail [process@umn.edu](mailto:process@umn.edu).

**Colleges, departments, or units with upcoming anniversaries**, should call sesquicentennial coordinator Sue Eastman at 612-624-0818.

**CROOKSTON**--Students in Free Enterprise will advance to national competition May 13-15 in Kansas City, MO, after winning regional honors in Minneapolis April 12.

Student achievement awards include UMC Man of the Year Steven Brandt, Kimball, and Woman of the Year Lucian Forati, Santa Fe, Argentina. Natural Resources Club is recipient of Dale Knotek Community Service Award and associate professor of biology Jerry Knutson won Outstanding Educator and Most Supportive of Students awards.

Commencement ceremonies will be May 5, 2 p.m., Lysaker Gymnasium. Regent Neel will be guest speaker.

**DULUTH**--Reception honoring faculty and staff recipients of spring awards will be April 30, 2-4 p.m., Griggs Center. All faculty, staff, and students are invited. Short program will be held at 2:30 p.m.

Opera Gala will be April 28, 7:30 p.m., and April 29, 2 p.m., Marshall Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$8 and \$10. Performances will feature assistant professor Rachel Inselman, soprano, and UMD music alumni and opera students. Opera orchestra is directed by Rudy Perrault. Call 218-726-8208.

**MORRIS**--E-Quality student organization is sponsoring Pride Week April 24-29. Events: April 25, The Blue Jeans Campaign; April 26, 8 p.m., Turtle Mountain Cafe (TMC), Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender friendly poetry reading; April 27, 8 p.m., TMC, musician Jamie Anderson; April 28, noon lunch, Oyate Hall, followed by workshops and keynote speaker; April 29, 9 p.m., Edson Auditorium, screening of *But I'm a Cheerleader*.

Random Acts of Kindness Day is April 25. Day, designated by UMM student Josh Ensrud, is to encourage campus and the community to commit acts of kindness toward others.

Microbiology student poster session will be May 1, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Science atrium. Posters will depict studies of microbiology and Morris ethanol plant.

**ROCHESTER**--Construction has begun on TELEPro, Technology Enhanced Learning Environment Project. A collaboration between U of M Rochester and other U Center Rochester members, TELEPro will include major upgrades and construction of 15 additional smart rooms, 4 computer labs, and 5 ITV-equipped rooms. Completion is expected Dec. 1, but majority of work will be completed before fall semester.

Maxine Hong Kingston, author of *The Woman Warrior: Memoirs of a Girlhood Among Ghosts*, will speak at visiting lecture series April 30, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., UCR Hill Theater. Free and open to the public.

**TWIN CITIES**--Campus congestion is likely May 8-9 because visit by Tibetan spiritual leader, Dalai Lama, will coincide with finals week. Travel early and consider alternative transportation because parking at some lots may be affected; campus contract parking will not be affected. For more information, see [www.uservices.umn.edu/dalailama](http://www.uservices.umn.edu/dalailama).

Andersen Library will house 500 linear shelf feet of archives belonging to Jewish Historical Society of the Upper Midwest. U Libraries will catalog archives--consisting of family histories and genealogies, photos, and maps--to provide research access to students, scholars, and the public. Program with former Gov. Andersen will be April 29, 2-5 p.m.

Concrete replacement work in front of Morrill Hall's west entry on Northrop Plaza is scheduled for completion April 27. Access to plaza via Morrill Hall west entry and plaza stairway at northeast and southeast corners will be closed. For more information, call Kent Dirks at 612-624-2326.

Volunteers are needed for Staff Day 2001 for one-hour shifts between 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and 7 and 9:30 p.m. Call Barb Krantz Taylor (Minneapolis) at 612-626-0561 or Lorraine Haley 625-3116 (St. Paul). See [www.socsci.umn.edu/civilser/staff.htm](http://www.socsci.umn.edu/civilser/staff.htm).

Farewell reception for associate VP Rusty Barceló: May 1, 9:30-11:30 a.m., McNamara Alumni Center, U of M Gateway.

**Events:** Life Sciences undergraduate research symposium, April 25, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Earle Brown Center.

Mechanical Engineering Building (MechE) grand opening and dedication ceremony, April 25, 11 a.m.-9 p.m., MechE and McNamara Center. See [www.me.umn.edu/news/building](http://www.me.umn.edu/news/building).

Celebrating U Women, April 30, 3-5 p.m., Weisman Art Museum. Call 612-625-2385.

International graduation celebration, May 4, 3:30-6 p.m., 3rd floor study lounge, Blegen Hall.

**Lectures:** Results and implications of Census 2000 as related to educational opportunities for Minnesota's citizens, May 30, 3 p.m., Shepherd Room, Weisman Art Museum. Call 612-625-0129.

"Laying the Foundation: Building Better Housing Policy," May 4, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center. Call 625-8330.



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## Past issues

**House higher education omnibus finance bill**, which allocates \$64 million for U from general fund and \$23 million to Academic Health Center (AHC) from tobacco endowment proceeds, was approved April 30. Senate higher education bill, approved April 26, allocates \$138 million for U from general fund. U would also receive \$16 million for AHC through funding mechanism included in human services omnibus finance bill.

Joint 10-member Senate and House higher education conference committee is expected to begin higher education bill negotiations after House names its committee members. Senate announced its 5 conferees April 30--Deanna Wiener (DFL), Bob Kierlin (IR), Cal Larson (IR), Steve Murphy (DFL), and Linda Scheid (DFL).

**Regents open forum on U budget** will be May 4, noon-1 p.m., 600 McNamara Alumni Center, U of M Gateway.

**2001 President's Award for Outstanding Service recipients** are Zbigniew Bochniarz, Humphrey Institute for Public Affairs; Keumhwa Choi, College of Veterinary Medicine; Marjorie Cowmeadow, GC; Robert Falk, UMD psychology; William Larson, soil science; Mary Jo McCracken, Cystic Fibrosis Center; Richard McGehee, mathematics; V. Rama Murthy, geology and geophysics; James Olson, UMM chemistry; Anita Rios, Office for University Women; Joseph Ruiz, Humphrey Center; and Frank Sorauf, political science. Award honors exceptional service and commitment to U community by active or retired faculty or staff. Reception honoring recipients will be May 23 at Eastcliff.

**Presentations by College of Continuing Education dean candidates:** Michael Murphy, May 2; Mary Nichols, May 8; and Sallye McKee, May 11; 9:30-10:30 a.m., Bell Auditorium. Steven Schomberg will present May 17, 3-4 p.m., Ski-U-Mah Room, McNamara Alumni Center, U of M Gateway. For more information, e-mail [jljetz@umn.edu](mailto:jljetz@umn.edu).

**U's first Center for Animal Health and Food Safety director**, William Hueston, will have appointments in College of Veterinary Medicine and School of Public Health. Hueston, internationally recognized expert in bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or mad cow disease, joins the U faculty Oct. 1.

**Borealis, U's 5th generation solar car**, was unveiled at Mechanical Engineering Building grand opening April 25. Completely redesigned with new clamshell chassis and shell design, the 3-wheel car will race in Formula Sun 2001 on way to World Solar Challenge across Australian Outback. See [www.umn.edu/umnsvp/borealis/index.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnsvp/borealis/index.html).

**U awarded new international fellowships** to 33 graduate and professional students for academic year 2001-02. Students will study and pursue research in 31 countries on 5 continents. Primary goal of fellowships is to increase exposure to other cultures for master's and professional students.

**Optional retirement plan investment performance figures** through March 31 will appear on back page of *Minnesota Daily* May 4. Information will be sent separately to UMC, UMD, UMM, and UMR.

**International exchange database** is being updated. Faculty and staff are invited to browse Web site and update unit entries. See [www.international.umn.edu/exchanges](http://www.international.umn.edu/exchanges).

**2002-03 Fulbright Scholar Award applications** are available; e-mail Kathleen Sellew at [k-sell@umn.edu](mailto:k-sell@umn.edu) or call 612-626-8834. Deadline is Aug. 1.

**CROOKSTON**--Faculty and staff from U of Manitoba and IBM representatives toured UMC's technology-enhanced environment April 27.

Steve Brandt, Kimball, and Angela Swanson, Brainerd, were named Athletes of the Year at annual athletics banquet April 25. Teambacker of the Year Award went to Crookston resident Ray Dusek.

Annual graduate and alumni dance and social will be May 4, 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m., Northland Inn. Admission is \$5. All alumni, faculty, staff, students, and their families are welcome. Event is sponsored by UMC Alumni Association.

**DULUTH**--Commencement ceremonies will be May 12, noon, Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center. Guest speaker will be senior U.S. 8th circuit court judge Gerald Heaney, who will receive an honorary doctor of laws Degree for public service.

Graduate School commencement ceremonies will be May 10, 7 p.m., Romano Gymnasium. Guest speaker will be Tom Johnson, Large Lakes Observatory director and recipient of Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Research.

Faculty members retiring include Alice Adams, microbiology and immunology; Paul Anderson, biochemistry and molecular biology; Tom Bowman, education; Kamal Gindy, psychology; Eleanor Hoffman, composition; Thomas Jordon, physics; Charles Matsch, geology; Donald Roach, physical education; and Lawrence Syck, accounting.

**MORRIS**--Elizabeth "Bettina" Blake, professor emeritus of French, has given UMM its first endowed visiting professorship---UMM Distinguished Visiting Professorship in the Liberal Arts--as part of Campaign Minnesota.

Inaugural Morris Academic Staff Award was presented to Tom Mahoney, director of grants development, at annual faculty-staff recognition banquet. Also honored were outstanding staff award recipients Bonnie Tipcke, AFSCME; Lois Kunde, Teamsters; and Judy Korn, civil service.

**ROCHESTER**--Program in Interpreting will begin fall 2001 with classes in Rochester. Students completing core studies can take specialized courses in medical and legal interpretation. Program developed in response to region's growing need for interpreters and translators is a collaboration between UMR and UMTC Program in Translation and Interpreting.

**TWIN CITIES**--On May 8-9, as many as 14,000 people may visit campus for events related to the Dalai Lama's visit. Parking will be reserved for faculty, staff, and students--show your U Card to enter--on Huron Boulevard lots; lots 36, 37, 94; and 21st Avenue Ramp. Contract parking will not be affected. Use of alternative transportation is encouraged. For more information, see [www.uservices.umn.edu/dalailama](http://www.uservices.umn.edu/dalailama).

Minnesota Public Radio will broadcast live the Dalai Lama's Humphrey Institute Distinguished Carlson Lecture, May 9, noon-1:30 p.m. live.

Tickets are still available for 2 Dalai Lama events, which will be presented live via closed-circuit TV in the Sports Pavilion: Dharma Teaching--"Generating a Good Heart," May 8, 9:30-11:30 a.m.; Interfaith Dialogue--panel discussion with the Dalai Lama and religious leaders, May 9, 5:30-7 p.m. General admission is \$10. Tickets are also available for public address, "Compassion and Universal Responsibility in a New Century," May 8, 5:30-7 p.m., Williams Arena. Assigned seating; prices vary. For tickets, call Northrop Ticket Office at 612-624-2345.

New Mechanical Engineering Building opened April 25. Building addition and renovation includes 42,000 square feet or 50% additional space. Ribbon-cutting ceremony was attended by former Gov. Carlson and mechanical engineering alumni. Project cost \$22.5 million; \$9.5 million was raised by private donors. Activities that go on in this building "will no doubt leave a clear imprint in decades to come," said department head Peter McMurry.

Office of Continuing Medical Education (CME) has been reaccredited "with commendation" for 6 years by Accreditation Council for CME of the American Medical Association.

College of Veterinary Medicine presented its first Points of Pride award to Hill's Pet Nutrition, Topeka, KS, in recognition of contributions to U research, graduate education, and clinical nutrition. In the past 25 years, Hill's has given more than \$5 million to 100 research projects and about \$1.25 million to support graduate student salaries.

Office for University Women's Spring Celebration awards include Teamster Women Awards: Delores Knutson and Karen Williams, Facilities Management; CSBU Staff Award: Amy Olson, School of Pharmacy, and Julie Ulrich, College of Biological Sciences; Mullen/Spector/Truax Women's Leadership Award: Jane Canney, Office of the Executive VP and Provost, Marjorie Cowmeadow, GC, and Mary Jo Kane, Tucker Center for Research.

University Computer Services will move to 2218 University Ave. May 3. For more information, call 612-624-4800 or see [www.umn.edu/ucs](http://www.umn.edu/ucs).

U Bookstores will be buying used textbooks during finals week May 7-11, 8:30-5 p.m., and May 12, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (10 a.m.-3 p.m., St. Paul Store); see [www.bookstore.umn.edu](http://www.bookstore.umn.edu). To sell used textbooks directly to other students, see U Bookstores Gopher Book Exchange at [www.gopherbookexchange.umn.edu](http://www.gopherbookexchange.umn.edu).

**Events:** Modern Greek Studies Program presents "Reflections on 20th Century Greek Music," May 4, 3:30 p.m., Andersen Library. Reception will follow.

Minnesota Landscape Arboretum's 4th annual 5K run/walk May 6. Call 952-443-1400 for information and registration.

Free cancer screenings May 7, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., 4-175 Phillips-Wangensteen Building. For appointment, call 612-626-6999.

**Announcements:** Linda Chlan, assistant professor of nursing, won Outstanding Research Article award from Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates, Inc.

William Jacott has resigned as head of U's family practice and community health department but will remain on faculty.

Jessie Daniels, education specialist, has been appointed to Minnesota Board of Nursing.

George Sheets, associate professor of classical and Near Eastern Studies, is first recipient of Classical Association of the Middle West and South's Award for Excellence in College Teaching.

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[ooxxx003@umn.edu](mailto:ooxxx003@umn.edu)**Past issues**

**Regents will meet May 10-11**, 600 McNamara Alumni Center, U of M Gateway. Agenda will include biennial budget update, parking and transportation services strategic plan, employee health care benefits, and academic health center strategic plan updates. For full agenda, see [www.umn.edu/regents](http://www.umn.edu/regents).

Employee health care benefits resolution and review will be presented to regents May 23, 8:30-10 a.m. by senior VP Cerra and Health Benefits Advisory Committee interim chair Fred Morrison at 600 McNamara Alumni Center.

**At regents public forum on U budget May 4**, Senate Committee on Finance and Planning (SCFP) recommended, and Faculty Consultative Committee endorsed, a 14% tuition increase in each year of the biennium. Increase is "necessary to offset the shortfall between the state biennial appropriation and the necessary and urgent priorities of the U," said Charles Speaks, SCFP chair. "It is imperative [to maintain U's educational quality]."

Speaks said U's pledge to increase tuition by 3% in each year of biennium will generate approximately \$23 million in new resources over biennium; committee's recommendation will generate about \$89 million. If tuition is raised by 14% each year, resident undergraduate students who register for 15 credits per semester will pay an additional \$310 per term; extra cost to nonresident students will be \$904.

**"CLA will be seriously damaged if the budget falls short,"** said Dean Rosenstone at annual forum. He gave regents an update of recent and newly implemented programs and activities to support his plea for future funding. "I have already cut out the bone, don't ask me to suck out the marrow," he said.

Rosenstone, dean of U's largest college, was among 17 U faculty, staff, and students who made 5-10 minute presentations on topics ranging from livable wage and faculty retention to program funding and affordable health care. Regent Spence said board will now "carefully consider all that we have heard and learned."

**President Yudof and political science professor Kathryn Sikkink** are among 185 new distinguished inductees to American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Yudof was elected in the public affairs and business class for nonprofit educational, scientific, cultural, and philanthropic administration; Sikkink was named in the social sciences class for political sciences, international relations, and public policy. For full 2001 listing, see [www.amacad.org/news/new2001](http://www.amacad.org/news/new2001).

**Former president Jimmy Carter** will speak May 17, 1 p.m., at ceremony dedicating Walter F. Mondale Hall. 1978 Law Building and recently completed wing will be named in honor of U alumnus and former U.S. VP Walter Mondale.

**General College is one of 7 institutions nationwide** to win the 2001 Retention Excellence Award from Noel-Levitz, consulting firm specializing in enrollment management, financial aid, and student retention. Associate dean Marjorie Cowmeadow and associate professor Jeanne Higbee will present goals and objectives of GC's retention program, its results and outcome, and potential for adaptations by other institutions at award ceremony in New Orleans July 25.

**McNamara Alumni Center, U of M Gateway architect Antoine Predock** will receive an honorary doctor of humane letters degree from U during College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture commencement ceremony May 12, 7 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. Predock will give commencement address.

**U presented an honorary doctor of science degree** to Henry Maier, 1959 alumnus and internationally recognized scholar, educator, and author of *Three Theories of Child Development*, a book that has been translated into 6 languages and is still used and cited today. Maier was honored during School of Social Work's Henry Maier Week.

**"Mind and Emotion: From the Molecular to the Cultural,"** part of president's sesquicentennial conference series, will be May 16-18, Johnson Room, McNamara Alumni Center. Conference brings together leading scientists to explore mind, emotions, and their interaction. Free; preregistration required for May 17-18 programs. May 16 keynote address is open to the public. For more information, see [cogsci.umn.edu/conference](http://cogsci.umn.edu/conference).

**Split Rock Arts Program** is now accepting registration for 39 weeklong summer workshops in visual arts and crafts, creative writing, and creativity enhancement. Reduced tuition rates are available through Regents Scholarship or academic tuition waiver. See [www.cce.umn.edu/splitrockarts](http://www.cce.umn.edu/splitrockarts), call 612-625-8100, or e-mail [srp@cce.umn.edu](mailto:srp@cce.umn.edu).

**CROOKSTON**--UMC and Halstad Telephone Company (HTC) will collaborate to offer wireless broadband Internet service to businesses, industry, and residents of Crookston and surrounding rural area. UMC will house antenna and fiber optic cable. Service will be maintained by HTC. Collaboration is made possible through Minnesota Department of Trade and Economic Development, Technology Catalyst Grant Program.

Crops judging team ranked among top 2 in many categories at the National Invitational Collegiate Crops Contest April 20 at Iowa State University. Team consisted of UMC students Martin Hochhalter, Kevin Jacobson, Charlie Stein, and Justin Knott and adviser Charles Habstritt, associate professor of agronomy.

**DULUTH**--Duluth entrepreneur Paul Vesterstein was awarded the UMD Distinguished Alumni Award at commencement ceremonies May 12. Student speaker was Peter Keyel, College of Science and Engineering graduate.

Annual faculty award recipients are Jean G. Blehart Distinguished Teaching Award: Robyn Roslak, art history; Chancellor's Distinguished Research Award: George "Rip" Rapp, geoarchaeology, and Thomas Johnson, geological sciences; Outstanding Faculty Adviser Award: Praveen Aggarwal, economics, Linda Holmstrand, biology, Virginia Katz, communication, Daniel Lipori, music, and R. Michael Raschick, social work.

Collegiate unit faculty awards include School of Business and Economics: Stephen Rubinfeld, Student Organization Coordinating Council Faculty Recognition Award, and Wayne Jesswein, Service Excellence Award; College of Education and Human Service Professions: Thomas Peacock, Outstanding Faculty Award, and Kay Wohlhuter, Gemeinhardt Advising Award; College of Liberal Arts: Janelle Wilson, Bruce Mork, and Anna Marie Roos, teaching awards; James Fetzer, research award; College of Science and Engineering: Richard Ojakangas, Sabra S. and Dennis L. Anderson Scholar and Teacher Award.

**MORRIS**--U.S. Sen. Paul Wellstone will give 38th annual commencement ceremony address May 11. Bachelor of arts degrees will be awarded to about 320 students. Ceremony will be 4 p.m., Campus Mall (rain site: Physical Education Center gym). Graduating senior and Curtis H. Larson Award recipient Keia Johnson will be student speaker. Guests include Regent Phillips and Curtis Loschy, UMM Alumni Association president. Concert band will perform.

Jazz Ensemble students contributed \$1,000 Campaign Minnesota gift to Humanities Fine Arts Phase III Fund. Fund supports planning and construction of a performing arts center addition to existing Humanities Fine Arts building.

**ROCHESTER**--UMR and Rochester Area Alumni and Friends will host Graduating Student Recognition event May 11, 4:30 p.m., 206-208 Coffman. Event includes social, 4:30 p.m., and remarks by provost and UMAA representative.

**TWIN CITIES**--Institute of Technology was awarded \$4.5 million by U.S. Army through the Defense University Research Initiative on Nanotechnology Program for 5-member U faculty nanotechnology research. Project is a collaboration between Particle Technology Laboratory and Supercomputing Institute.

Terrace Cafe, St. Paul Student Center (SPSC), will close for remodeling May 11 and reopen in September. Alternative food locations include Gopher Spot Convenience Store, Bailey Hall Dining Center, Bus Stop Grill, and Earle Brown Center dining facilities. Cherrywood Dining Room, SPSC, will close after 25 years May 10.

Reconstruction of East River Road will force closure of road from south side of Weisman Art Museum to western edge of Variety Club Research Center May 15-Aug. 25. Project includes raising grade of the road, creating islands and crosswalks, and constructing a new bike path. City of Minneapolis will also install a new water main in this area. During construction, the Weisman will only be accessible via East River Road from the north. For more information, see [www.facm.umn.edu/facm/road\\_work/roadwork.htm](http://www.facm.umn.edu/facm/road_work/roadwork.htm).

Construction to provide utilities to new Riverbend Commons housing and parking project began last week; completion is expected in July. Sidewalk on north side of East River Road between Variety Club Research Center and Fulton Street is closed. Access to buildings and loading docks will be maintained as needed. Sidewalk south of the road is unaffected. New utilities will benefit all existing Academic Health Center buildings on the East Bank.

Renovation to basement of Morrill Hall is likely to begin week of May 14. Work, which may cause disruption at Northrop Auditorium traffic circle, may last 2-3 months. For more information, call Facilities Management Zone 5.

U Bookstores will close at 3 p.m., May 15, and all day May 31 for inventory check. Call 612-625-6510.

**Events:** University Children's Foundation presents WineFest, May 18, 6:30-9 p.m., Minneapolis Convention Center. Cost is \$60. Silent auction and wine tasting.

Macular degeneration symposium, May 12, 8:30-noon, Earle Brown Heritage Center, Brooklyn Center. Free and open to the public. Call 612-625-8992.

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**Gopher women's basketball coach Cheryl Littlejohn was terminated May 14.** U investigation reveals deliberate NCAA rules violations in 3 categories: improper offers, inducements, or impermissible benefits; interference in a prior investigation; and practice time and evaluation of prospects. U has taken corrective actions--reprimanding compliance director, placing limits on recruiting, and enhancing oversight of NCAA rules--and turned investigation over to NCAA enforcement office. For more on U investigation report, see [www.umn.edu/urelate/news.html](http://www.umn.edu/urelate/news.html).

**Limited state appropriations are forcing public universities**, like the U, to rethink "low tuition, high access" pact and become elite schools with high tuition, said President Yudof to regents May 11. "There should be concern about the movement toward privatization of public higher education" because the work at institutions like the U spurs research for human good. He said the U has had one good appropriation year in the last decade.

House and State higher education committees have proposed \$64 million and \$138 million increase for U respectively. U's biennial budget request is \$221 million. Yudof said U community must look beyond May 21 and work collectively toward "a long-term pathway that is feasible."

**U has slipped from 25th to 26th among top 30 research institutions nationally**, according to new faculty salary comparison data presented to regents. Each faculty rank on TC campus lost some ground in 2000-01 in both rank position and deviation from the mean, reported Peter Zetterberg of Office of Institutional Research and Reporting. Loss was greatest at assistant professor level.

Salaries for UMD full professors and assistant professors improved slightly compared to peer institutions. UMM faculty salaries lost some ground in comparison with peer institutions, especially at full professor level. Salaries for UMC faculty also lost some ground in 2000-01 when compared to 1999-00. Purpose of report is to provide regents with comparative information for upcoming budget discussions and decisions. Annual staff compensation analysis was discussed at April regents meeting.

**Update on health benefits options for the next biennium** was presented by senior VP Cerra to regents May 11. Decision has not yet been made on whether U will remain with SEGIP (State Employees Group Insurance Plan) or contract directly with health care providers. Regents will meet May 23, 8:30 a.m., 600 McNamara Alumni Center, U of M Gateway to consider a recommendation by President Yudof on health care for coming biennium. On June 8, regents will make final decision. See [healthbenefits.umn.edu](http://healthbenefits.umn.edu).

Public forums to provide additional information to employees will be May 24, noon-1:30 p.m., Johnson Room, McNamara Alumni Center; May 29, noon-1:30 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Institute; May 30, noon-1:30 p.m., St. Paul Student Center theater; June 6, noon-1:30 p.m., ITV broadcast: UMD, UMM, UMC, and Grand Rapids.

**Regents approved additional \$20,890,000 for Coffman Union** renovation project; original \$50 million budget allocation proved insufficient following January 2001 reprogramming and redesign effort. Project consists of remodeling about 338,000 square feet to house, among other things, new food service and central U Bookstore.

Funding approval received positive feedback from TC students, which was conveyed by student representative to board, Venora Hung. "Not having Coffman for 2 years has deeply impacted student involvement," she said. Centralized location is essential to providing "a community experience," especially for new students. Hung also expressed hopes that students "won't be unbearably burdened" by new project cost.

**"Minnesota Legislature is only one piece of making our future vision a success,"** said senior VP Cerra in Academic Health Center strategic plan update to AHC community. The 20-year plan envisions world-class facilities to support education, research, and clinical/outreach missions. "Regardless of what happens this legislative session, we will continue to plan for our future and work at getting adequate funding to support our mission and our strategic plan," he said. To view plan, visit 2nd floor Phillips-Wangensteen Building, TC campus.

**"Human intelligence guided by a warm heart,"** said the Dalai Lama, is a way to solve global conflict. "Knowledge alone could be constructive or destructive; having a warm heart alone is limiting...." In his May 9 Humphrey Institute Distinguished Carlson Lecture, the Dalai Lama encouraged individual cultivation of a strong mental attitude, knowledge, and loving compassion (a sense of caring, sharing, and tolerance) because "everything begins with you." To purchase a video or audio tape recording of lecture, see [www.hhh.umn.edu/dean/carlson](http://www.hhh.umn.edu/dean/carlson).

**New director of U's Athletic Counseling and Student Services** will be Carol Ann Gruber. Gruber, former U of Iowa director of athletics student services, will begin June 1 and report to vice provost for undergraduate education. Responsibilities include providing strategic direction for TC campus academic counseling and student development.

**McKnight Research Award recipients** are Alan Gross, rhetoric; James Klueg, art, UMD; Kathryn Reyerson, history; Thomas Rose, art. Awardees will receive \$5,000 for 3 years from McKnight Arts and Humanities Endowment.

**U Outstanding Community Service Award recipients** are Martha Farrell Erickson, Children, Youth, and Family Consortium; Indira Junghare, Institute of Linguistics, English as a Second Language, and Slavic Languages and Literatures; K. Charles Lakin, Institute on Community Integration; Barbara Muesing, UMC Outreach; Polly Jo Peterson, concerts and lectures; John Powell, Law School.

**U presented an honorary doctor of science degree** to Gerhard Levy May 12. Levy, Distinguished Professor of Pharmaceutics emeritus at State U of New York at Buffalo, is founder of pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics.

**CROOKSTON**--New partnership between UMC, Anoka-Hennepin Technical College (AHTC), Hennepin Technical College, and Dakota County Technical College will allow AHTC students and graduates to earn UMC's Bachelor of Manufacturing degree in the TC metro area.

Commencement ceremonies May 5 were notable in UMC history for graduating 148 students and commissioning first ROTC cadet. Lisa Marie Stanley was sworn in as a 2nd Lieutenant in U.S. Air Force.

Faculty and staff year-end celebration will be May 17, 3-5 p.m., mall. New Golden Eagle logo will be unveiled.

Retired Senior Volunteer Program will receive \$19,088 annual grant from Corporation for National Service Programs of National Significance to develop an outreach program for senior citizens called Lifetime of Learning. Extension educators in Polk, Kittson, and Pennington counties will also work with the program.

**DULUTH**--Annual School of Medicine Golf Classic will be July 23, Northland Country Club. Proceeds will support student medical research and scholarships. Tee-off begins 1 p.m. followed by dinner and program. For more information, call Lori Isaacson 218-726-7572 or e-mail [lisaacson@d.umn.edu](mailto:lisaacson@d.umn.edu).

Historic Glensheen Estate will hold its annual spring training for new volunteers in 4 evening sessions May 14-24. Volunteers age 13 and over are welcome. Call Rachael Martin at 218-726-8918.

UMD Farmers Market will open May 23 at 2 p.m. and run every Wednesday through September at pavilion on Oakland Street, across from Kirby Student Center.

**MORRIS**--Ninety-five students are participating in May session. Three-week term is designed to provide exciting opportunities for faculty and students. Courses include both classroom and study abroad experiences.

Students in College Writing, a course taught by Argie Manolis, English, have compiled a book of poetry, following their service-learning experiences with Alzheimer's patients at the Villa of St. Francis in Morris.

**ROCHESTER**--UMR has joined Olmsted County United Way as an official giving unit. Program will be led by Digital Technology Center liaison Jim Licari.

**TWIN CITIES**--Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs ranked among the top 10 public affairs programs at public universities nationally and tied 12th among programs at both public and private universities in annual *U.S. News & World Report* America's Best Graduate Schools rankings. Institute's nonprofit management concentration ranked 3rd in country behind Harvard and Indiana universities. For complete rankings, see [www.usnews.com](http://www.usnews.com).

College of Veterinary Medicine will establish an equine center to advance the health, well-being, and performance of horses in nation. Center will include an equine lameness and reproduction clinic; stables for teaching, research, and mounted police horses; and an indoor arena. Plan also includes creating a new equine-oriented undergraduate degree in collaboration with College of Agricultural, Food, and Environmental Sciences and UMC.

P&A and faculty volunteers are needed for one-hour shifts on Staff Day May 31, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and 7-9:30 p.m. Call Barb Krantz Taylor at 612-626-0561. For event information, see [www.socsci.umn.edu/civilser/staff.htm](http://www.socsci.umn.edu/civilser/staff.htm).

Retirement celebration for Richard Purple will be May 23, 2-5 p.m., 6-135 Jackson Hall. Purple leaves the U after 37 years as faculty member in Medical School Department of Physiology.

**Lecture:** "Lessons from Children who Overcome Adversity: A Resilience Framework for Practice and Policy," May 21, 5 p.m., Earle Brown Center. Cost of \$15 includes refreshments and parking. Call 612-626-1601.

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[ooxxx003@umn.edu](mailto:ooxxx003@umn.edu)**Past issues**

**Legislature adjourned May 22 without passing 2-year state budget** and major spending bills, including higher education bill. Special session may be called within next few weeks; bills must be passed by July 1 (start of fiscal year) to keep state government running.

**Today, May 23, regents are reviewing health benefits proposals** received from health plan carriers in response to RFP and a new proposal from Department of Employee Relations (DOER). Between now and June 8 regular regents meeting (when final decision will be made), public forums will be held to inform U community of DOER proposal and plans that would be available in a self-insured system. For forum dates and locations and information on decision-making process and plans, see [www.healthbenefits.umn.edu](http://www.healthbenefits.umn.edu).

Review of health benefits options was initiated to determine if, either within State Employee Group Insurance Plan (SEGIP) or in a self-insured system, U could manage its health benefits in a way that promotes health of employees, holds down health care cost increases, and meets expressed needs of U employees.

**Revised tuition benefits proposal for children of U employees** has been approved by U Senate Faculty Affairs Committee (SCFA). Plan calls for 50% reduction for 4 years of undergraduate education for children of employees with at least 5 years of service. Original proposal, turned down by administration last year, sought a 100% benefit.

SCFA chair Richard Goldstein and committee member John Fossum proposed the revision as a recruitment and retention benefit and because of interest expressed by faculty and staff. Goldstein said he has received more e-mail on this than any other subject since he has chaired SCFA. Proposal will go to Faculty Consultative Committee and U Senate before being sent to U administration for consideration later this year.

**U Law School changed his life forever**, said 1956 U alumnus Walter Mondale during renaming of school's building to Walter F. Mondale Hall May 24. "This school opened the door to my world," he said. Speakers at dedication included former U.S. President Jimmy Carter. Carter reminisced about his administration days with Mondale and advocated for greater social awareness of growing gap between rich and poor individuals and nations worldwide.

**Faculty Senate meeting will be May 31**, 2:30-5 p.m., 25 Mondale Hall. Broadcast locations: UMC, 305 Selvig Hall; UMD, Kirby Student Garden Room; UMM, Behmler Hall Conference Center. For agenda, see [www.umn.edu/usenate/faculty\\_senate/010531agenda.html](http://www.umn.edu/usenate/faculty_senate/010531agenda.html).

**U.S. Postal Service rates will increase effective July 1.** One-ounce rate will remain at 34¢; 2nd and subsequent ounces will increase 2¢. Postcard rate will be 21¢ and nonprofit standard rates will increase 3¢ across all sorted groups. Rates will be raised again January 2002. For information on mailing economies, call 612-626-0048.

**U-led study shows racial differences** in patient response to an ACE inhibitor, commonly prescribed for heart failure treatment. Research, published in May 3 *New England Journal of Medicine*, found white patients exhibited a 46% reduction in hospitalization rate and 25% reduction in deaths; findings were 5% and 9% respectively for black patients.

**Atlantic Fellows in Public Policy for 2001** include U professor of public affairs and law Sally Kenney. She was one of 11 named to the fellowship, which was established in 1994 by the British government to commemorate 50th anniversary of DDay and encourage public policy research in Britain.

**Jane Goodall and Benjamin Pomeroy** received honorary doctor of science degrees from the U recently. Goodall is renowned for her research into the behavior of primates. Pomeroy is recognized nationally and internationally for his expertise on eradication and control of turkey diseases.

**CROOKSTON**--Annual year-end celebration awards included Distinguished Teaching Award: Paul Holm, chemistry; Distinguished CS/BU Award: Kami Trowbridge, First-Year Experience program; Distinguished P&A Award: Claudia Barton, Student Support Services; and Community Service Award: Pam Sullivan, dining services.

New UMC Golden Eagles logo was unveiled May 17. See [www.crk.umn.edu/people/athletics](http://www.crk.umn.edu/people/athletics).

Instructional Technology Certification Program, designed to train educators for K-12 and higher education, will run May 21-June 21. Training and mentoring in support of specific projects will follow for approximately one year. For more information, see [www.crk.umn.edu/cal/itc](http://www.crk.umn.edu/cal/itc).

**DULUTH**--Wayne Jesswein, professor and head of economics department, has been appointed School of Business and Economics associate dean effective July 1.

Thomas Duff, associate dean and M.B.A. director in School of Business and Economics, was selected by Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS) as chair of council and ACICS board of directors.

Joseph Maiolo, English professor, was an invited speaker at National Association of Humanities Education conference in Portland, OR. Title of his presentation was "Fiction's Music: Selected Scenes."

**MORRIS**--New appointments are Sandra Olson-Loy, vice chancellor for student affairs; LeAnn Dean, director of Rodney A. Briggs Library; Henry Fulda, director of Student Counseling.

Research fund in honor of UMM student Angela Bos was established by her family and friends. Gift, which will be used to support undergraduate research experiences at UMM, celebrates Bos's outstanding UMM career. Funds will be distributed by academic dean.

Vasilikie Demos, sociology professor, has been named 2000-01 Faculty Distinguished Research Award recipient. Award recognizes valuable, sustained research, and/or artistic productivity during academic career.

**ROCHESTER**--Peggy Martin and Mare Wheeler, Work, Community, and Family Education Ph.D. program, have been awarded a 3-year fellowship from Health Resources and Services Administration/Association of Medical Education and Research in Substance Abuse. Fellowship encourages collaborative and innovative interdisciplinary chemical dependency education and community involvement.

**TWIN CITIES**--Department of Distance Education/U Media Resources in College of Continuing Education won Meritorious Course Award from U Continuing Education Association for "innovative" design of its online Applied Business 4031 course.

All multiline ITE telephones are being replaced with phones equipped with caller ID display and two-way speaker. For more information on telephone system upgrade project, see [www.umn.edu/oit/telephoneupgrade](http://www.umn.edu/oit/telephoneupgrade).

Spring commencement season began May 4 with ceremonies for Graduate School and IT. Ceremonies will end June 10 with School of Nursing. See [www.umn.edu/urelate/newsservice/newsreleases/01\\_04commencement.html](http://www.umn.edu/urelate/newsservice/newsreleases/01_04commencement.html).

Recreational Sports Center guest and daily pass rate will increase to \$8 (tax included) effective July 1.

Office and work space (3,965 square feet) is available for rent at U Technology East Building, 2331 University Ave. Rent of \$4,722 per month includes heat, air, utilities, and cleaning. Space is wired for U network. Call Ginger DeRosier at 612-626-2231 or e-mail [derosier@umn.edu](mailto:derosier@umn.edu).

Summer Metropass for unlimited bus rides is \$35 a month; with pretax deduction, the out-of-pocket cost to U employees is less than \$25 a month. To order, see [buspass.umn.edu](http://buspass.umn.edu).

SuperSaver transit passes for infrequent bus riders can be purchased at 2-220 Phillips-Wangensteen Building, West Bank Skyway Store, Williamson Hall Bookstore, St. Paul Student Center, and Fairview-U Medical Center ticket office.

**Event:** Chamber Music Society of Minnesota, under direction of U music professor Young-Nam Kim, presents "Hún Qiáo: Bridge of Souls" with guest artist Yo-Yo Ma, May 30, 7:30 p.m., Ordway Center.

**Lectures:** GC and African American Read-In Chain present author Na'im Akbar, May 26, 2 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center. Call 612-626-7352. • Institute of Child Development bag lunch colloquium, "Mental Health Interventions and Treatment with Infants at Risk," May 30, 172 Child Development. Call 624-4510. • Irving B. Harris Training Center for Infant and Toddler Development presents "Violence Exposure and Young Children: Prevention and Intervention Linking Mental Health and Law Enforcement," May 31, 12:30-3:30 p.m., Minnesota History Center. Call 624-4510 or e-mail [ibharris@umn.edu](mailto:ibharris@umn.edu).

**Announcements:** Vin Weber, Humphrey Institute Policy Forum codirector, was 18th in rank of 50 most powerful people in politics in February/March issue of *George*. Magazine named Alan Greenspan as No. 1. • Laura Weber is new GC communications coordinator. • Jeffrey Broadbent, associate professor of sociology, was awarded 2001 Masayoshi Ohira Memorial Prize for *Environmental Politics in Japan: Networks of Power and Protest*. Annual award is presented to 3 Japanese scholars with books on foreign countries and 2 foreigners who have written books on Japan.

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[ooxxx003@umn.edu](mailto:ooxxx003@umn.edu)**Past issues**

"**Nobody wants a health care increase that will make their pain worse**," said Fred Morrison, interim health benefits committee (IHBC) chair, to regents at health benefits review May 23. IHBC and Administrative Working Group (AWG), formed in November 2000, have been examining options that would allow U greater role in determining health plan designs that better meet employee needs and that would keep health benefit costs down.

While continuing negotiations with Department of Employee Relations (DOER), RFP was issued to health plan carriers Feb. 16; AWG recommends the selection of 4 plans: limited HMO, traditional HMO, point-of-service, and new plan. Morrison said plan A, which includes a \$5 co-pay and premium paid by the U, will have least impact on lowest paid U employees. Plan D, which includes tax-free expense account to buy health services, is riskiest for U because it is still a very limited service throughout nation, said Cerra. U spends about \$73 million per year for health benefits.

Final analysis of RFP responses and DOER's State Employee Group Insurance Plan proposal will be presented to regents at June 8 meeting. Regents will then act based on president's recommendation. For May 23 report to regents and health benefits Q and A, see [www.healthbenefits.umn.edu](http://www.healthbenefits.umn.edu).

**U must rethink the way it is funded**, according to statement adopted May 17 by Faculty Consultative Committee (FCC). Statement, "Rethinking the U's Budget," offers ways regents and U administration can restructure its funding: increase tuition substantially over next several years, be much more aggressive in "going where the money is," reconsider use of U of M Foundation and endowment income, and examine breadth of U programs and services.

**U received \$4.7 million grant to map U.S. population.** Minnesota Population Center researchers will use National Science Foundation grant to electronically compile census-related data from 1790 to present. Currently, most historic census data only exist on paper and obsolete computer formats. Project will take 5 years to complete.

**Cochlear implant on the youngest Minnesotan** to undergo the procedure will be performed by U Medical School otolaryngologist Frank Rimell June 8. Twelve-month-old Zachary Revenig's hearing impairment was discovered when he was 2 days old. Procedure involves surgically implanting a device consisting of a microphone, signal processor, external transmitter, and a receiver under the skin above and behind the ear.

**U wins 4 Minnesota Association of Government Communicators awards** for outstanding achievement in government and nonprofit communications. Northern Lights Award of Excellence recipients include Dave Hansen, Agricultural Experiment Station, for 150 years of Hardy Plants brochure (2 awards); and J.B. Eckert and Nina Shepherd, University Relations, for Maroon and Gold Memories radio spots. Merit award recipients include Steven McCarthy, Marilyn DeLong, and Lindsay Shen, design, housing, and apparel, for *Minnesota Creates: Fashion for a Century*.

**Dave Winfield will receive an Outstanding Achievement award from U** at June 9 Twins game. Winfield, who played basketball and baseball at U and is the first Gopher student-athlete to be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame, was cited for being a gifted athlete (the only athlete to be drafted in 3 professional sports), philanthropist, humanitarian, and role model.

**Minnesota complementary and alternative medicine consortium**--a collaborative effort between U, Minneapolis Medical Research Foundation, and Northwestern Health Sciences University--received \$1.6 million grant from National Institutes of Health. Grant will provide 2- to 3-month summer stipends for predoctoral health professional students to do clinical research projects.

**The drug Naltrexone successfully reduces symptoms of pathological gambling**, according to research led by Suck Won Kim and Jon Grant of U Medical School's psychiatry department. About 75% of research subjects who participated in double-blind study saw a significant decline in addictive urges and other symptoms. Drug was originally used to treat alcohol addiction. Findings will be published in June 1 issue of *Biological Psychiatry*.

**New research by scientists at U and U of California at San Diego** has shown that neurons in the human visual cortex, a brain center that processes visual information, can respond to patterns of lines too fine for subjects to resolve. "This suggests that not everything in the cortex can become conscious knowledge," said Sheng He, U assistant professor of psychology. "Your visual cortex isn't telling you everything." Work is featured in May 24 issue of *Nature*.

**Sesquicentennial Grand Finale** and U of M Alumni Association (UMAA) 2001 celebration will be June 29, Northrop Auditorium. Event will feature performance by Lydia Artymiw, U piano professor, with the Minnesota Orchestra. For tickets, call Northrop Ticket Office at 612-624-2345. Prices are \$40 (show) and \$55 (show and dinner); UMAA members receive a \$10 discount. For more information, see [www.umaa.umn.edu/celebration2001](http://www.umaa.umn.edu/celebration2001).

**Allen Isaacman**, professor of history and director of Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change, was named Regents Professor at May 9 regents meeting. Title recognizes U professors whose unusual national and international eminence has contributed directly to U's reputation for excellence in education and research.

**CS/BU Women's Initiative Steering Committee** is looking for new members and volunteers to serve on subcommittees, plan activities, or serve as CS/BU contact person for unit; e-mail Cathy Marquardt at [marqu005@umn.edu](mailto:marqu005@umn.edu) or Lisa Higgs at [higgs001@umn.edu](mailto:higgs001@umn.edu).

**CROOKSTON**--Regents approved the recommended revisions to UMC's mission statement at May 11 meeting. For updated mission statement, see [www.crk.umn.edu/yourcareer/mission/umcmmission.htm](http://www.crk.umn.edu/yourcareer/mission/umcmmission.htm).

Student Support Services (SSS) program has been fully funded for another 4 years by Federal TRIO Program. Goal of SSS is to increase college retention and graduation rates of its participants.

Teambackers will host first Red Lake Falls Golf Tournament, June 7, Oak Knolls Golf Club, Red Lake Falls. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and tee off will be 9:30 a.m. Proceeds will go to UMC athletic scholarships.

**DULUTH**--UMD women's hockey team will be honored by President George Bush at a White House ceremony on June 25. The Bulldogs won the inaugural NCAA Division I Women's Ice Hockey Championship on March 25. The 25-member team will be accompanied by Chancellor Martin, coach Shannon Miller, assistant coaches Stacy Wilson and Shauna Davidson, vice chancellor Greg Fox, and athletic director Robert Corran.

"Swirling Waters," sculptural installation by Truman Lowe, will be at Tweed Museum of Art through June 3. Lowe is known for his wood sculptures based on natural and abstract forms and his American Indian heritage.

**MORRIS**--Alumnus Tim Goodmanson '86 accepted an Emmy Award for set decoration on behalf of his design department for "As The World Turns" at Daytime Emmy Awards May 18. Goodmanson credits his success to his UMM experience and faculty mentorship from Tap Payne and Ray Lammers, theatre arts, and Jenny Nellis and Lois Hodgell, studio art.

"Minnesota: Rivers and Fields," 13-part series on the history of the Minnesota River Valley produced by Media Services, will be rebroadcast on Fridays, June 1 through July 13 on Pioneer Public Television, Appleton. Broadcast will be 12:30 p.m. and 1 p.m. (back-to-back episodes). Final episode on July 13 will air at 12:30 p.m.

Rodney A. Briggs Library has named Crista Wenger, Brookings, SD, and Sarah Runholt, Marshall, recipients of the annual Art Purchase Award. Award recognizes talented UMM students and creates a permanent art collection to be housed in the library.

**ROCHESTER**--Michelle Stahlman, CAREI Rochester coordinator, received a professional certificate in Adult Education and Human Resource Development at Department of Education's Work, Community, and Family certificate awards ceremony on May 14.

**TWIN CITIES**--Coupons for free Minnesota Landscape Arboretum admission and \$5 membership discount were included in May 2 payroll envelopes. If you did not receive the coupon, call Leslie Cooney at 952-443-1438.

**Events:** Staff Day 2001, May 31, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Minneapolis and St. Paul, and 7:30-9 p.m., Minneapolis only. For event information, see [www.socsci.umn.edu/civilser/staff.htm](http://www.socsci.umn.edu/civilser/staff.htm).

Employee Benefits Saving and Investing for Retirement seminar, June 5, 11 a.m.-1.30 p.m., 210 Donhowe Building. To register, call 612-624-9090. \* "Accepting Money from the Alcohol Industry: Ethical Issues and Consequences," campus town hall discussion, June 6, noon-1 p.m. Boynton Library. \* "Fifty years: The Mondale Lectures on Public Service," June 7, 8:30 a.m.-noon, Ted Mann Concert Hall. Call 625-5309 or e-mail [cqage@hhh.umn.edu](mailto:cqage@hhh.umn.edu).

**Announcements:** William Morrish, Design Center director for 11 years, will leave U at the end of June.

\* Marilyn Herman, extension educator, received the 2001 Outstanding Family and Consumer Sciences Professional Award from Minnesota Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

\* Sharon Cross, associate education specialist, received the E. Louise Grand Award for Excellence in Nursing.

\* Kathleen Peterson, student services, and Mark Bellcourt, GC, won the 2001 Outstanding Advisor Award in advising primary and secondary roles respectively from the National Academic Advising Association.



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[www.umn.edu/tc/brief](http://www.umn.edu/tc/brief)Editor: Pauline Oo, 612-624-7889,  
ooxxx003@umn.edu**Past issues****Board of Regents will consider changes to health care benefits** offered to U employees and is expected to act on recommendation by President Yudof when it meets June 7-8, 600 McNamara Alumni Center, U of M Gateway.Yudof has recommended withdrawing from the State Employees Group Insurance Plan (SEGIP) and contracting directly with 4 health plans among which employees can choose provider networks, premium levels, and benefits. Plans are HealthPartners, limited HMO providing health care through its Classic network of 54 Twin Cities clinics; Patient Choice, traditional HMO with broader provider access and mental health coverage; PreferredOne, a point-of-service plan offering broader provider access at greater out-of-pocket expenses; and Definity Health, a nontraditional plan offering wide provider access and an employer-provided account to offset high out-of-pocket expenses. For more information about the various plans, see [www.healthbenefits.umn.edu](http://www.healthbenefits.umn.edu).Board agenda also includes summary of Yudof's annual performance review, election of officers for 2001-02 (nominating committee has recommended Regent Reed as chair and Regent Bergland as vice chair), and conceptual overview of U's 2001-02 operating budget, including projected tuition increases and cost saving strategies. A special meeting will be held June 26 to review budget; final action on budget is not likely until July. For full agenda, see [www.umn.edu/regents](http://www.umn.edu/regents).**House-Senate higher education working group approved** a higher education finance bill May 31 that would provide U with \$110.6 million in new funds for 2002-03 biennium. Amount includes \$90.7 million in new state general funds and \$19.9 million in tobacco-settlement proceeds from a new endowment for Academic Health Center.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system (MnSCU) was allotted an additional \$100 million in general funds. Bill still requires the approval of both houses, during a special legislative session, and Gov. Ventura's signature.

**Statement on Rethinking the U's Budget** and a copy of Yudof's remarks to regents May 11 about the future of public universities were presented to U Faculty Senate at its last 2000-01 meeting May 31. In his remarks, Yudof focused on current national trends related to public education and funding and said "without change in public and governmental attitudes, the tradition of a first-class public university will wither unless we rethink our strategies."

Health plan options and benefits were also discussed at meeting. Fred Morrison, Interim Health Benefits Committee chair, provided a detailed explanation of recommended plans. First 2001-02 senate meeting will be Sept. 20.

**U Sea Grant projects won national honors** at 2001 Association of Natural Resource Extension Professionals competition. "Minnesota Shoreland Management Resource Guide," a Web site, received a gold award. "Stop Exotics, Clean Your Boat," a video, won bronze. Video also earned first place for video productions among Sea Grant programs.**U presented an Outstanding Achievement Award** to Wallace Nelson, first superintendent of the U's Southwest Experiment Station (now Southwest Research and Outreach Center) in Lamberton. Nelson was recognized for his sound environmental practices and ability to bring all facets of crop production together into an efficient system.**Exxon Mobil chair and CEO Lee Raymond** received an honorary doctor of laws degree from U. He was recognized for his achievements in the global business community and oil and gas industry.**Recipients of 2001-02 grants** from the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs' Interactive Research program are James McManus, UMD Large Lakes Observatory; Judith Garrard and Susan Foote, School of Public Health; Laura Kalambokidis, applied economics; Kathryn Rettig and Kerry Kriener-Althen, family social science; and Melissa Stone, Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs.**Summer institute at U** is aimed at developing and expanding youth development initiatives. "Youth Development: Are We There Yet?" will bring together leaders from school, health, and community settings to explore current research linking youth development and health. Registration is \$350. Institute is also available as 2-credit graduate course (Nurs 5970). For program and registration materials, call 612-626-4772 or e-mail [livegell@umn.edu](mailto:livegell@umn.edu).**May 23 Brief** reported that nonprofit standard postal rates will increase 3¢. Correct amount is 3/10 of a cent. For more information about U.S. Postal Service July 1 rate increases, call 612-626-0048.**May 30 Brief** reported "U wins 4 Minnesota Association of Government Communicators awards." U won 5 awards; Sysouk Khambounmy, printing services, won an Award of Excellence for his Art Building case statement design.**CROOKSTON**--Excavation for Kiehle Building expansion project, which includes addition of a consolidated technology support center, began May 29. Plan involves renovation of 22,000 square feet and addition of 17,000 square feet. For construction progress, see [www.crk.umn.edu/technology/webcams/MiscWebCam.htm](http://www.crk.umn.edu/technology/webcams/MiscWebCam.htm).Center for Adult Learning will sponsor the first Horticulture Extravaganza June 15-16. Event seminars will feature a variety of topics, including U faculty and researchers in their areas of expertise. For more information, see [www.crk.umn.edu/cal/horticulture2001](http://www.crk.umn.edu/cal/horticulture2001).

Northwest Minnesota Foundation presented the Ruth Edevold Award for Excellence to Northern Great Plains Inc. (based on the UMC campus). Award recognized the FarmConnect project, which helps farmers market their products through a new approach to a farmer's cooperative.

**DULUTH**--At a May 29 news conference Chancellor Martin outlined actions taken to strengthen UMD's alcohol policies and enforcement of procedures for both on- and off-campus drinking and announced the creation of a 12-member UMD/Duluth police/community task force. She also expressed sadness over the death of UMD student Ken Christiansen and asked for support of entire community in UMD's efforts to curb student drinking.

New UMD library was the scene of a live 6 p.m. news broadcast by KDLH-TV on May 31. News co-anchor Amy Rutledge is a 1991 UMD graduate.

**MORRIS**--Minority Student Program office was named among the Top 10 Best Departments to Work For at the U at U Staff Day event. Program principal secretary Bonnie Tipcke nominated the office for the honor.

History professor Bert Ahern will serve as new director for the Faculty Center for Learning and Teaching. Center works closely with the Faculty Development Committee in assisting UMM faculty by offering a variety of services--including a library and resource center--sponsoring forums, and providing a mentorship program for junior faculty.

Henjum Creative Study Institute for area middle school and high school students will begin June 11-22. Students can explore their creative talents through courses such as bookmaking, raku, printmaking, radio broadcasting, photography, and creative writing. Institute is named for retired professor of education Arnold Henjum.

**ROCHESTER**--UMR staff attended the Annual Staff Recognition Day on the TC campus. Staff represented U work experience ranging from 9 months to 29 years.**TWIN CITIES**--You can now recycle additional items: batteries (blue and white collection buckets are located beside recycling bins) and magazines, journals, books, and catalogs (drop them in campus newspaper recycling bin).Reuse Center (RC), operated by Facilities Management, has moved to a larger location in the Hospital Distribution Center. RC accepts used furniture and equipment from U departments and makes them available for free to other units and for a fee to the public. Call 612-625-6481 or see [www.umn.edu/recycle/reuse.html](http://www.umn.edu/recycle/reuse.html).Freshman Orientation will be June 11-July 18, primarily on West Bank. Transfer Student Orientation will be Aug. 6-31. Traffic at U Card Office will be extremely heavy during orientation. If you need to get a U Card during this time, visit Rec Sports or St. Paul Gym locations. For hours, see [www.umn.edu/ucard/umtc/tchour.html](http://www.umn.edu/ucard/umtc/tchour.html).

Central Room Scheduling now schedules the use of meeting rooms in Nolte Center. Call 612-625-6030.

**Events:** Optional Retirement Plan presentation, June 7, 9:30-10.30 a.m., 210 Donhowe Building. To register, call 612-624-9090.

- Minnesota Landscape Arboretum will offer its free Thursdays in the Garden (after 4:30 p.m.) beginning June 7 and Family Garden Fun, Sundays, noon-3 p.m. Call 952-443-1400 or see [www.arboretum.umn.edu](http://www.arboretum.umn.edu).

- "Summer at Northrop" begins with Keller Brothers, blues and New Orleans soul, June 11, noon-1 p.m., Northrop plaza.

**Announcements:** George Morse, applied economics professor, is first recipient of the George W. Morse Distinguished Business and Community Service Award, which was created in his honor by Business Retention and Expansion International. Award recognizes individuals who make extraordinary contributions to the research, teaching, promotion, and pursuit of existing business economic development.

- Kathleen Krichbaum, associate professor of nursing, has been named one of 6 Academic Leadership Program fellows of the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (the academic consortium of Big 10 Universities and U of Chicago).

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**Regents approved new set of health plans** for nonbargaining unit employees beginning Jan. 1, 2002. Plans were designed based on Health Plan Task Force report; Interim Health Benefits Committee (IHBC), consisting of academic and professional staff, civil service staff, and faculty, recommended their adoption.

Administrative Working Group and IHBC concluded that although Department of Employee Relations proposal appeared to offer costs comparable to those available in a self-insured system, U objectives for greater control are better met in a U-managed system. "If we self-insure, we can add and remove benefits based on a permanent employee health benefits committee," said senior VP Cerra to regents. By working more closely with employee groups, "we can design plans that better meet their needs."

Cerra also said most doctors and clinics currently covered will be available under the new plans. Information on the plans, likely costs, and their participating clinics is available at [www.healthbenefits.umn.edu](http://www.healthbenefits.umn.edu). Details on plan design and cost are not yet complete, pending contract negotiation with the four plans. Information will be mailed to all U employees.

**U operating budget cannot be determined** until legislature signs bill, said President Yudof, who plans to present budget for review by regents June 26, 9-10:30 a.m., 600 McNamara Alumni Center, U of M Gateway. Based on current projected state appropriations, Yudof said budget is likely to focus on Strengthening the Foundation portion of 2-part biennial budget. U will need to cut costs and raise tuition to continue to operate and increase revenue from nonstate sources and continue focusing on accountability and productivity to maintain quality, he said.

**Women represent 27.7% of total U faculty in 2001**, up 7.1% from 648 in 1990, according to annual faculty and staff diversity report. "We have been making slow but sustained progress in diversity representation," said VP Jones to regents. In 1990, U had 240 minority faculty; in 2000, 354. Growth rate is lowest among Asian Pacific Americans and highest among African Americans and American Indians. Purpose of report is to provide regents with comparative information to review policy related to recruiting, developing, and retaining a diverse U workforce.

**Fund-raising efforts are under way for Gateway Plaza.** "It would take 3 to 4 years before we can erect the [monument]," said U Gateway Corporation CEO Larry Laukka to Regents Facilities Committee. Regents approved schematic plans for the \$3 million plaza March 9 and approved design of the monument at its June 7 meeting. Monument, which will cast maroon and gold light on the plaza, consists of 2 towers--91 feet and 71 feet--about 6 feet apart.

**Regents approved purchase of 2 parcels of land** totaling 41.11 acres in Carver County for \$2 from Minnesota Landscape Arboretum Foundation to expand the Landscape Arboretum. Land will provide better ecological control of watershed and an expanded planting area.

**Also at regents meeting:** Review of 20-year Academic Health Center District Plan (see [www.tc.umn.edu/~silva019](http://www.tc.umn.edu/~silva019)), Central Corridor Transit, and U-wide student housing.

**U has appointed Lawrence Benveniste** as Carlson School of Management interim dean. School's U.S. Bancorp Professor of Finance and associate dean of faculty and research, Benveniste will assume post Sept. 1.

**1996 U tenure crisis** will serve as a model for U of Massachusetts Medical School (UMMS) faculty and administrators. U neuroscience professor Robert Miller will present "Tenure Crisis at Minnesota: How We Avoid Loss of a Research U" June 14, Worcester, MA. He was invited by the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) and UMMS partly because of his article on the U's tenure crisis published in AAUP's *Academe*. "[UMMS] faculty tenure is under attack... [and] I'm going to try to show them by our experiences what we went through," Miller said.

**Applications for U Librarian** to replace Thomas Shaughnessy, who will retire Sept. 30, are now being accepted; committee review will begin after July 1. For position description, see [www.umn.edu/ohr/employ.html](http://www.umn.edu/ohr/employ.html).

**Good seats remain for Sesquicentennial Grand Finale concert**, part of U of M Alumni Association Annual Celebration. Minnesota Orchestra performs June 29, 7:45 p.m., with free fireworks show at 10:15 p.m. Dinner portion of event is sold out. To get on dinner ticket waiting list, call Karla Hoff at 612-625-9195. For show tickets, call 624-2345.

**U presented an Outstanding Achievement Award** to food science alumnus Todd Klaenhammer for his contributions in the genetics of lactic acid bacteria essential in milk fermentations and in human health.

**Committee on Institutional Cooperation 2001-02 fellows** in the Academic Leadership Program are Rickey Hall, UMM Minority Student Program director; Amy Katz Kaminsky, Department of Women's Studies chair and professor; Kathleen Krichbaum, School of Nursing associate professor; Richard Nelson, UMC Center for Agriculture and Natural Resources director; Mary Story, School of Public Health professor and associate dean; and James Turman, assistant vice provost and Recreational Sports assistant director.

**Two U Medical School alumni** have been named recipients of the 2001 Harold S. Diehl Award for outstanding professional contributions. Dr. Arthur Aufderheide, '46 alumnus and international authority on mummies and professor at UMD School of Medicine, and Dr. Mildred Hanson, '52 alumna and widely respected obstetrician and gynecologist and advocate for women's reproductive rights.

**CROOKSTON**--First Elderhostel summer session at UMC will be June 10-16. Focus is on using personal computers, software, and Internet technology. A second technology-based Elderhostel session will be July 8-14.

Annual Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA) reunion will be June 29-30. NWSA alumni who will receive Top Aggie Awards for 2001 are Evangeline Anderson Myhre, '46, Warren, MN; Ray Johnson, '46, Cincinnati, OH; Roger Kasprick, '51, Collegeville, MN; and JoAnne Straus Carlson, '61, Brainerd, MN. Honored classes include 1926, '31, '36, '41, '46, '51, '56, '61, and '66.

**DULUTH**--School of Medicine established the Paul M. Anderson Fellowship for graduate studies in biochemistry and molecular biology in honor of professor emeritus Paul Anderson. Announcement was made June 8 at school's Paul M. Anderson Research Symposium on biochemistry of fish, which featured presentations by 10 researchers from 4 countries.

Tom Zogg, reference librarian, was reappointed liaison representative to the American Library Association Map and Geography Round Table by the Geoscience Information Society.

**MORRIS**--Clare Strand will serve as coordinator of the UMM Commission on Women (CW) beginning July 1. CW creates and maintains a humane professional environment that fosters growth and development of all members of the community, especially women. Chancellor Schuman was guest on MPR's "Midmorning" May 6. He spoke about UMM's mission and the legislature's proposed higher education budget.

**ROCHESTER**--Groundbreaking for a new horticultural sciences building at the University Center Rochester campus was June 6. Students in horticultural programs at Rochester Community and Technical College (RCTC) complete 2 years in Rochester and 2 years in the horticultural science department on the TC campus. Vern Bushlack, U alumnus, is RCTC Horticultural Technology Program director.

New one-year program, scheduled to begin in September, offers students the opportunity to take specialized courses in medical and legal interpretation.

**TWIN CITIES**--Office of Information Technology (OIT) open house will be June 14, 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., 2218 University Ave. S.E. The 3 OIT units at that location are Networking and Telecommunications, Security and Assurance, and Computer Services.

Northrop Garage will be closed for repairs June 16-17. Employees with contracts may park in Church Street Garage; to avoid charge, write your name and keycard number on ticket. Beginning June 18, there may be reduced parking and changes in traffic flow because of installation of new sprinkler system. For more information, call 612-626-7275.

Hourly and daily parking rates will increase July 1: Daily lots will be \$3 per day and premium daily lots (Lots S-104 and S-102) will be \$4.25 per day. Contract parking rates will increase Oct. 1: Surface lots will be \$50 per month for 24-hour contract and \$25 per month for nightly contract; ramps will be \$75 per month for 24-hour and \$50 for nightly; and garage will be \$100 per month for 24-hour and \$66 for nightly. For full list of parking lots and rates, see [www.umn.edu/parking](http://www.umn.edu/parking).

Optional Retirement Plan presentation will be June 20, 2:30-3:30 p.m., 210 Donhowe. To register, call 612-624-9090 and press 1.

Events: "Summer at Northrop" continues with Shangoya, tropical rhythms, June 15; Bruce Henry Band, eclectic jazz, June 18; Prudence Johnson, music of Hoagy Carmichael, June 19; and Becky Schlegel, traditional bluegrass, June 20. All concerts are free, noon-1 p.m, Northrop plaza. <p>



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**U will not shut down on July 1**, the beginning of new fiscal year, even if legislators and Gov. Ventura do not resolve their differences, said VP Bruininks in June 15 U-wide e-mail. "If the budget stalemate continues, the U will consider implementing contingency plans concurrent with the end of summer session (in late July to mid-August, depending on the campus)," he said.

If a partial or full shutdown is necessary, U will take phased approach that minimizes disruption to students, faculty, and staff; allows for notice to all students, faculty, and staff as well as to vendors and others who may be affected; is cost-effective and responsible; and protects critical life, health, safety, and environmental functions. For up-to-date information about a state government shutdown and the U, see [www.umn.edu/systemwide/govtshutdown](http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/govtshutdown).

**Maureen Reed is new chair of the U of M Board of Regents** and Robert Bergland is new vice chair.; they begin 2-year terms July 1. Reed, who has served on the board for 4 years, is a physician and an executive with HealthPartners. Bergland, elected in 1997, is a former U.S. secretary of agriculture and member of Congress.

**Regents reported on President Yudof's annual performance review**, noting accomplishments in areas of academic leadership, administrative and fiscal management, planning, fund-raising, and relationship building with internal and external constituencies. Regents encouraged Yudof to develop a plan to demonstrate the U's accountability.

**Regents approved a preliminary \$240.3 million** 2002 state capital request for construction projects and health and safety improvements on all 4 campuses. Plan will be reviewed in detail in September and finalized in October.

**New Gopher women's basketball coach is Brenda Oldfield**. Oldfield, youngest head coach in Big 10 conference, signed a 5-year contract with a base salary of \$130,000, which includes a \$10,000 media supplement and additional performance-based incentives. She was head coach for past 2 years at Ball State in Muncie, IN.

**Goal of U in 5 years is to increase percentage of students** enrolled in study abroad from 20% to 50%, said Eugene Allen, Office of International Programs (OIP) executive director, to Senate Committee on Educational Policy (SCEP). Allen said goal is achievable by integrating study abroad into major requirements.

OIP and Global Campus-Study Abroad received 2 grants this year--from U.S. Department of Education and Bush Foundation--aimed at increasing access to study abroad for undergraduates. SCEP is interested in an all-U policy that would strengthen international education, said chair Bert Ahern.

**New U China Center initiative**, Mingda Institute for Leadership Training, will host its first group--22 midcareer executives from Shaanxi Province--for a 5-month program in management and policy administration. For more information about institute, call 612-624-1002 or e-mail [chinactr@umn.edu](mailto:chinactr@umn.edu).

**U has named Allen Isaacman Regents Professor of History**. Isaacman joined the U in 1970, and his early work emphasized the agency of ordinary African people and the value of African oral traditions.

**Top 10 Departments to work for at the U** awards were announced on Staff Day 2001. Winners, in alphabetical order are Center for Applied Research and Educational Improvement, Department of Agronomy and Plant Genetics, Department of History, Department of Neuroscience, General College, Printing Services, School of Social Work, Training Services, UMD Office of Admissions, and UMM Minority Student Program.

**Redesigned Academic Health Center Web site** includes a new search function and tools to make it easier for administrative units to maintain their Web pages. Site will be fine-tuned and additional features added, including a listing of clinical trials. See [www.ahc.umn.edu](http://www.ahc.umn.edu) and send comments to [ahcweb@umn.edu](mailto:ahcweb@umn.edu).

**Relationship between U Card Office and AT&T** will end July 11. U Card holders will no longer be able to place long distance calls with U Card calling card account. For more information, e-mail [ucard@umn.edu](mailto:ucard@umn.edu) or call 612-626-9900.

**Next Kiosk**, monthly U faculty and staff newspaper, will be a combined July-August issue; July 1-15 calendar items will be posted on the *Kiosk* Web site at [www.umn.edu/urelate/kiosk](http://www.umn.edu/urelate/kiosk). Publication will be distributed July 16.

**Paul Simon concert tickets** are available at discounted price for U faculty and staff. Concert will be June 27, 7:30 p.m., Xcel Energy Center. Lower level seats normally priced at \$45 are now \$35. For tickets, see [www.uservices.umn.edu/PaulSimon.PDF](http://www.uservices.umn.edu/PaulSimon.PDF); print order form and fax to number listed.

**Copyright permission requests for fall 2001 course packets** sold at U Bookstores or charged to a CUFS number should be sent to Copyright Permissions Center via fax, 612-626-9810, or campus mail, 106 Printing Services Building, as soon as possible. Citations may also be dropped off at any Printing Services location. Call Lois at 624-8258.

**New internal employee networking system**, Inside Scoop, is still accepting volunteers willing to share job or career expertise and perspectives with other U employees. Commitment is less than 5 hours per year. For more information, call Employee Career Enrichment Program 612-626-0774 or see [www.thescoop.umn.edu](http://www.thescoop.umn.edu).

**CROOKSTON**--Polk County Extension sponsored its Youth Leadership Rally June 17-19 at UMC. Event, funded by Northwest Minnesota Foundation grant, involved high school students from Northwest Minnesota and focused on mentoring, leadership styles, and the role of personal integrity in leadership.

John Loegering, assistant professor of natural resources, has been selected one of 12 professionals from across the nation to participate in the Ecosystem Institute July 22-28 at H.J. Andrews Experimental Forest in Oregon Cascades Mountains. Institute goal is to provide mechanisms for instructors to incorporate information into natural resource and environmental science education programs.

**DULUTH**--Glensheen Historic Estate will conduct living history tours throughout summer, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. daily. Tickets are \$9.50 (adults), \$7.50 (seniors), and \$4.50 (children). Call 218-726-8910 or 1-888-454-GLEN.

"Interpreting for the Theatre" by Nancy Diener, communication sciences and disorders/continuing education instructor, was published in the recent edition of *Minnesota Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf*. Article detailed her study experience in a summer course at Julliard School.

**MORRIS**--Pope County Board of Commissioners approved a \$500 grant for a labor force survey in Pope, Douglas, Grant, Stevens, and Traverse counties by Pareena Lawrence, associate professor of economics and management. Survey will determine needs of underemployed workers, including hours of employment or jobs that would more adequately fit their skills. Minnesota Department of Trade and Economic Development will provide 60% of the study cost, while 40% will come from UMM, UMTC, Stevens County, the Stevens County Economic Improvement Commission, and possibly the other 4 counties.

Students attending the 28th annual Henjum Institute for Creative Study will display their creative work during a parents and friends final day program June 22, 10 a.m., Humanities Fine Arts corridor. A program at 10:45 a.m. will feature student work in vocal music, writing, radio broadcasting, and Web pages. Institute, sponsored by Continuing Education and Summer Session, is open to area middle and high school students.

**ROCHESTER**--University Center Rochester (UCR) Executive Council will meet June 21, UCR campus. Meeting will bring together leaders of the 3 institutions and representatives of the U and MnSCU systems to discuss UCR operations and future initiatives. VP Bruininks and Provost Carl will represent U and UMR respectively.

**TWIN CITIES**--Study abroad during May intersession is proving popular: 185 TC campus students are studying in 10 different programs in 8 countries through Global Seminars and 200 students from the U and other colleges are studying in 11 U custom programs, initiated by faculty members with administrative support from Global Campus. For more information about Global Seminars or custom programs, call Sophie Gladding at 612-626-0597 or e-mail [gladd001@umn.edu](mailto:gladd001@umn.edu).

Language teachers from 27 states and 8 nations--China, Japan, Nigeria, Peru, Poland, Spain, Turkey, and South Korea--will come to the TC campus this summer for professional development and training at U Center for Advanced Research on Language Acquisition.

Starting June 18, Telephone Upgrade Project technicians will be replacing ITE telephone sets in East Bank buildings. For more information about project, see [www.umn.edu/oit/telephoneupgrade](http://www.umn.edu/oit/telephoneupgrade).

St. Paul Student Center's Outdoor Store and Center for Outdoor Adventure are combining to offer expanded rental program, student-guided outdoor trips, and updated information resource center. New operation will take Center for Outdoor Adventure name and move to current Outdoor Store (OS) space in lower level of St. Paul Student Center. Most merchandise, with exception of outdoor convenience items, will be discontinued. OS is having a reduction inventory sale until June 20.

**Events**: Summer at Northrop continues with Paris Nights, music of Parisian cafes, June 21; Café Accordion Orchestra, Gypsy swing and tango, June 25; Orquesta Sabor Tropical, Afro-Cuban Latin, June 26; Laura Caviani Quintet, bluesy horn, June 27; Hillbilly Voodoo Dolls, rock to blues, July 2. Concerts are free, noon-1 p.m., Northrop plaza.

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**Gov. Ventura signed higher education bill June 30.** Bill will provide approximately \$110.7 million in new funding for U for biennium that began July 1; \$90.7 million will come from state's general fund, with another \$19.9 million in proceeds from new tobacco endowment. Endowment is earmarked for Academic Health Center (AHC) to cover the operating deficit in the Medical School's educational programs, start rebuilding the Medical School faculty, and begin expanding AHC enrollments to meet the state's health care workforce shortages.

**President Yudof presented 2-year operating budget plan** for fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03 to the Board of Regents at special June 26 meeting. Budget is designed to bridge the gap between U's request to state for new funding (\$221.5 million) and its actual allocation (\$110.7 million) without compromising quality, access, or service. Under budget plan, U's financial needs for next biennium would be met through a combination of new state appropriation, increased tuition and fees (\$110.9 million), and internal reallocations and investment reductions (\$103.3 million).

Budget plan recommends tuition increases--coupled with new U student fees--averaging 13.3% in 2001-02 and 13.6% in 2002-03. For an undergraduate student on TC campus, the average increase for next year would be \$659. "It could have been a lot worse for our students," Yudof said. "It could have been a lot better, too." He pointed out that increases in need-based grants for undergraduates, coupled with favorable changes in federal tax law, will offset next year's tuition increase for most students--virtually all with families earning \$130,000 or less.

Budget reflects a commitment to undergraduate education and student services, Yudof said, including hiring 8 new faculty to expand freshman seminars, enhancing student advising, and supporting residential learning and interdisciplinary minors. Budget also covers inflationary salary adjustment of 3%, minimum compensation of \$12 per hour for employees working at least 75%, and competitive faculty salary increases for retention and extraordinary merit.

**Yudof noted changes in climate of higher education funding**, including a decline in state support. Percentage of state spending dedicated to U has steadily declined over the last 30 years, and only twice in the 1990s did state appropriation keep up with inflation. As a result, tuition revenue is now covering almost two thirds of instruction costs at U, compared with about one third in 1982. Regents expressed concern at trends in funding for higher education and suggested exploring alternative and creative methods of funding. "We can't continue to go this way; it just won't work," said Regent Hogan. "If we are to have a University that's both high-quality and serves the citizens of Minnesota, I think we need to put some new things into motion."

**Regents will vote on first year of president's budget plan** at July 12 meeting. Since fiscal year ended June 30, regents voted to continue equivalent spending in the interim before new budget is approved. New board chair Maureen Reed saluted outgoing chair Patricia Spence for presiding with "grace and skill" in difficult and joyous times. "You've led us well, you've kept us together and on the high road, and you've been a tremendous public servant," Reed said.

**Joint International Summit on Community and Rural Development** to be held July 22-25 in Duluth. Summit is an opportunity to discuss community development strategies in Minnesota and beyond. U is one of 3 major sponsors and is encouraging senior administrators, deans, department heads, and faculty to attend. For more information, see [www.mrs.umn.edu/2001summit](http://www.mrs.umn.edu/2001summit).

**Harry and Sandy Lerner have provided the first major gift**--a pledge of \$25,000--to support the Jewish Historical Society of the Upper Midwest Archives, housed in Andersen Library. Gift is in honor of Rabbi Bernard Raskas and Leah Raskas. Harry Lerner will also donate one copy of every book from Lerner Publishing to Andersen Library.

**Information on health benefit plans available to U staff and faculty for 2002** will be sent to all employees' home addresses by mid-July.

**A search is under way for associate vice president, Facilities Management.** Position description is available at [www.umn.edu/ohr/employ.html](http://www.umn.edu/ohr/employ.html). Application deadline is July 31.

**CROOKSTON**--More than 100 student leaders will gather at UMC from across northern Minnesota, North Dakota, northwest Wisconsin, and Ontario, Canada, for the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA). The weeklong program provides participants an opportunity to expand and hone their leadership skills. Program is sponsored by the Crookston Rotary Club, Rotary District 5580, and UMC.

Eleventh annual UMC Teambackers Golf Classic will be held July 21 at the Minakwa Golf Club in Crookston. Proceeds will support athletic scholarships. Check-in is 10 a.m.; tee-off is 11 a.m. To register, contact Curt Almlie at 218-281-8436 or [calmlie@mail.crk.umn.edu](mailto:calmlie@mail.crk.umn.edu).

Dan Lim, director of UMC's Instructional Technology Center, presented at the 3rd WebCT Users Conference in Vancouver, British Columbia, June 26. His paper is entitled "A Constructivist Approach to Mirror Learning on the Job Using WebCT and Interactive Web Technologies."

**DULUTH**--The NCAA Division I champion UMD women's hockey team was honored by President Bush at a ceremony in the East Room of the White House on June 25. Rep. James Oberstar and the Minnesota State Society held a luncheon for the group preceding the event. Chancellor Martin, other UMD officials, and coaches accompanied the team.

Minnesota Repertory Theatre summer season opened June 27 and runs through Aug. 4. Two rotating shows are featured: the Broadway smash-hit musical, *Man of La Mancha*, and Neil Simon's comedy hit, *The Odd Couple*. All shows are at 8 p.m. in the Marshall Performing Arts Center. For reservations, call the UMD box office at 218-726-8561, M-F, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

UMD Office of Admissions was named one of U's Top 10 Departments to Work For at U Staff Day event May 31. The office collaborated on its nomination submission detailing the office's strengths in such areas as inspiring leadership and a respectful work environment.

**MORRIS**--Former UMM chancellor David Johnson has been named president of the board of directors of the U of M ElderLearning Institute. Institute "offers active, lifelong learning to people of retirement age." Nationally recognized UMM Summer Scholars Program offers scholastically talented high school juniors a college-level experience that is intellectually challenging and socially rewarding. Summer Scholars will join other Upper Midwest students for 2 weeks (July 8-20) on the Morris campus to engage in stimulating dialogue, get a taste of campus life, and earn 2 college semester credits. Juniors in the top 20% of their class are eligible to apply. Program provides students with an excellent introduction to undergraduate liberal arts study, emphasizing interdisciplinary perspectives, paper writing, research, individual and group projects, discussion, and residence hall life.

**ROCHESTER**--U Center Rochester (UCR), along with UCR educational partners and the Greater Rochester Area University Center (GRAUC), have been awarded a \$20,000 grant to develop and hold an educational conference entitled "E-Education: Rethinking Place, Pedagogy, and Partnerships." Grant was provided by the Initiative Fund of southeastern and south central Minnesota, a regional foundation.

**TWIN CITIES**--Installation continues of local artist Andrew Leicester's giant, stainless-steel robot outside Mechanical Engineering Building at 111 Church St. S.E. Sculpture, titled *Platonic Figure*, is derived from Leonardo da Vinci's drawing *Vitruvian Man* and stands with feet apart, arms raised, holding a curved steel bar. *Platonic Figure* is scheduled to be completed in mid-July.

**Lecture:** Division of Epidemiology's 6th annual Carl J. Martinson lecture on health promotion and disease prevention, "Tobacco Wars: A Question of Intent" by David Kessler, dean of Yale U School of Medicine, will be July 9, 10:30-11:30 a.m., 2-620 Moos Tower.

**Events:** "Sherlock Holmes: The Basic Holmesian Library," an exhibit based on the late John Bennett Shaw's list of 100 most important works relating to Holmes, is on display through July 31 at Andersen Library. The U Libraries Special Collections and Rare Books division holds the largest collection of "Sherlockiana" in the U.S. Exhibit is free and open to public M-F, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Summer at Northrop continues with Doug Little Quartet, original jazz, July 5; Pure Joy, improvisational jazz with vocalist Connie Olson, July 9; Jaztronauts, space-age swing, July 11; Minneapolis Pops Orchestra, light classical favorites, July 12; Kurt Jorgenson Band, original rock with soul, July 16; and Move with Bernie Edstrom, bebop and beyond, July 18. Concerts are free, noon-1 p.m., Northrop plaza. In case of rain, events move to Northrop Auditorium.

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**Regents approved \$1.75 billion operating budget** for fiscal year 2001-02, which includes \$101.8 million in new spending and 13.3% increase in tuition and student fees, and reviewed a preliminary budget for fiscal year 2002-03, which includes a 13.6% tuition and fee increase. Funds for new financial needs and investments over next 2 years will come from new state appropriation (\$110.7 million), increased tuition and fees (\$110.9 million), and internal reallocations and investment reductions (\$103.3 million).

General tuition rate increase is 10.25% (2001-02) and 11.25% (2002-03). Students will pay additional fees of \$75 per semester beginning fall 2001; amount will rise to \$150 per term in 2002-03. Fee will be prorated up to 10 credits and flat thereafter. Room and board in U's residence halls will also rise 7.5%.

"The decision to raise tuition this much wasn't made lightly," said Regent Reed, board chair, who presided over her first meeting. "The board is deeply committed to the university's tradition of access, but it is also unthinkable to let the quality of this great institution decline. This budget effectively balances these interests."

"If you charge undergraduates more, you have a moral obligation and fairness obligation to provide better services," said President Yudof to regents while explaining the fiscal year 2002-03 \$10.2 million investment in student services. Investment includes hiring 8 new faculty to expand freshman seminars, supporting residential learning and interdisciplinary minors, providing additional need-based financial aid for students, and providing additional resources for admissions, registrar, and financial aid offices.

**"Students are more likely to support a tuition increase** if services are maintained and significantly improved," said Venora Hung, student representative to board. Hung commended U on effort to raise financial support for students but told regents that increased tuition should not be "a continuous solution" to inadequate state appropriations.

U will more than double its financial aid and grants from \$2.3 million in fiscal year 2000-01 to \$7.4 million over the next 2 years to mitigate the tuition and fee increases. U's commitment, combined with new changes in federal tax law and increased federal and state grants, will substantially offset increases for students with family incomes up to \$50,000. Offset from new federal law will be more significant in fiscal year 2001-02.

**U raised about \$150.5 million in gifts** between July 1, 2000, and May 31, 2001, reported associate VP Gerald Fischer. In May 2001 alone, U received \$6.9 million in new gifts. Also through May, U reached 85% of \$1.3 billion Campaign Minnesota goal. Despite outcome for U and higher education at legislature this year, "we remain confident and committed to achieving our campaign goal," Fischer said.

**Robert Jones is new VP for Campus Life.** Newly created office will "deal with quality of life issues of students, faculty, and staff," reported Provost Bruininks to regents. Jones, who is also vice provost for faculty and academic personnel, will oversee management of activities for student affairs and multicultural and academic affairs.

**Also at regents meeting:** Approval of 2 alternatives for Central Corridor Transit--light-rail transit alignment over existing #9 railroad bridge north of TC campus and modified bus rapid-transit alignment on Washington Ave.--and update on Biomedical Innovation and Commercialization Initiative (BICI). BICI is partnership between Academic Health Center and state to nurture and realize commercial potential of new technologies and ideas that improve health care. This session, legislature approved \$10 million for BICI; \$30 million in private funds must now be raised.

**Five Fairview-U specialties rank in Top 50** according to *U.S. World & News Report's* 12th annual listing of top hospitals--24th in kidney disease; 27th in geriatrics; 33rd in ear, nose, and throat; 36th in neurology and neurosurgery; 40th in cancer care. For more information, see [www.usnews.com/usnews/issue/010723/home.htm](http://www.usnews.com/usnews/issue/010723/home.htm).

**Two new policies are available** on U-Wide Policy Library: 1. sexual assault and relationship violence and 2. academic appointments. New U-Wide Standard Contracts Library contain 86 contracts approved by Office of General Counsel; changes have been made to procedures for controlled substances, effort certification, and cost sharing. See [www.fpd.finop.umn.edu](http://www.fpd.finop.umn.edu). For e-mail notification of changes, call 612-624-1611 or e-mail [process@umn.edu](mailto:process@umn.edu).

**New airfare payment process is available for U faculty and staff.** Effective July 15, purchasing or corporate travel cards can be used to charge authorized business airfares. Effective Sept. 1, CUFs numbers will no longer be accepted by U's contract travel agencies as a payment/billing method when booking airline reservations. For more information, call Leslie Koidahl at 612-626-8673 or Kathleen Stoner at 624-1696.

**Effective Aug. 1, Sponsored Projects Administration** will move its deadline for receiving proposals from 1 p.m. on the day the proposal must be sent out to 5 p.m. the day before. For more information, see [www.ospa.umn.edu](http://www.ospa.umn.edu).

**International travel grant applications** are available from Office of International Programs, China Center, and McKnight Arts and Humanities Fund. Deadline is Aug. 1 for activities Sept. 1-Dec. 31; Dec. 3 for activities later this academic year. Call 612-624-5580 (624-1002 for China travel) or see [www.international.umn.edu/travelgrant](http://www.international.umn.edu/travelgrant).

**Fulbright Scholar Award application deadline** for lecturing and research during academic year 2002-03 is Aug. 1. For more information and application, see [www.international.umn.edu/funding/fulbright.html](http://www.international.umn.edu/funding/fulbright.html).

**CROOKSTON**--Natural resources department and Minnesota Department of Natural Resources co-hosted a meeting at UMC July 19-20 to share research findings and management practices regarding the western prairie fringed orchid, a rare North American orchid. Flower is on the national endangered species list and can be found in large numbers in only 3 places, one of which is a tall grass prairie preserve east of Crookston. Wildlife managers from Missouri to Manitoba attended the meeting.

About 100 farmers attended the Northwest Research and Outreach Center's annual field day July 12. Participants spent the morning at small grain demonstration plots that addressed herbicides, diseases, and insect identification.

**DULUTH**--School of Business and Economics (SBE) will internationalize its curriculum with \$179,500 U.S. Department of Education grant. Proposal, awarded maximum funding, was one of 29 funded nationally. New courses will be added and 20 restructured this fall. Plans are under way to establish international internships for SBE students and for UMD faculty members to participate in international trade seminars.

College of Science and Engineering (CSE) will become first university in U.S. to integrate the Windows-based Pocket PC with wireless network capability into the curriculum. Program begins in fall and will initially include all freshmen entering engineering and computer science programs. In fall 2002, all CSE freshman students will be included. UMD is partnering with COMPAQ Computer Corporation and Microsoft Corporation.

**MORRIS**--Junior Katie Downing placed 3rd at the 2001 Women's Freestyle Wrestling World Team Trials at 149.75 pounds, qualifying for her 3rd time as a member of the U.S. National Team. She finished 3rd in the World Team Trials in 1998, 2nd in 1999, and missed the 2000 season because of an injury.

West Central School of Agriculture (WCSA) alumni will celebrate the school's 91st anniversary during their annual reunion July 21-22. Those who attended, worked, or taught at the school from 1910-63 are invited to attend. Classes of '61, '56, '51, '46, '41, '36, '31, '26, and '21 will be honored. Special wrestling reunion to honor Leif Lie, WCSA's wrestling coach, is also planned. For more information, call Vivian Heltemes or Laura Thielke at 320-589-6066.

**ROCHESTER**--Michael McKee has joined U Center Rochester as associate provost for information technology and distributed learning. His primary duties will be to lead UMR and partner institutions in the development and distribution of educational opportunities through cost-effective technology.

**TWIN CITIES**--U Law School will receive \$1 million grant from Kresge Foundation if it raises its remaining \$12 million capital campaign funds before March 1. Foundation challenge grant recipients must raise initial funds toward their respective projects before requesting foundation assistance.

All bursar offices (East Bank, West Bank, and St. Paul) will be closed on the mornings of July 31 and Aug. 7, open 1-3:30 p.m.

Gopher men's and women's media relations offices won 7 College Sports Information Directors of America awards for producing some of the nation's top brochures and game programs during 2000-01 academic year. About 555 citations were presented to 133 different institutions and conferences in 74 separate contests.

**Events:** "Minnesota Art with a Twist," featuring 26 Minnesota artists, will run July 21-Oct. 21, Weisman Art Museum.

- "A Stronger Soul Within a Finer Frame: Portraying African Americans in the Black Renaissance" exhibit, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., M-F, Andersen Library. See [www.givens.org](http://www.givens.org).

- "Why We Write; Right Reasons and Wrong Reasons," a lecture by author Kate DiCamillo, Aug. 2, 2:15 p.m., 120 Andersen Library. Free; open to public. Call 612-624-2577.

**Announcements:** Fay Thompson, Department of Environmental Health and Safety director, died June 19--5 months after being diagnosed with a brain tumor.

- UMM chancellor emeritus David Johnson was elected president of the ElderLearning Institute, College of Continuing Education.

- Avelino Mills-Novoa is new GC assistant dean and director of student services.

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**A new financial landscape is emerging in the funding of health professional education**, said senior VP Cerra in legislative endowment update to Academic Health Center (AHC) community. "The legislature has sent a strong message of support for health professional education through funding for the new AHC endowment. The difficulty is that the underfunding of the U reduces the full impact of the endowment... [and] the public expects us to do what we said we would."

AHC proposed using new funds to stabilize Medical School's core education budget, to fill 80 vacant faculty positions, and to expand programs in nursing, pharmacy, medical technology, and rural dentistry. Endowment funding will come from 2 remaining tobacco settlement payments in January 2002 and 2003. When fully funded in 2003, endowment is projected to reach nearly \$374 million. It will generate \$5.6 million in fiscal year 2002, about \$14.1 million in 2003, and up to \$17 million annually thereafter.

"As we move forward and realize the opportunities represented by this new endowment, we will continue to restore the position of leadership and the positive academic work environment we all desire," Cerra said. Meanwhile, Cerra's office has reduced its administrative unit budgets by 9%. "We will leverage resources and partner with our colleagues across the U to accomplish our work," he said.

**U faces significant and sustained reductions in state funding** despite unprecedented legislative lobbying effort, President Yudof said in e-mail message to all U students. "In short, we face tough choices," said Yudof. "Among those choices, it was never an option to let the quality of this great university decline. We owe nothing less than excellence to [our students] and to the people of Minnesota." 2001-02 operating budget, approved by regents July 12, balances burden between state, U, and students, and "will keep the U moving forward on many of our goals," Yudof said. For budget information and tuition increase Q&A, see [www.umn.edu/budgetinfo](http://www.umn.edu/budgetinfo).

**U is one of 16 institutions nationwide** involved in a landmark study examining long-term effects of weight loss and exercise in people with type 2 diabetes. Twelve-year study--Look AHEAD (Action for Health in Diabetes)--is largest study on the effects of weight loss interventions ever funded by National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), a division of National Institutes of Health (NIH).

"We know that short-term weight loss benefits overweight people with diabetes, and we will learn more about the long-term effects in the Look AHEAD study," said Robert Jeffery, principal investigator. To participate in study, you must be 45-75 years old, have type 2 diabetes, and be overweight or obese. For more information, call 612-626-8565.

**Partnership between U's School of Nursing Ph.D. program** and U of North Dakota College of Nursing M.S. program is designed to bridge the career transition from M.S. to Ph.D. Long-term goal of project, American Indian-Alaska Native M.S. to Ph.D. Nursing Science Bridge, is to double number of American Indian and Alaska Native nurse scientists in 10 years from 12 to 24.

**Consortium for Enhancement of Ukrainian Management Education**, led by U, has issued an action plan to stimulate investment in human capital and train leaders capable of transforming Ukraine's economy and society. The 110-page *Building Management Education in Ukraine: A Blueprint for Action* will be available to educators, faculty, students, nongovernmental agencies, and government officials. For more information, see [www.ceume.kiev.ua](http://www.ceume.kiev.ua).

**First President's Emerging Leaders Program is under way.** Twenty-four U employees, who were nominated by their units and then selected by a review committee, will spend 8 hours a week developing skills to enhance leadership effectiveness. Program fosters a broad perspective of U as an enterprise and is designed to provide participants with experience and visibility needed to eventually move into different and more challenging roles within institution.

**New income tax withholding tables** may reduce amount of federal tax withheld from your wages paid after June 30, 2001. Reductions, which will be reflected in Aug. 8 paycheck, are because of July 1 decrease in 28% and higher tax brackets. New tables will affect only employees with income taxed at 28% rate or higher. For new tax withholding tables, see [www.taxplanet.com/newtaxlaws/newlaws2001/taxtables2001/taxtables2001.html](http://www.taxplanet.com/newtaxlaws/newlaws2001/taxtables2001/taxtables2001.html).

**Maroon and Gold Day at the State Fair** will be Aug. 26. For list of Maroon and Gold Day events at Carousel Park and activities and exhibitors at U of M building on Dan Patch Blvd., see [www.umn.edu/statefair](http://www.umn.edu/statefair).

**Optional Retirement Plan investment performance results** through June 30 will appear on back page of *Minnesota Daily* on Aug. 3. Information will be sent separately to UMC, UMD, UMM, and UMR.

**CROOKSTON**--Executive committee, program managers, directors, and faculty will participate in a UMC planning session Aug. 6-7. Session will involve discussion about UMC's revised mission, opportunities for program renewal, investment priorities, reallocation possibilities, campus assessment, and review of campus master plan.

UMC will host 27th annual Conference on Aging Aug. 15. Workshops of interest to seniors and service providers will be offered throughout the day. Regional TV personality Terry Dullum of WDAZ, Grand Forks, will give keynote address on stress-free living.

**DULUTH**--Department of Accounting received \$124,800 in business management software from Microsoft Great Plains Business Solutions. Software will be integrated into curriculum.

Kendall Wallace, biochemistry and molecular biology professor, was elected president of the American Board of Toxicology. Board is a 2,500-member, international professional association of practicing toxicologists.

**MORRIS**--About 50 area individuals representing rural and agricultural organizations joined nearly 25 visitors from around the world during Discover Rural Minnesota, a study tour on community and rural development, in Morris July 26-27. Tour, led by Center for Small Towns, followed Joint International Summit on Community and Rural Development in Duluth July 22-25.

UMM will host a booth at the Stevens County Fair Aug. 8-12. Display theme, Students are the Center of the Morris Campus, was also presented at Prairie Expo during Prairie Pioneer Days in Morris July 13-15.

**ROCHESTER**--UMR, along with the Rochester Area Alumni and Friends of the University of Minnesota (RAAFUM), will host a booth at the Olmstead County Fair July 30-Aug. 5 to promote U programs and alumni activities.

**TWIN CITIES**--Campus Safety Health and Environmental Management Association dedicated its 2001-02 academic scholarship in honor of Fay Thompson, Department of Environmental Health and Safety director, who died June 19. Scholarship supports students pursuing degrees leading to a career in occupational and environmental health and safety. For application, see [www.cshema.org](http://www.cshema.org). For more information, call Judith Merritt at 630-775-2360.

Human Rights Center named 22 recipients of 2001 Upper Midwest International Human Rights fellowships, including Bobbi Jo Azzouzi, U Center for Victims of Torture, and Casey Wagner, U Human Rights Center. Fellowships will provide opportunities for individuals to gain practical training in human rights field.

School of Journalism and Mass Communication has admitted the inaugural members of the Star Tribune Scholar program. Rachel Bruzzone, Woodbury; Jabari Ritchie, Tallahassee, FL; Mary Stegmeir, Ray; and Susie Vang, St. Paul, will receive \$5,000, 3-year scholarships and guaranteed paid internships with *Star Tribune* after graduation.

Children, 3-7 years old with typical speech and language development, are invited to participate in a research study by Benjamin Munson, Department of Communication Disorders. Children will take part in 2, one-hour sessions in which they will listen to words, point to pictures, and repeat words. Participants receive \$10 per session to cover transportation costs. Flexible session times are available. For more information, call Ben Munson at 612-624-0304.

Community-U Health Care Clinic has new phone number: 612-638-0700. Employees' extension numbers and main fax number, 627-4205, will stay the same.

Office or work space (3,965 square feet) is available for rent at U Technology East building, 2331 University Ave. Rent of \$4,722 a month includes heat, air, utilities, operational costs, and 6 parking spaces. Call Ginger, 612-626-2231.

**Events:** Malcolm Myers: The Don Quixote Series, featuring 10 paintings, will run Aug. 11-Oct. 14, Weisman Art Museum.

Introduction to molecular biology databases, Aug. 14, 10-11 a.m., Diehl Hall. Call 612-626-3260.

**Lectures:** Mark Blumenthal, author and herbalist, will share the latest research on top-selling consumer brands of herbs sold in the U.S. Aug. 2, 1-3 p.m. and 7-9 p.m., Minnesota Arboretum. Free to public with \$5 paid arboretum admission. Call Jean Larson at 952-443-1421 or e-mail [larso095@umn.edu](mailto:larso095@umn.edu).

**Announcements:** Vernon Weckwerth, health care management professor, received Filerman Prize for outstanding contributions to the advancement of education in health services administration from Association of University Programs in Health Administration.

Judith Zaimont, music professor, was recognized as Honored Composer and received \$2,500 in inaugural American Composers Invitational program.

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**Gov. Ventura made 5 appointments** to U Board of Regents: Frank Berman (at large), Jean Keffeler (at large), Richard "Pinky" McNamara (at large), Lakeesha Ransom (at large-student), and Michael O'Keefe (district 5-reappointment). "I have every confidence that they will serve the people of Minnesota with wisdom and integrity and, working with President Yudof, provide strong leadership to the University," said executive VP and Provost Bruininks.

Power to appoint fell to Ventura when legislature could not agree on candidates before end of session. Appointed regents will serve until the close of the 2002 legislative session and thereafter until legislature elects successors.

**Regents--new and old--met in Red Wing** for a retreat Aug. 9-10 to create work plan for upcoming year. Discussion centered on priorities U must tackle in light of limited state funding. Regents will hold monthly meeting at UMC Sept. 13-14. For meeting schedule and agendas, see [www.umn.edu/regents](http://www.umn.edu/regents).

**New medical benefits program** (UPlan) will be presented at informational forums: Aug. 21, Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center; Aug. 22, St. Paul Student Center theatre; and Aug. 24 and 31, 210 Donhowe. ITV broadcast on Aug. 24 and 31 only: UMC, 30 UTOC; UMD, 458 Humanities; Grand Rapids, Research and Outreach Center; and UMM, 7 Humanities Fine Arts Center. All forums will be noon to 1 p.m. Call 612-624-9090.

**Graduate-level tuition benefits** offered to employees through Regents Scholarship or Academic Staff Tuition Benefit programs will no longer be taxable effective January 1, 2002. Change is part of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001, which provides an income exclusion of up to \$5,250 annually for employer-provided educational assistance. For more information, call 612-625-2016.

**Faculty Consultative Committee** met with Yudof and Bruininks in closed session Aug. 8. Issues related to performance, accountability reporting, tuition, enrollment, and the capital budget were discussed. Annual FCC retreat will be Aug. 30-31, Cloquet Forestry Center. For more information, call the Senate Office at 612-625-9369.

**Maroon and Gold Day at the State Fair** will be Aug. 26, 10-5 p.m.; wear maroon and gold and you could win a prize. Main exhibit in U's building on Dan Patch Blvd. is "Postcards from Our Future," featuring futurist snapshot of all U campuses. For full list of events, see [www.umn.edu/statefair/maroon.html](http://www.umn.edu/statefair/maroon.html).

**U veterinary students** and members of Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association and Minnesota Future Farmers of America will be at the State Fair's Miracle of Birth Center, assisting with births and educating visitors on the intricacies of modern reproduction practices. U professor emeritus John Anderson, who gained recognition for developing housing systems for dairy cattle, helped design the new facility.

**New Hormel Institute director** is Zigang Dong, who joined the institute as assistant professor and chief of its cellular and molecular biology section. Institute, established in 1942, is an independent research unit of U's Graduate School in Austin, MN. Dong replaces Harald Schmid who directed the institute for 16 years.

**Law School professor David Weissbrodt** became the first American citizen to serve as chair of a UN human rights body since Eleanor Roosevelt; he was elected to chair the 53rd Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights in Geneva. Agenda issues included protecting the rights of indigenous peoples and minorities; administration of justice, business, and human rights; and contemporary forms of slavery.

**Human population growth has turned "a very sharp corner"** and is on its way to leveling off in the next century, according to study by U ecologist Clarence Lehman. He used new equations that take into account the accelerating effect population density has on per capita population growth at certain points in history. Equations show the long-increasing population growth rate began declining abruptly in the 1970s.

**New U study by Project on Regional and Industrial Economics** at Humphrey Center shatters the image of the sunbelt as the clear winner in high tech. Chicago metro area leads with the greatest number of high-tech jobs--347, 000--followed by Washington, D.C.; Silicon Valley; and Boston. Metro New York, Philadelphia, Dallas, Seattle, Minneapolis/St. Paul, and Houston rank 5 through 10, respectively. While most cities specialize in certain high-tech sectors, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, and Minneapolis/St. Paul have more diversified high-tech employment base.

**CS/BU Women's Initiative Steering Committee** is looking for a new director, members, and volunteers. Women who would like to serve on a subcommittee, help plan an activity, or serve as a unit contact person for CS/BU activities, can e-mail Cathy Marquardt at [marqu005@umn.edu](mailto:marqu005@umn.edu) or Lisa Higgs at [higgs001@umn.edu](mailto:higgs001@umn.edu).

**CROOKSTON**--Otto Bremer Foundation will give UMC \$100,000 over the next 4 years to fund staff positions in Service Learning Program. Program involves students and faculty in course-related community service projects.

Northwest Minnesota Foundation awarded UMC a \$32,000 grant to launch a sustaining model for health care coverage in 7 northwest Minnesota counties. Funds will be used to market insurance coverage and for project education, tech support, and a vital aging initiative. RuralCare Partners, collaboration between Northwest Minnesota Health Care Purchasing Alliance and North Region Health Alliance, will implement the project.

UMC will host an ice cream social at Peterson gazebo Aug. 17, 4-6 p.m. Student athletes and new golden eagle logo will be featured in annual Torchlight Parade through the city on evening of Aug. 18. Both events are part of Crookston's annual Ox-Cart Days Festival.

Winds of up to 100 m.p.h. swept through the region Aug. 8, causing damage to campus grounds. Winds felled many trees across campus and damaged the roofs of several buildings. For aftermath of storm, see [www.crk.umn.edu/special/wind\\_damage08-2001](http://www.crk.umn.edu/special/wind_damage08-2001).

**DULUTH**--UMD honored state senator Sam Solon at Aug. 15 ceremony to dedicate Solon Campus Center. Solon, a 1958 graduate, was elected to the House in 1970 and the Senate in 1972. He is currently serving his 9th term. "Senator Solon has been a strong advocate for UMD for more than 30 years," said Chancellor Martin. "He is a loyal friend with vision, commitment, and leadership, who has helped guide UMD in its role of academic excellence and accessibility to all Minnesotans. We are enormously grateful for all that he has done, and we are very proud to honor him in this way." Center, which opened in 1995, serves as the central entrance point to campus.

**MORRIS**--Argie Manolis and students in her College Writing class will receive a Minnesota Service Award at governor's reception Aug. 27. Class participated in a service-learning project with Alzheimer's residents at the Villa of St. Francis in Morris. Lisa Johnson Denzer, Villa activities director, nominated the group.

Chemistry major Natalie Neubauer was selected Minneapolis Aquatennial Queen of the Lakes during the recent Minneapolis Aquatennial celebration. The Hutchinson resident and her court will be traveling around the world representing the Aquatennial.

Forty educators from west central Minnesota attended the 2nd annual Instructional Technology Institute (ITI) at UMM August 6-7. Institute offered workshops in current classroom tools and instructional technologies, including digital video, graphics, multimedia, classroom applications, and publication production. ITI is sponsored by Continuing Education, Computing Services, Media Services, Briggs Library, and MnInstruct.

**ROCHESTER**--UMR program directors will be participating in the Mayo Clinic Finance Forum Educational Fair Aug. 20-21 to promote graduate level programs offered in Rochester. Forum will be attended by finance department employees from Mayo Rochester, Mayo Health Systems, Mayo Jacksonville, and Mayo Scottsdale.

**TWIN CITIES**--Alternative commuting options (carpool, bus, bike, or walk) are highly encouraged during State Fair Aug. 23-Sept. 3. Access to campus in St. Paul will be limited evenings and weekends. If you need to drive to campus, study traffic control plan and parking alternatives in your area. Bring U card to enter parking facilities. See [www.umn.edu/parking/new/StateFairMap2001.htm](http://www.umn.edu/parking/new/StateFairMap2001.htm).

U Bookstores will have discounted Minnesota State Fair tickets (\$5) for U community at all its locations (regular admission is \$7). Fair is Aug. 23-Sept. 3; U of M Day at fair is Aug. 26. For more information, call 612-625-6564.

New Swine Disease Eradication Center is creating an Industry Advisory Board composed of 10-12 swine-related companies and will work with Minnesota Pork Producers Association to provide individual, on-farm eradication strategies. Center will also sponsor the first international scientific symposium on swine disease eradication Sept. 15. For more information about center and symposium, see [www.cvm.umn.edu/sdec](http://www.cvm.umn.edu/sdec).

New bursar office hours effective Aug. 27: East Bank (145 Williamson Hall) M-Th 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and F 8 a.m.- 4 p.m.; department window will close at 3:30 p.m. St. Paul and West Bank bursar hours remain unchanged.

**Announcements:** Pamela Flash was named Center for Interdisciplinary Studies of Writing associate director. Flash is available to consult with administrators, faculty, and TAs on writing-intensive courses; e-mail [flash001@umn.edu](mailto:flash001@umn.edu).

• Jim Turman, assistant VP for Student Development and director of Recreational Sports, was awarded a fellowship for Academic Leadership Program from the Committee on Institutional Cooperation.

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[ooxx003@umn.edu](mailto:ooxx003@umn.edu)**Past issues****Brief** will resume its weekly schedule beginning Sept. 5. E-mail submissions to editor by 4 p.m. Fridays.**Record number of donors--72,048**--put U's fund-raising efforts over \$200 million for 2nd consecutive year. Gifts, including pledges and other future commitments, were \$217 million for fiscal year ending June 30, 2001. More than 7,000 faculty and staff have given \$44 million, and more than 480 endowed and 142 demand scholarship and fellowship funds have been created. As of June, 2001, U has reached 88% of \$1.3 billion Campaign Minnesota goal.**U hosted NEURON workshops** for 20 faculty, students, and medical professionals from around the world Aug. 20. Robert Miller, Medical School 3M Cross Professor, said the development team at Yale selected the U as the 2nd national site for the workshops. "It's a great achievement for the U because it puts us at the forefront of computational neuroscience." NEURON is a nerve cell simulator allowing in-depth study of neurophysiological problems.**Louie Crew's E-Directory of Lesbighay Scholars**, world's most complete electronic directory of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) scholars is housed in U's Steven J. Schochet Center for GLBT Studies. "The E-Directory serves a utilitarian purpose--it is designed to help scholars collaborate," said center director Linnea Stenson. In April 1999, *Chronicle of Higher Education* called the almost 1,100-entry directory "the best way to find out about new research on issues of sexuality." Directory is at [www.glbtstudies.umn.edu](http://www.glbtstudies.umn.edu) or call Stenson at 612-625-3499.**U's Institute on Race and Poverty (IRP)**, under temporary UN consultant status, will be part of the formal UN World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia, and Related Intolerance Aug. 31-Sept. 7 in Durban, South Africa. Between 13,000 and 15,000 nongovernmental organizations and government delegates from more than 150 countries are expected to attend.**U presented an Outstanding Achievement Award** to Jane Shields Freeman, who established the Humphrey Institute's Freeman Center for International Economic Policy with her husband in 1988. Throughout her 60-year career, Freeman has worked with numerous governmental and nonprofit organizations to alleviate hunger and poverty and promote international cooperation and development.**New Human Resources self-service Web site** allows U employees to monitor information such as vacation and sick leave accrual, contributions to retirement plans, and personal summary of deductions taken and claims processed for dependent and health care reimbursement accounts. See [hrss.umn.edu](http://hrss.umn.edu). Questions, call 612-625-2016.**Limited edition Goldy Gopher bobblehead doll** is available for \$14.95 at U Bookstores and free with U of M Alumni Association membership or renewal at U's building on Dan Patch Ave. at State Fair through Sept. 6. U community can buy discounted State Fair admission tickets (\$5) at U Bookstores.**The Beverage Partnership**, U's small-grants program through Office of Student Affairs in conjunction with Coca-Cola, is seeking members to serve on selection committees during 2001-02. For more information, call 612-626-8976.**Deadline for 2002-03 Grant-in-Aid Program** is Sept. 24. Application packets are available at [www.research.umn.edu/research/fundsrcr.html](http://www.research.umn.edu/research/fundsrcr.html) or from Office of the VP for Research, 420 Johnston Hall. Call 612-625-2356.**U controller search is under way.** Controller reports directly to U's chief financial officer and will be responsible for management of U financial accounting, reporting, and control activities. Candidate should have at least 7-10 years of experience in directing activities of general accounting, payroll, accounts payable, and purchasing in a university or comparable diverse organization. For information or to apply, write to Controller Search Committee, 334B Morrill Hall, 100 Church St. S.E., Minneapolis, MN 55455 or e-mail [under014@umn.edu](mailto:under014@umn.edu).**CROOKSTON**--Faculty retreat Aug. 20-21 focused on implementing U's Bush Grant for enhancing student learning through innovative teaching and technology strategies. UMC program will have 3 major components: faculty cohort teams to encourage reflective practice and participation, teaching and learning workshops and retreats, and mini grants to assist faculty in designing classroom assessment activities and integrating technology.David DeMuth, assistant professor of physics and math, is featured in August 2001 issue of *Presentations* magazine for his work in integrating video and database technologies into his physics courses.

Fall semester classes began Aug. 28.

**DULUTH**--UMD will host Bulldog Bash 2001 beginning with campus move-in days Aug. 31 and Sept. 1. Chancellor Martin, along with deans, department heads, professors, and staff, will comprise the Chancellor's Move-In Team, helping students move into campus residence halls. Weeklong activities include convocation, advising, food, football, and entertainment.

Glensheen Historic Estate will present the fall opening of the Congdon Family Tradition series with "Congdon Family Silver" exhibit Sept. 14-Oct. 31. Pieces of family silver will be on display throughout the mansion, and information about collection will be provided. Exhibit is included in cost of the tour. For more information, call 218-726-8918.

**MORRIS**--New director of student counseling is Henry Fulda, who comes to UMM from South Dakota State, Brookings, where he was a faculty member for 3 years, director of counseling for 11 years, and director of student health services and counseling for one year.

City of Morris and Morris Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture will host the annual Morris Community Picnic/Welcome Back UMM Sept. 6, East Side Park. Event welcomes returning students, staff, and faculty, and strengthens community relationships.

Heather Aagesen-Huebner, Center for Small Towns program, participated in the President's Emerging Leaders Program as part of a professional development opportunity for future U administrative leaders. Program uses structured learning experiences and coaching to enhance and expand participant's leadership skills.

**ROCHESTER**--UMR kicked off its first United Way campaign Aug. 27. Goal is to achieve Platinum Level of giving--at least 50% participation rate and an average gift of \$100 per participant.**TWIN CITIES**--U of M, Twin Cities campus ranks among the nation's top 3 public research universities in a study by Center for Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences at U of Florida. Report ranked public and private research universities on 9 key indicators including research dollars, private support, and faculty honors; UMTC made top 25 on 8 of 9 measures. Only private universities such as Cornell, Harvard, and MIT are ranked more highly; other public research universities in top 3 are U of Michigan and U of California, Berkeley."Unlike a lot of rankings, which only focus on undergraduate education or on specific graduate programs, this survey looks more broadly at all the things that make a university strong," said Peter Zetterberg, senior analyst, Institutional Research and Reporting. "Because the U is large with strength in many areas, we fare well in this new study." For full report, see [thecenter.ufl.edu](http://thecenter.ufl.edu).

Raptor Center biologist Mark Martell is in Cuba for a week to study osprey migration patterns. Travelling with Martell is biologist Keith Bildstein of Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, Kempton, PA.; their host is ornithologist Freddy Rodriguez of BIOECO, a Cuban biological research organization. "In addition to the scientific and conservation knowledge we hope to gain, I have high hopes for further cooperative efforts involving the Raptor Center, Hawk Mountain, and the Cuban raptor community," Martell said.

U Marching Band has released new CD, "Are You Ready?," containing new recordings and 20 songs of halftime music from 1992-2000 seasons. Profits benefit band's scholarship fund. CDs, \$19.95 each, are available at the Minnesota State Fair and U Bookstores or [www.bookstore.umn.edu](http://www.bookstore.umn.edu).

New Student Convocation (class of 2005) will be Sept. 4 in 2 parts: Ceremony from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in Northrop Auditorium will include a traditional academic procession and welcome address by President Yudof; Pride and Spirit celebration from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Field House will include a picnic supper and entertainment that will inform students about U history and traditions.

Sociology centennial celebration kickoff will be Sept. 5, 1 p.m., West Bank plaza. Free cake and ice cream; remarks by President Yudof and CLA dean Steven Rosenstone.

Tandem conversation partner program matches Americans with international students for informal language and culture exchange; apply by Sept. 12. Call Andrea at 612-626-9581 or e-mail [poulo002@umn.edu](mailto:poulo002@umn.edu).Character from classic children's book *Poky Little Puppy* will make an appearance on U stage at the State Fair Aug. 30, 9-10 a.m. *Poky Little Puppy* can be read in the Kerlan Collection at Andersen Library.**Announcement:** Law School dean E. Thomas Sullivan will return to full-time teaching and research after fall 2002. Sullivan, who joined the school as its 8th dean in 1995, will step down July 1, 2002.Go to the [U of M home page](#)



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**Regent Reed appointed 3 members to Minnesota Legislature's Commission** on U Excellence: Regent Bergland, Regent Neel, and W. Andrew Collins, Institute of Child Development professor. Commission, the result of June legislative action, is charged with identifying centers of excellence at the U that can develop national stature and achieve national top 10 rankings within 10 years.

Commission will consist of 16 members--4 each appointed by Gov. Ventura, House of Representatives, Senate, and the U. President Yudof has designated VP Maziar as his commission representative. She will serve as ex-officio member. Commission report is due to legislature by July 1, 2002; commission expires Dec. 31, 2002.

**Michael Osterholm will lead new U Center** for Infectious Disease Research and Policy. Osterholm, U adjunct faculty in School of Public Health for 23 years, is former state epidemiologist. Self-supporting center secured initial \$500,000 funding from Robins, Kaplan, Miller, and Ciresi L.L.P. Foundation for Education, Public Health, and Social Justice. Center will conduct research to develop and change public policies and practices to reduce illness and death from infectious disease.

**State of the Academic Health Center address**, "New Funding, New Expectations, and New Opportunities," by senior VP Cerra will be Sept. 12, 3:30 p.m., 2-650 Moos Tower, TC campus. Audio feed to campus locations in St. Paul and Duluth; room locations will be announced. For more information, e-mail [ahccomm@umn.edu](mailto:ahccomm@umn.edu).

**U researchers attracted \$498.4 million** in sponsored research awards in fiscal year 2001, according to report by Office of the VP for Research (9.5% increase over FY 2000). Research expenditures from grants and contracts totaled \$407.5 million, an 8% increase over last year. Federal government continues to be U's largest sponsor; National Institutes of Health leads with \$217 million.

**More than \$42 million in contributions** were made to U medical and public health research during fiscal year 2001, according to Minnesota Medical Foundation (MMF). 2001 is 2nd most successful in MMF's 62-year history and brings its Campaign Minnesota total to \$328 million. Goal is to raise \$500 million by June 30, 2003, to support health-related research and education in Medical School, School of Medicine-Duluth, and School of Public Health.

**New medical benefits program (UPlan)** will be presented at informational forums: Sept. 7, 10, and 28, 210-215 Donhowe; Sept. 12, St. Paul Student Center theater; and Sept. 14, Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center. All forums will be noon to 1 p.m. ITV broadcast on Sept. 7, 10, and 28: UMC, 30 UTOC (108 Sahlstrom on Sept. 10); UMD, 458 Humanities; Grand Rapids, Research and Outreach Center; and UMM, 7 Humanities Fine Arts Center.

All employees will need to complete medical plan applications for 2002. Open enrollment will be Oct. 16-Nov. 15. Pending collective bargaining with representatives of unionized employees, UPlan only affects nonunion U employees; choices are Choice Plus, Definity Health, HealthPartners Classic, and Preferred One. September *U & Your Benefits* newsletter will contain more information, as will *Open Enrollment Guide* arriving in campus mailboxes by Oct. 16. Questions, call Employee Benefits at 612-624-9090.

**To ensure accurate listing in new 2001-02 Student-Staff Directory**, U faculty, staff, and retired academic personnel should verify their personal information on the Web at [onestop.umn.edu](http://onestop.umn.edu) by Sept. 24. Review home address, phone number, and directory suppression options.

**"What Department Administrators Need to Know about Compliance,"** will be Sept. 6, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Offices of Oversight, Analysis, and Reporting and Sponsored Projects Administration will sponsor satellite broadcast conducted by National Council of U Research Administrators. Register at [www.ospa.umn.edu/satellite.htm](http://www.ospa.umn.edu/satellite.htm).

**Orientation for new international scholars and faculty** on all campuses is available through International Student and Scholar Services on as-needed basis. Departments and individuals are welcome to contact the office for materials. An orientation Web site is planned. See [www.isss.umn.edu](http://www.isss.umn.edu) or e-mail [isss@umn.edu](mailto:isss@umn.edu).

**New Standard Contracts Program** is completed. Office of General Counsel (OGC) has preapproved forms to use for routine contracts; see [www.ogc.umn.edu/contracts](http://www.ogc.umn.edu/contracts). Regents policy mandates OGC to review and approve contracts to which U is a party. Questions, e-mail [contracts@mail.ogc.umn.edu](mailto:contracts@mail.ogc.umn.edu).

**Inside Scoop, new online employee networking system**, seeks volunteers willing to talk about the work they do. System is also available for use by employees who want information on different jobs. See [www.thescoop.umn.edu](http://www.thescoop.umn.edu), call Barb Krantz Taylor at 612-626-0561, or e-mail [bktaylor@umn.edu](mailto:bktaylor@umn.edu).

**CROOKSTON**--At 5th Annual Crookston Day of Service Aug. 25, new and returning UMC students assisted with community service projects at more than 30 local sites.

Golden Eagles football team will face U of North Dakota in Potato Bowl Sept. 8, 7 p.m. Nonconference game will be first game played at new Alerus Center in Grand Forks.

Minnesota Senate Capital Investment Committee will visit UMC Sept. 11 as part of northwest Minnesota tour. During their stop, group will review 2 items in 2002 capital request: new UMC student services center and new Northwest Research and Outreach Center research lab and office building.

**DULUTH**--Tweed Museum of Art photography exhibit by national award-winning photojournalist Karl Jaros will be Sept. 11-Oct. 14. Opening reception will be Sept. 14 with program at 4:30 p.m. to announce establishment of Karl and Katharina Jaros Photography Fund, providing scholarships to UMD photography students. Open to public.

Arthur Aufderheide, professor, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, received the 2001 Harold S. Diehl Award from U of M Medical Alumni Association for outstanding contributions to Medical School, the U, and community. Aufderheide is an international authority on mummies and considered a founder in paleopathology.

**MORRIS**--Minnesota Board of Teaching (BOT) and National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) will make a joint visit to campus Oct. 6-10 to review UMM processes and outcomes for BOT program approval and for continuation of NCATE accreditation.

Senior Eric Coleman, Cougar football defensive end, Apopka High School, FL, was selected to the 3rd team Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholars 2001. Black Issues in Higher Education established Sports Scholars Award in 1992 to honor undergraduate students of color who exemplify standards set by Ashe. Coleman has been involved with Student Athlete Advisory Committee and Tutoring, Reading, Enabling Children program.

City of Morris and Morris Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture will host annual Morris Community Picnic Sept. 6, 5:30-7:30 p.m., East Side Park. Event welcomes returning students, staff, and faculty.

**TWIN CITIES**--Northrop Auditorium roof replacement project will run through Nov. 15. Contractor will use north side of Northrop as a material staging area except when loading dock is needed for scheduled events. Sidewalk will be closed during construction; there will be delays in accessing Northrop Garage from west entrance.

Construction to replace steam lines between Morrill Hall and Physics Lab will occur through Sept. 21. Area between buildings will be fenced off to allow for staging and fabrication of construction materials; entrances will be open. Traffic flow from Mechanical Engineering building to Northrop mall will be restricted.

Office of Admissions will host 3 Saturday open houses for prospective students and their parents Oct. 6 and 13 and Nov. 3, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Welcome session at Ted Mann Concert Hall will include U music ensemble and TC campus life slide presentation. Campus bus tour and information sessions will follow. Call 612-625-0000 or 1-800-752-1000.

**Lecture:** Regent Hogan will present "Diversity at Every Level in Higher Education," Sept. 11, 2:30 p.m., Shepard Room, Weisman Art Museum. Informal reception will follow. For information, e-mail [hende001@umn.edu](mailto:hende001@umn.edu) or call 612-625-0129.

**Events:** Reading by Adrienne Rich, author of *Diving into the Wreck*, Sept. 12, 7:30 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall.

• "A Wife's Letter," live music and dance performance and audience story circle, will be Sept. 13-16. All shows at 7:30 p.m. except Sunday, 2:30 p.m., Barbara Barker Center for Dance. Tickets are \$10; \$7 for students and economically disadvantaged women. Call 612-626-2280.

**Announcements:** Carl Osborne received the 2001 Hill's Career Achievement Award for Significant Advancements in Veterinary Nephrology and Urology.

• Janet Hively, U Vital Aging Initiative coordinator, received the Age Odyssey Award for outstanding leadership in recruiting and retaining older workers in health care.

• Barbara Blacklock, disability services specialist, received the 2001 Association of Higher Education and Disability Professional Recognition Award for contributions benefiting campus programs for students with disabilities.

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[ooxx003@umn.edu](mailto:ooxx003@umn.edu)**Past issues****To receive *Brief* via e-mail**, subscribe at [www.umn.edu/urelate/brief/email](http://www.umn.edu/urelate/brief/email). You can also see current and past issues of *Brief* at [www.umn.edu/tc/brief](http://www.umn.edu/tc/brief).**In light of national tragedy, Board of Regents meeting** formerly set for UMC will be held on TC campus McNamara Alumni Center Sept. 13-14. For revised agenda and times, see [www.umn.edu/regents](http://www.umn.edu/regents).**U made *U.S. News & World Report* annual rankings** of "America's Best Colleges." TC campus tied for 19th in the Top Public National Universities-Doctoral category. UMC tied for 3rd in Top Public Midwestern Comprehensive Colleges-Bachelor's. UMD tied for 8th in Top Public Universities-Master's. UMM tied for 5th in Public Liberal Arts Colleges-Bachelor's.UMTC Carlson School of Management ranked 14th overall for undergraduate business studies (9th among all business schools at public universities). *U.S. News'* rankings are based on data gathered from colleges and universities on up to 16 academic excellence measures. See [www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/college/rankings/rankindex.htm](http://www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/college/rankings/rankindex.htm).**U athletics directors** Tom Moe and Chris Voelz signed one-year renewable contracts. Voelz has been department head for the past 14 years. Moe was officially named to his position Nov. 3, 2000, after serving as interim director since December 1999. One-year contracts are in keeping with U administration's position that all high-level posts be treated equally.**First U Senate meetings for 2001-02** academic year will be Sept. 20 on TC campus in 25 Mondale Hall: Student Senate meeting, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; concurrent meetings of U Senate, Faculty Senate, and TC Campus Assembly, 2:30-5 p.m. Broadcast locations will be at UMC, 305 Selvig Hall; UMD, Kirby Student Center Garden Room; UMM, Behmler Hall Conference Center. For agenda, see [www.umn.edu/usenate](http://www.umn.edu/usenate).**Faculty Consultative Committee** (FCC) met with President Yudof and VP Maziar in closed session Sept. 6. Discussion topics included civic engagement, research funding, industry sponsorship, and graduate school enrollment. FCC also reviewed amendments to UMTC athletic philosophy statement (for regents approval in near future).

At retreat Aug. 30-31, FCC discussed issues related to U governance, its relationship with the Board of Regents and the administration, and its role in developing responses to accountability riders adopted by the legislature. Regent Reed commended faculty for continued hard work, which has led to U's recent top 3 public research universities national ranking, and reported on issues board will tackle for academic year.

**U presented Outstanding Achievement Award** to Leland Sundet, retired owner of 20th Century Manufacturing. Sundet was recognized as an industry leader and active community volunteer.**"Innovation, Inclusiveness, and Informed Consent:** Current Challenges for Institutional Review Board Members and Researchers," will be Sept. 20-21, Humphrey Center. Representatives from major compliance agencies will answer questions and participate in discussion. For registration, agenda, and additional information, see [www.research.umn.edu/subjects/conference/index.html](http://www.research.umn.edu/subjects/conference/index.html).**Annual reporting of external sales activity** is due Oct. 31. Send completed forms to U External Sales director, 334b Morrill Hall, UMTC. For external sales action form and policy, see [www.fpd.finop.umn.edu/groups/ppd/documents/procedure/Reporting\\_Activity.cfm](http://www.fpd.finop.umn.edu/groups/ppd/documents/procedure/Reporting_Activity.cfm).**CROOKSTON**--Inductees into 2001 UMC Athletic Hall of Fame are Kelley Pierce, Milaca, women's volleyball and basketball (1986-88); Rodney Mosher, Beltrami, head wrestling coach (1967-80); Gary Wagner, Climax, football team (1973); Pablo Ronderos, Washburn, ND, basketball (1971-73); Stanley Sahlstrom, St. Cloud, UMC founding provost; and the 1985-86 men's basketball team. Induction ceremony will be Sept. 28.**DULUTH**--Total enrollment is highest ever with projected numbers between 9,500 and 9,600, up from fall 2000 total of 9,087. Freshman enrollment of 2,165 is also a record.

Department of Social Work received \$2 million contract from Minnesota Department of Human Services to provide child welfare training to workers who serve at-risk children and their families through county and tribal agencies in northern Minnesota. Goal of project is to prepare child welfare practitioners who can work effectively with American Indian families and other families of color. Project director is Dennis Falk.

**MORRIS**--John "Jack" Imholte, former UMM chancellor (1970-90), was injured in a mountain biking accident Aug. 30 in Vermont. While his condition is improving, he continues rehabilitation in Vermont until he can travel safely back to Minnesota. Imholte served as interim vice president for student affairs on TC campus in 1994-95.

Cougar Club hosted pregame Restore the Roar! reception before first home football game Sept. 8. Attendees were given information about the new club and how they can support Cougar athletics.

Performing Arts Series opens with African American Dance Ensemble Sept. 15, 7:30 p.m., Edson Auditorium. Event is sponsored by Campus Activities Council Performing Arts Committee. For ticket information, call 320-589-6080.

Zev Kedem, Schindlerjuden (Schindler Jew), whose name was placed on Oskar Schindler's famous list, will be the first guest of 2001-02 Convocations Series, "Challenging Conventional Thought," Sept. 17, 7:30 p.m., Edson Auditorium. Event is presented by Campus Activities Council Convocations Committee.

**ROCHESTER**--Cheryl Klingsporn Morgan is first recipient of the Kereakos Family/UMR Scholarship. Newly created scholarship is for students who have graduated from Rochester Community and Technical College and are pursuing an undergraduate degree at UMR. Morgan is expected to graduate from human resources development program through College of Education and Human Development in December 2002.

UMR United Way campaign has exceeded its giving goal; donations are currently 110% of projected goal.

**TWIN CITIES**--Classes were canceled at noon Sept. 11 in light of the national tragedy. Classes will resume Sept. 12. U has received no threats nor does it have any specific public safety concerns.

Washington Ave. pedestrian bridges, closed during the summer, will be dismantled due to safety hazards. Pedestrians are encouraged to cross Washington Ave. using the walkway near Weisman Art Museum or cross with the lights at Church St. and Washington Ave. intersection. Bridges were built in 1941 to link Northrop mall and Coffman Memorial Union; plans for new links are being examined.

Volunteers are needed for 5th annual Beautiful U Day Sept. 25. Activities will include painting, flower-bulb planting, litter pick-up, and other projects throughout campus. First 600 volunteers to sign up will receive a Beautiful U Day 2001 T-shirt; only volunteers will receive free lunch this year. E-mail Julie Cavender at [cavendej@facm.umn.edu](mailto:cavendej@facm.umn.edu).

Police department launched Operation Nightcap Jr. Sept. 6-16. Program, made possible by grant from Minnesota Department of Public Safety, puts extra uniformed and plainclothes officers from U and Minnesota State Patrol on streets during peak party hours to combat underage consumption of alcohol and related problems.

Four candidates for associate VP for Facilities Management will speak at public forums Sept. 18, 19, 26, and 27, noon-1 p.m., 317-318 Donhowe (Sept. 19 location will be 210-215 Donhowe). Bring lunch; beverages and light refreshments will be provided. Steve Spehn is acting interim associate VP.

Cutover phase of Telephone System Upgrade Project will begin Oct. 19 with campus in St. Paul (original start date was Sept. 14). Activity is scheduled for weekends, and dial tone will be lost for short periods. Voice mail will remain active and accept calls during that time. For more information, see [www.umn.edu/oit/telephoneupgrade](http://www.umn.edu/oit/telephoneupgrade).*Platonic Figure*, stainless steel sculpture by local artist Andrew Leicester, (dubbed the Tin Man by U community) was installed Sept. 5 on diagonal path from Washington Ave. to Mechanical Engineering building. Sculpture, inspired by Leonardo da Vinci's famous drawing *Vitruvian Man* is 31 feet high.**Lectures:** Guy Stanton Ford Memorial Lecture by author Margaret Atwood will be Sept. 18, 10:15 a.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. Free and open to public.

- "Comfort Women" by Yun Chung-Ok, retired professor from Ewha Woman's University in Seoul, South Korea, will be Sept. 20, 12:30 p.m., 3-230 Electrical Engineering and Computer Science building. Talk will focus on justice movement and responses of the international community, UN, and International Labor Organization. Free and open to public; event sponsored by Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies.

**Event:** "Twisted Minnesotans," performance series featuring the odd, satirical, and witty antics of Minnesota comics in conjunction with Minnesota Art with a Twist exhibition at Weisman Museum, will be Sept. 15 and 29, 8:30 p.m. (reception 7:30 p.m.); tickets are \$15 and \$10 (Weisman members, students, and seniors). Call 612-625-9494.Go to the [U of M home page](#)



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**U response to Sept. 11 national tragedy** included interfaith services, candlelight vigils, moderated discussions, and suspension of athletic events on all campuses. Grief and counseling services are also available.

**President Yudof called for tolerance on campus** because of concern expressed by international students. "They are entitled to our respect, and it is presumptuous for any of us to blame anyone on the basis of race or national origin.... It's a scary time for our international students. I want them to know we support them and are here to help."

Joint statement was issued by 5 U Muslim student organizations--Muslim Student Association, Arab Student Association, Somali Student Association, Pakistani Student Association, and Malaysian Student Association--Sept. 14. "These were heinous actions," said Taqee Khaled, Muslim Student Association president. "We call upon fellow Americans not to associate guilt with those who are not responsible, such as students on campuses who may be far from their families." He added that Islam does not condone attacks against innocent civilians and called for severe punishment of the perpetrators.

**Proposed 2002 U capital budget request is \$239.8 million**--state portion would be \$186.5 million and U would cover balance through debt financing and fund-raising. Goals of request, which includes funds for improvement, renovation, and construction on all U campuses, are to preserve historic buildings, invest for future, and enhance undergraduate experience. "This proposal supports the academic priorities of the board while maintaining historic buildings that give our campuses character and charm," said Regent Reed. Regents will act on request at October meeting.

Investments include \$37 million to build new translational research facility on TC campus, \$33 million to build new lab science building at UMD, \$18.7 million to complete plant growth facilities on TC campus (which received partial funding in 2000 legislative session), and \$18.4 million to renovate Mineral Resources Research Center on the TC campus to house center for issues related to children, schools, and educational improvement.

Student representative to Board of Regents Venora Hung commended efforts to revitalize campus because students need "a modern and comfortable learning environment," and she reminded regents to be prepared in case U does not get its request. Burden must not fall on students and tuition should be kept affordable, she said. In 2000, U capital request was \$193.8 million; state financed \$79.3 million, U funded \$77.4 million through debt and fund-raising.

**U has invested \$20 million** in improving undergraduate education since 1996 and cut \$25 million in central administration in last 3 years, said VP Bruininks in academic priorities progress report to Board of Regents Educational Planning and Policy Committee. "Our overall goal for years, particularly in the past 4 years, is to increase quality, productivity, and the impact of the U," he said, and we have done so by "accessing new resources and seriously reallocating internal resources."

Since 1998, new interdisciplinary programs--digital technology, molecular and cellular biology, agricultural research and rapid response, new media, design, and neurodevelopment and behavior--have garnered \$10 million in long-term recurring funds and spawned the reorganization of departments across the U, said Bruininks. "Expanding interdisciplinary initiatives is vital to move the U forward, to put the U in a position to compete for resources..., and to provide our students with areas or programs that are important."

**Also at regents meeting:** Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Russell Anderson administered oath of office to new regents, and Mary Nichols was appointed College of Continuing Education dean. Preliminary student enrollment data, according to Yudof, suggest that U is attracting more and better qualified students; applications increased 58%, freshmen numbers have risen 21% since 1995, and undergraduates now average 13.7 credits in the fall (13.3 fall 2000).

**In State of the Academic Health Center (AHC) address** Sept. 12, senior VP Cerra said he is optimistic about AHC's future. "This Medical School is now better positioned than nearly any in the nation to be successful," he said. Recent funding from legislature (\$19.9 million from new tobacco endowment) "says that the work we do here is valuable to the state and the community."

Cerra also updated the U community on the AHC strategic plan, which is in its 2nd year of implementation. He acknowledged the work and efforts of AHC staff in the past year and spoke about public expectations that the U maintain its leadership in research and improve public health. For full State of the AHC address, see [www.ahc.umn.edu/cerra](http://www.ahc.umn.edu/cerra).

**U will launch a new brand of perennials**, My Favorite, Sept. 20, 1-3 p.m., Northrop mall in front of Northrop Auditorium on TC campus (rain site is Northrop foyer). Event will include presentations on plant development and philosophy, future variety introductions, unveiling of commemorative sign, and planting ceremony.

**Graduate School received 11,901 applications** for summer and fall 2001 combined as of July 6, which is an 11% increase from last year. Of all applications received Jan.-Aug. 2001, 32% were online. During fiscal year 2001, 59% of all applications received were international. School served 5,427 walk-ins, including students submitting applications, between January and August (1,456 in August alone).

Percent increase by general academic area in applications for summer and fall 2001 are 4% for biological sciences; 20% for education and psychology; 12% for health sciences; 3% for language, literature, and the arts; 13% for physical sciences; and 11% for social sciences.

**U Physicians will be available** in all health plan options offered through new U medical benefits program (UPlan). Next informational forum will be Sept. 28, noon-1 p.m., 210-215 Donhowe. Broadcast locations will be UMC, 30 UTOC; UMD, 458 Humanities; Grand Rapids, Research and Outreach Center; and UMM, 7 Humanities Fine Arts Center. Information on plans, likely costs, and clinics is available at [www.umn.edu/healthbenefits](http://www.umn.edu/healthbenefits).

**Grant-in-Aid Program deadline** for 2002-03 is Sept. 24. Application packets are available at [www.research.umn.edu/research/fundsrc.html](http://www.research.umn.edu/research/fundsrc.html) or from Office of the VP for Research, 420 Johnston Hall, or call 612-625-2356.

**CROOKSTON**--Natural Resources Club members and student chapter of the Wildlife Society volunteered Sept. 14-16 to help U.S. Forest Service with portage repairs on the edge of Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. This is the 2nd annual volunteer trip to Superior National Forest.

Dean Carlson ('70) Kennedy, and Kari Torkelson (attended '89-'91), Grand Forks, ND, were named Outstanding Alumni for 2001 by UMC Alumni Association. Carlson farms 5,000 acres and is a regular columnist for *The Farmer* magazine. Torkelson is an optometrist. Both will be recognized at homecoming football game Sept. 29.

**DULUTH**--Two mobile blood units will be on campus on Oct. 4 and 18, 2-6 p.m. For appointment, call 218-723-1263. Grief support for students is available at Health Services, 218-726-8155; faculty and staff can consult a coun-selor 24 hours a day at 1-800-577-4727.

Tweed Museum of Art exhibit "Shared Passion: The Richard E. and Dorothy Rawlings Nelson Collection of American Indian Art" continues through Oct. 14. Collection includes beadwork, basketry, and weavings, and work by 6 contemporary American Indian artists.

**MORRIS**--Sophomore Isaiah Brokenleg attended the Youth Summit, nongovernmental, and government meetings at the UN World Conference Against Racism, Aug. 26-Sept. 7, in Durban, South Africa. Brokenleg was selected as a delegate of the American Friends Service Committee in Seattle where he worked from 1996-98.

**ROCHESTER**--UMR program directors for business and technology, education, health sciences, and social work will participate in graduate and professional school fairs at 5 colleges in northeastern Iowa Sept. 24-26.

**TWIN CITIES**--Beautiful U Day is Sept. 25. Events include cleanup of University Ave. between I35-W and Oak St., planting of 20,000 flower bulbs, dedication of new campus entrance monument near East River Road and Oak St., and 2K fitness walk across Washington Ave. Bridge.

Conference on preservation and revitalization of Dakota language will be Sept. 19-20, Earle Brown Center. Lectures and panels will be Sept. 19, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.; open mike program featuring elders, Unity Riders, and the Shakopee Drum Group will follow. Program Sept. 20 will run 9-11 a.m.

**Events:** Office for University Women networking luncheon will be Sept. 27, noon, Loring Bar and Cafe in Dinkytown. To attend, e-mail [women@umn.edu](mailto:women@umn.edu).

• Open house highlighting women's programs and organizations at the U will be Sept. 28, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., 525 Science Classroom Building. Women's programs interested in participating, call Eireann Lorsung at 612-626-8260 or e-mail [lors0012@umn.edu](mailto:lors0012@umn.edu).

• Congressman Barney Frank will speak at 2nd annual Allan Spear Lecture in Public Policy Sept. 28, 7 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center. Free and open to the public. Call 625-3499 or e-mail [gstudies@umn.edu](mailto:gstudies@umn.edu).

**Announcement:** David Berg, former director of the Office of Planning and Analysis, died Sept. 11. He retired from the U March 1996 after more than 30 years of service; memorial service was held in Minneapolis Sept. 14.

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**U Senate passed the following resolution** at its Sept. 20 meeting: "The Senate of the University of Minnesota extends its sympathy and condolences to the families and friends of the victims of the September 11 terrorist attacks. We condemn the perpetrators of these acts. Further, the Senate condemns any criminal acts or harassment committed against all ethnic, religious, or minority groups or individuals. It also encourages the members of this academic community to turn our considerable talents to exploring the meaning of this experience and to working toward a more tolerant world in which such a tragedy is less likely."

**U is flying flags and encouraging others to do so.** KQRS morning radio show misreported Sept. 18 that the U is not flying the U.S. flag and that the U is not allowing the flag to be flown in residence halls. "Both of these statements are untrue," said Amy Phenix, U News Service director. "[And] Tom Bernard did clarify on air [Sept. 19] that he wasn't talking about the U of M." U does not have any policies that prevent the flying of flags, but a safety-related policy prohibits hanging anything out of residence hall windows or covering hall doorways.

U's alcohol policies for students are "complete, appropriate, and comparable" to those at other universities, and UMD's new policy of parental notification is not inconsistent with state law or regents policy, said general counsel Mark Rotenberg to the Board of Regents Faculty, Staff, and Student Affairs Committee Sept. 13.

Part of UMD's strengthened alcohol policy (implemented after the alcohol-related death of a UMD student last spring) includes an intent to notify an underage student's parents of serious or repeated alcohol violations under 3 conditions: if student consents to notification, if student is parents' financial dependent for tax purposes, or if it is deemed a health-related emergency. Regents heard reasons for and against parental notification of alcohol violations, and they plan to reconsider the issue at future committee meetings.

Percentage of student alcohol users on TC campus is close to Big 10 average and very near national norm, reported Boynton Health Service director Edward Ehlinger to committee. And although percentage of students who engage in high-risk episodic--or binge--drinking on TC campus (35.5%) has increased, it is below Big 10 (43.2%) and national (46.8%) averages, he said. He also noted that students who frequently binge drink are significantly more likely to miss classes, have lower academic achievement, and drive under the influence.

**U is underbuilt in terms of student housing** compared to other top universities, said Mary Ann Ryan, director of housing, to Board of Regents Finance and Operations Committee Sept. 13. About 19% of U students live on campus, Ryan said, "reflecting the history of the University being more of a commuter college."

U housing capacity in 2001 is 6,800 beds: 5,427 in residence halls, 549 in apartments, and 824 in cooperatives (family and partnered housing); also, 454 students were assigned to expanded housing locations. Housing rate increases are dependent on several factors including utility increases, fire safety improvements, and debt financing. Factors affecting demand for student housing in Twin Cities are the economy, size of freshman class, retention in residence hall system, and shortage of quality housing.

**U President Mark Yudof and his wife, Judy,** will cohost a new radio program, "Beyond the U," on WCCO Radio (830 AM) at 1 p.m., first Tuesday of every month. First hour-long show will air live Oct. 2. Focus will be current events, U happenings, and topics of interest. Listeners are invited to call in at 612-989-9226.

**New My Favorite perennial is the most winter-hardy mum** ever cultivated, said Neil Anderson, U flower breeding program head, at Sept. 20 launch of Autumn Red, first in series of new mums developed by U and the My Favorite company. Four additional colors will be launched in spring for a total of 20 in product line. Autumn Red can be seen in the flower beds in front of Northrop Auditorium.

**U Digital Media Center (DMC)** will open new U-wide video production unit Nov. 5. DMC, with support from Academic and Distributed Computing Services, will offer instructional and noninstructional media production services, including planning, production, and postproduction. For more information, call Linda Jorn, DMC director, at 612-626-7320, or e-mail [ljorn@umn.edu](mailto:ljorn@umn.edu).

**New U certificate program guidelines** have been developed following yearlong project commissioned by U Senate Committee on Educational Planning. Guidelines are intended to help academic units define their interest in developing certificate programs and ensure that programs are subject to the same review and approval procedures that apply to other academic programs at the U. See [www.evpp.umn.edu/evpp/policy.htm](http://www.evpp.umn.edu/evpp/policy.htm).

**"Smaller, Safer, Saner Successful Schools,"** a report by U Center for School Change director Joe Nathan, shows how urban, suburban, and rural communities have modified existing buildings or constructed new elementary, middle, and high school public buildings to help increase student achievement and safety. Report offers 22 case studies from 12 states along with research about the value of small schools. It is one of the nation's first to draw lessons from both charter and district public schools. See [www.edfacilities.org](http://www.edfacilities.org).

**CROOKSTON**--UMC homecoming week is Sept. 24-29. For schedule, see [www.crk.umn.edu/homecoming](http://www.crk.umn.edu/homecoming).

Marilyn Grave, associate professor of early childhood education, developed a booklet with articles and Web site resources for parents on how to help young children cope with issues related to the terrorist attacks on the U.S. Booklets were distributed to local elementary schools and licensed child care facilities.

**DULUTH**--Homecoming week, 2001, A Bulldog Odyssey, is Oct. 1-6. Events include bonfire, coronation, and live music Oct. 5; and homecoming parade and dance Oct. 6. Men's and women's basketball, volleyball, soccer, football, and hockey games will be played throughout the week. For details, call Evan Williams or e-mail [ewillia2@d.umn.edu](mailto:ewillia2@d.umn.edu).

Department of Music presents Summit Hill Brass Quintet, "From Bach to Bozza," Sept. 30, 4 p.m., Bohannon Hall 90. Tickets are \$8 and \$4. For information and reservations, call 218-726-8208.

Kathy Morris was appointed Health Services director. She has been Health Services director of counseling for the past 7 years and serves as an active member of the UMD Academic Support and Student Life team.

**MORRIS**--Kevin Flicker, studio art, is recipient of a College of Continuing Education (CCE) Outstanding Teaching Award. Flicker will be honored at the CEE awards ceremony and reception Oct. 31 on the TC Campus.

Instructional Technology Fair 2001 will be Oct. 10, Oyate Hall and Student Center. Concurrent presentation sessions will be 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and faculty will exhibit innovative projects. National and local software, hardware, and support vendors will display latest in technology and communications. Event sponsored by Computing Services, Media Services, Briggs Library, and Division of Education's New Teachers, New Technologies grant.

UMM Concert Choir will perform with Minnesota Orchestra Oct. 24, 7:30 p.m., and Oct. 26, 8 p.m. Music director Eiji Oue will conduct Schoenberg's Gurre-Lieder. Office of External Relations will host a preconcert reception Oct. 26, 6-7:30 p.m., Willy Reilly Room, The Local, 931 Nicollet Mall (corner of Nicollet and 10th St.), Minneapolis. Students, alumni, faculty, staff, retirees, parents, and friends are invited to attend.

**ROCHESTER**--Enrollment for new certificate program, Program in Interpretation, exceeded class size, and interest is strong for future sessions. Program offers business and industry a way to deal with growing diversity in southeast Minnesota workforce. Albert Lea employer is sponsoring 8 employees for the program.

Through distance learning opportunities, students in a graduate-level Human Resource Development/Adult Education class will discuss theories with professors from Texas A&M and U of Nebraska Oct. 5 and 6.

**TWIN CITIES**--"We Stand Together" button sale will begin next Monday. Button is U effort to demonstrate solidarity and to aid Sept. 11 relief effort. Bookstores, MSA and GAPSA (student governance associations), and student unions will sell buttons for \$1; proceeds go to Red Cross Relief Fund.

School of Public Health received a \$250,000 grant from federal Health Resources and Services Administration to establish Midwest Center for Lifelong Learning in Public Health, a collaboration between state departments of health in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and North Dakota. Center will provide continuing professional education to improve public health workforce throughout Upper Midwest.

**Events:** Screening of "Getting to the Heart of it: Bridging Culture and Health Care," will be Sept. 28, 2-3:30 p.m., 2-101, BSBE. Video is designed to enhance the cultural competence of health care providers who work with American Indian families. Panel of native health care professionals will be on hand.

National Institutes of Health ombudsman Howard Gadlin will speak Oct. 3 at Radisson Metrodome on applying conflict resolution tools to controversial academic disputes. "Managing Conflict for a Healthy Academic Environment" will be at 12:30 p.m. and "Preventative Medicine for Researchers" at 4:30 p.m. Talks are free and open to all. Contact [nschema@umn.edu](mailto:nschema@umn.edu) or [mhk@umn.edu](mailto:mhk@umn.edu).

**Announcements:** Eric Schiffman, associate professor of diagnostic and surgical sciences, received \$5.2 million grant from National Institutes of Health and National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research to assess reliability and validity of diagnostic criteria for temporomandibular disorders.

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**U launched biweekly electronic newsletter, *E-News*.** Collaboration between U Relations, U of M Foundation, and U of M Alumni Association, *E-news* draws content from U News Service press releases, *Brief*, *Kiosk*, and college publications. Primary audience is alumni and donors; U community can subscribe at [www.umn.edu/systemwide/enews](http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/enews).

**U and American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)** came to a tentative agreement on a 2-year contract. Agreement includes annual 3% wage increases, minimum wage of \$12 an hour for employees, participation in U's new health care benefits plan, and one-time \$300 lump sum payment to assist employees during transition to new health plan. U employees are not involved in current strike by state AFSCME and Minnesota Association of Professional Employees.

Tentative agreement covers about 3,650 employees in clerical, technical, and health care bargaining units. Of these, 75% are eligible for annual step increases, averaging 2%. These bargaining unit members will vote on the agreement over the next few weeks. If ratified, Board of Regents would approve final package. "Our AFSCME employees are critical to running the U, and we're very hopeful that this agreement will be acceptable to union members," said Carol Carrier, VP for human resources. U continues to bargain with teamsters who represent about 1,500 employees.

**Since U-Pass and Metropass introduction** in fall 2000, U has experienced an 83% increase in bus ridership. About 7,000 people took the bus to campus each day at the start of the program. Nearly 13,000 passes have been sold for 2001 fall semester, suggesting an increase of 5,000 daily bus riders. Goal was to achieve 40% increase in ridership by the end of 2-year grant period.

**U Law School** is offering a special one-credit course in constitutional law governing issues of national security in times of war and crisis in response to Sept. 11 attack and the resulting actions of U.S. Congress and the president in putting the nation on a war footing. National Security and the Constitution in Times of War and Crisis began Oct. 2 and will run Tuesday and Thursday lunch hours for 6 weeks.

**U Technology Enhanced Learning Subcommittee on Fair Use** seeks feedback on a draft statement of guiding principles. See [dmc.umn.edu/IP/fair-use.shtml](http://dmc.umn.edu/IP/fair-use.shtml). Feedback will help put in place copyright awareness resources to assist U faculty in applying new teaching technologies. E-mail comments by Oct. 12 to Dan Donnelly at [d-donn@umn.edu](mailto:d-donn@umn.edu).

**A Report of External Professional Activities** (AREPA, formerly Form 15) filing period has begun. Faculty and P&A staff must complete form regarding activities Sept. 1, 2000-Aug. 31, 2001, even if they have no activities to report. See [nirvana.ospa.umn.edu](http://nirvana.ospa.umn.edu); deadline is Oct. 15.

**U presented honorary doctor of science degree** to James Prestegard who advanced the science of nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy. He is known for fundamental work in the use of NMR to determine the structure and function of biomolecules, especially those that work in membranes.

**CROOKSTON**--Melissa Hower-Moritz, associate professor of equine science, was named president-elect for Association for Equine Sports Medicine. Members are veterinarians, sports physiology researchers, and other professionals with special interest in the understanding and application of scientific knowledge in equine sports medicine.

Family Weekend is Oct. 13-14. Part of new First-Year Experience Program, event is an opportunity for parents and family members to visit UMC, learn about programs, and meet faculty and staff. See [www.crk.umn.edu/FYE](http://www.crk.umn.edu/FYE).

**DULUTH**--Library has won Silver Citation in *American School & University* magazine's 2001 Education Interiors Showcase competition. Opened in fall 2000, library's interior design was cited for being "out of this world in style, expression of local culture, function, and space." Architects were Stanius Johnson Architects, Duluth, in collaboration with Minneapolis firm Stageberg Beyer Sachs, Inc.

UMD Darland Connection, academic program pairing UMD students with preschoolers through 12th grade, was awarded the 2001 Touchstone Silver Award by Duluth-Superior Area Community Foundation. During the 2000-01 academic year, 869 tutors provided more than 19,500 hours of academic support to 8,550 children at 56 area sites.

Employee Benefits, together with 6 medical plan representatives, will present 2 identical on-site sessions regarding UPlan Medical Plan Options pertaining to Duluth only. Sessions are Oct. 9, 11 a.m.-noon and 1:30-2:30 p.m.

**MORRIS**--"Rumblings" by Minnesota Dance Theatre will be Oct. 6 at Edson Auditorium. The collaboration of song and dance will feature composer and pianist Tom Linker, vocalists Ruth MacKenzie and Bradley Greenwald, and 4-piece band of musicians. For ticket information, call Student Activities at 320-589-6080.

Author Bill Holm will begin a 3-day residency at UMM Oct. 8, cosponsored by First-Year Seminar, Center for Small Towns, and English department. Convocation will be Oct. 8, 7:30 p.m., in Edson Auditorium; poetry reading will be Oct. 9, 7 p.m., Common Grounds Caffe; and piano recital will be Oct. 10, 8 p.m., Humanities Fine Arts.

**ROCHESTER**--U District Extension office has moved to Heintz Center on UCR campus.

On Oct. 3 UMR staff will celebrate with cake and ice cream the achievement of the Platinum Level Award for giving to United Way; more than \$4,000 was contributed with 86% participation.

**TWIN CITIES**--2000 crime statistics report shows TC campus to be "relatively crime-free," said U Police chief George Aylward. There is little change in incidents of crime on campus over the past 3 years with the exception of increases in 2 areas: liquor and narcotic law violations--from 736 liquor law incidents in 1999 to 1,310 in 2000. In 1999 27 narcotic law violations were referred for disciplinary action and 50 in 2000. Federal policy requires universities to annually compile and distribute statistics of on-campus criminal activity. For full report, see [www.umn.edu/umpolice/campsec1.htm](http://www.umn.edu/umpolice/campsec1.htm).

U Libraries was awarded a \$275,077 National Leadership Grant for Libraries under the preservation and digitization category to collaborate with Minneapolis Public Library over 2 years to digitize and make available on their Web sites World War I and World War II posters held by both institutions.

East Side Community Outreach Partnership Center (COPC) was awarded a \$149,000 New Directions grant by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to train staff and community leaders, support affordable housing, develop plans for Latino and American Indian cultural centers, establish a community health clinic and outreach campaign, and support after-school programs. COPC is a cooperative program of U's Center for Urban and Regional Affairs, Macalester College, and Metropolitan State U that supports collaborative community projects on St. Paul's East Side.

Four School of Journalism and Mass Communication student projects, created in Documentary Production classes taught by adjunct instructor Melody Gilbert, have earned Emmy nominations from Minnesota chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences. Winners will be announced Oct. 27 at Emmy gala.

Doors on west side of Morrill Hall (mall entrance) will be locked 24 hours a day effective Oct. 1. Doors have crash bars for emergency exit.

UPlan medical options Q&A sessions will be Oct. 5 and 12, noon-1 p.m., 210 Donhowe. U employees can speak to 4 medical plan representatives. For more information, call Employee Benefits at 612-624-9090.

"Terrorism and the Quaking of America," a weekly colloquium to understand the causes, effects, and policy consequences of the Sept. 11 attacks, will be Tuesdays, 12:45-2 p.m., 215 Humphrey Center. A different presenter will open each colloquium. For more information, call Tom Fiutak at 612-625-3046.

Mental Illness Awareness Week is Oct. 8-12. Local psychiatrists will discuss advances in treating mental illness and other topics Oct. 10, noon-1 p.m., 104 Folwell Hall, 430 Blegen Hall, and R280 Vocational and Technical Education Building. Call 612-626-0253.

**Events:** Andersen Horticultural Library book sale, Oct. 5-7, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Snyder Building auditorium, Minnesota Arboretum. Call 952-443-1405.

• Midwest Theoretical Chemistry Conference will be Oct. 5-6. Call 612-625-1818.

• "Reel Twisted Minnesota," short film and video series by Minnesota artists will be Oct. 5 and 12, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$4; free for Weisman members, seniors, and U students. Call 612-625-9494.

**Lectures:** U Libraries's E-Text Extravaganza will be Oct. 4-5; see [etrc.lib.umn.edu/fall01.htm](http://etrc.lib.umn.edu/fall01.htm).

• "The Elements of Journalism: What Newspeople Should Know and the Public Should Expect," by Bill Kovach, Committee of Concerned Journalists chair, will be Oct. 10, 7 p.m., Johnson Great Room, McNamara Alumni Center.

**Announcements:** Dennis Ahlburg, professor of human resources and industrial relations, was named 2001-02 Fesler-Lampert Chair in Urban and Regional Affairs.

• Ron Phillips, Regents Professor and McKnight Presidential Chair in Genomics, is senior editor of revised, 2nd edition *DNA-Based DNA Markers in Plants* published by Kluwer Academic Publishers in the Netherlands. First edition was 1994; revision process began in 1998.

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**U established memorial fund in honor of Tom Burnett, Jr.**, a passenger on hijacked United Flight 93. Burnett, 38, a 1986 Carlson School of Management graduate, is believed to have been among the passengers who kept the hijackers from crashing the plane into a national landmark and causing more fatalities.

The Thomas E. Burnett, Jr., Memorial Fund will be used to benefit U students and promote the type of character and leadership exemplified by Burnett. At Gopher-Purdue pregame ceremony Sept. 29, U honored Burnett; other Sept. 11 victims; and police, fire, and EMT departments involved in rescue and recovery efforts. To contribute to fund, call U of M Foundation at 612-624-3333 or 800-775-2187 or see [www.foundation.umn.edu](http://www.foundation.umn.edu).

**Web site, Restoring Hope in the Wake of Terrorism**, by U of M Extension Service, includes advice for parents and teachers, tools for building tolerance in families and communities, information to better understand Islam, and disaster relief information. See [www.extension.umn.edu/administrative/disasterresponse/terrorism.html](http://www.extension.umn.edu/administrative/disasterresponse/terrorism.html).

**Regents will meet Oct. 11-12**, 600 McNamara Alumni Center, U of M Gateway. Agenda topics include 2002 state capital request and update on 6-year capital plan. For full agenda, see [www.umn.edu/regents/agendas.html](http://www.umn.edu/regents/agendas.html).

**"Beyond the U"** with Mark and Judy Yudof debuted on WCCO radio Oct. 2. Inaugural show included an introduction to the hosts, discussion about current events, and call-in questions from listeners. Next broadcast will be Nov. 6, 1-2 p.m. E-mail [beyondu@umn.edu](mailto:beyondu@umn.edu) with questions, comments, or show ideas.

**U researcher awarded \$1.5 million grant** from National Cancer Institute to find out if drinking tea can prevent cancer. Zigang Dong, professor and executive director of U's Hormel Institute, will work to identify nontoxic anticancer agents. Award is part of a \$6 million Program Project Grant; Dong will collaborate with 5 scientists at Rutgers U. Evidence from epidemiological and experimental studies, including data from Dong's group, indicates that compounds in tea have a strong inhibitory effect on cancer development with few side effects.

**"A Directory of Nonprofit Organizations of Color in Minnesota"** is available from U's Center for Urban and Regional Affairs. Fourth edition directory lists more than 600 not-for-profit associations, organizations, and mutual assistance and fraternal groups led by people of color or that primarily serve one or more communities of color. Single copies are available for free; call 612-625-1551 or e-mail [cura@umn.edu](mailto:cura@umn.edu). Directory is also available on the Web at [www.cura.umn.edu/publications/npsc.html](http://www.cura.umn.edu/publications/npsc.html).

**U presented honorary degree** to Leigh H. Perkins, Sr., owner and chair of the Orvis Company, for leading American and international conservation efforts and helping prominent conservation organizations modernize their practices, create scientific research programs, and achieve their potential for service.

**New Human Resources self-service Web site** allows U employees to monitor information such as vacation and sick leave accrual, contributions to retirement plans, and personal summary of deductions taken and claims processed for dependent and health care reimbursement accounts. See [hrss.umn.edu](http://hrss.umn.edu). Questions, call 612-625-2016.

**Search is under way for Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs dean.** Responsibilities include enhancing institute's national and international standing; creating an environment that attracts talented faculty, fellows, and staff; and promoting excellence in teaching, research, and outreach. See [www.ohr.umn.edu/1617/job\\_search.cfm](http://www.ohr.umn.edu/1617/job_search.cfm) (EVPP 399).

**Deadline for filing A Report of External Professional Activities (AREPA)** is Oct. 15. Faculty and P&A staff must complete form even if they have no activities to report. See [nirvana.ospa.umn.edu](http://nirvana.ospa.umn.edu); select "OSPA Forms."

**CROOKSTON**--Bob Cacchione, founder and executive president of Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA), will attend an IHSA hunt seat-riding competition hosted by UMC Oct. 13-14. Cacchione will visit with UMC students, faculty, and staff and other IHSA members from the upper Midwest.

Faculty and staff will take part in in-service day Oct. 19. Topics will include using U of M Portfolio in academic advising, Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, and meetings related to implementing the Bush Grant for enhancing student learning through innovative teaching and technology strategies.

**DULUTH**--First graduating class (1951) celebrated its 50th reunion Oct. 6-7 during homecoming week. Prior to July 1947, UMD was known as the Duluth State Teachers College.

Sociology and anthropology associate professor Sharon Kemp will present a lecture, "Contemporary Muslim Women," to University for Seniors Program, Oct. 17, 1:15 p.m., Kirby Student Center Bullpub. Lecture will draw from Kemp's experiences with village life in India and her extensive research on women of the Islamic faith.

Spectrum Lecture Series will present a workshop, "Queer Feminist Voices," by Margie Adams and Kerry Lobel on Oct. 13, 1 p.m., Kirby Garden Room. For information, call 218-726-7300.

**MORRIS**--We Are All New Yorkers: An Honors Program teleconference on responses to the World Trade Center attack was held Oct. 9. Addresses included "Sacrificial Suicide in History: Dying for a Political Purpose," "The Peculiar Logic of Terrorism," and "What We Are Seeing: Images of Terrorism on TV."

Former U.S. representative David Minge will be a visiting lecturer in American Government and Politics, Media and Politics, and Legislative Process courses Oct. 24 and Nov. 19.

**ROCHESTER**--UMR is hosting the Signature Series during weeks of Oct. 8-19. Series will offer insight into master of science degree program in management of technology administered by Center for the Development of Technological Leadership. Participants will attend 10 full-day lectures over 2 weeks. Lectures will focus on subjects related to tools necessary for technology-related businesses to advance in the changing environment.

Rochester Area Alumni and Friends of the U, along with the U of M Alumni Association, will host U Homecoming Rally Oct. 16. Event will include a social hour, dinner, and a program by Ray Christensen, "Voice of the Golden Gophers." For more information, call Amy at 507-281-7791.

**TWIN CITIES**--Homecoming week is Oct. 15-22. Theme is "A Hollywood Homecoming." For complete list of activities and events, see [www.umn.edu/cic/homecoming](http://www.umn.edu/cic/homecoming).

Design for new Art Building on 21st Ave. at Riverside, West Bank, was unveiled Sept. 28. "It's a spectacular building, a testament to the creative spirit and to the power of partnerships between the University and the community," said Dean Rosenstone. Building, part of U's Arts Quarter, is scheduled to open fall 2003. To view design plans, call Tom Trow at 612-624-1359.

Medical School's Department of Surgery received \$1.5 million from Minnesota Colon and Rectal Foundation to endow fellowship fund to support clinical and research fellows enrolled in graduate school and colon and rectal surgery training program. Gift will be matched by Graduate School's 21st Century Graduate Fellowship Endowment.

Disability Services was awarded \$149,295 by the U.S. Department of Education to implement, evaluate, and disseminate the "Needs Assessment Project: Exploring Barriers and Opportunities for College Students with Disabilities." Ten U.S. colleges and universities will serve as focus- group sites; 18-month project is expected to increase national awareness of institutional barriers to effective service and accommodations for college students with psychiatric disabilities.

Elizabeth Saewyc, School of Nursing assistant professor, received \$878,644 grant from National Institute of Mental Health to explore health and risk behaviors among bisexual adolescents in the U.S. and Canada. Three-year grant, "Bisexual Youth in Risk and Resilience Studies," will compare bisexual students' responses about life circumstances, health behaviors, and risk and protective factors to responses from heterosexual, gay, and lesbian youth.

College of Veterinary Medicine graduates, faculty, and swine industry representatives celebrated the 25th anniversary of the world's first Ph.D.-level graduate program in swine medicine Sept. 17. Since 1976, college has granted 58 doctoral and 22 master's degrees in swine medicine and production. Program was founded by U professor Allen Leman, who died in 1992.

College of Liberal Arts, in partnership with Hún Qiáo Initiative of the Chamber Music Society of Minnesota, will present "International Symposium and Teachers' Institute on the Asian Tragedies of World War II" in Minneapolis. Symposium will be Oct. 19, 12:30-9 p.m., Humphrey Center; teachers' institute will be Oct. 20, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Moos Tower; free and open to the public. To register or for program information, call Kathryn at 612-624-0256.

"Where do U fit in? Creating your job future at the U of M" will be Oct. 18, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., 210 Donhowe. To register and for complete Employee Career Enrichment Program fall workshop schedule, see [www.umn.edu/ohr/ecep](http://www.umn.edu/ohr/ecep).

**Lectures:** "What Is the Value of Research? Protecting Human Subjects at the Frontiers of Biomedical Science," will be Oct. 12, 3:30 p.m., 133 Physics.

• Biomedical engineering seminar by Sir Andrew Huxley, 1963 recipient of Noble Prize in Physiology and Medicine, will be Oct. 15, 3:35-4:30 p.m., 2-605 Moos Tower.

• Austrian ambassador to the U.S. will speak on "The EU, Austria, and the Impact of the EU on the United States" Oct. 16, 3:30 p.m., 215 Humphrey Center.

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**VP Cerra cautions U community to be alert** in times of generalized threats to public health and safety. "Currently, we have no indications there are any specific threats to our U community. Being vigilant for us means to carefully watch mail or packages for unusual or suspicious signs," he said. And these include mail with protruding wires, odors, stains, no return address, or of unusual weight or oddly shaped.

If anyone does receive a suspicious package and is concerned about its contents, call 911 and report the incident to the U police. U is collaborating with state public health system to support requests for information and resources.

**President Yudof's State of the University Address** will be Oct. 18, 3 p.m., 25 Mondale Hall. Address will follow 2:30 p.m. joint meeting of U Senate, Faculty Senate, and TC Campus Assembly. Broadcast locations are: UMC, 305 Selvig Hall; UMD, Regents Room, Darland Administration Building; and UMM, Science Auditorium. For full joint meeting agenda, see [www.umn.edu/usenate/u\\_senate/011018agenda.html](http://www.umn.edu/usenate/u_senate/011018agenda.html).

**Regents approved 2002 capital request totaling \$239.8 million** for the next biennium. Request includes funds for 12 improvement, renovation, and construction projects on all U campuses. Yudof said request, "preserves and renews heritage buildings; promotes excellence in the life sciences, technology, and education; and enhances the undergraduate experience by creating a welcoming community in which to live and learn."

Largest portion of request, \$80 million, is for Higher Education Asset Preservation and Replacement (HEAPR) funds to support about 85 safety, building code, and renewal projects. Recently, state Department of Finance scored U's HEAPR request above all other proposed 2002 capital requests. For more on U's request, see [www.umn.edu/govrel](http://www.umn.edu/govrel).

**U has \$1.02 billion in completed projects** or projects in design or construction--51% new construction, 49% rene-wal. From 1998-2002, U replaced 2,232 windows and is constructing new residence space with 1,623 new beds. Project selection factors include alignment with U's strategic priorities and health and safety concerns. Funding sources are debt (37%), fund-raising and other sources (36%), and state (27%).

**2001 Student Experiences Survey** (SES) "shows that our students are very good at putting up with change," said Peter Zetterberg, Institutional Research and Reporting director, to Regents Faculty, Staff, and Student Affairs Committee. He reported that overall student satisfaction with the U remains close to very good despite the calendar change (from quarters to semesters), the implementation of a new student information system (PeopleSoft), and construction activities.

Students were asked to rate the quality of academic programs, instruction, and classrooms; availability of places to study on campus; administration's responsiveness to student concerns; and other factors. "More than 80% of students on all levels on all campuses took a course that required accessing information through the Internet," Zetterberg said. "And nearly 90% e-mailed an instructor with questions about a class." This indicates a tremendous payoff in the investment the U has made in information technology in the last decade, he said.

SES has been administered every 2 years since 1997 to a random sample of students on UMC, UMD, UMM, and TC campuses; 2001 survey results, which were conducted electronically spring 2001, were "quite similar" to results from 1999. SES is "a way of monitoring whether we are making progress with our initiatives," Zetterberg said. One of the U's goals over the last 10 years has been to improve the undergraduate experience on all campuses.

**Students are generally happy with the U**, reported student representative to board Venora Hung, but they hope that the SES would be supplemented with focus groups. Survey tells us what students are satisfied with, but it doesn't tell us how the U could do things better, she said. Hung also expressed concerns that survey largely sought feedback from undergraduate students about their experiences. U needs to also tap insights from graduate, professional, and transfer students for a more comprehensive picture, she said.

**U's 2000-01 enrollment grew by 2.1% or 1,248 students**; systemwide U has 60,433 students as of fall 2001. Applications for undergraduate admission, average ACT scores for new freshmen, and percent of new female freshmen have all risen since 1990. Since 1991, total enrollment for students of color has risen more than 11%.

**Open Enrollment for medical plan options**, dental insurance, long-term disability, and health care and dependent care reimbursement accounts will continue through Nov. 15. If you haven't received an Open Enrollment packet by Oct. 23, call 612-624-9090 or 800-756-2363. See [www.umn.edu/ohr/eb](http://www.umn.edu/ohr/eb) for [provider directories](#).

**U employees who do not enroll in Long-term Care Coverage** are invited to participate in research study conducted by Family Social Science faculty. Study focuses on couple decision-making regarding long-term care and financial security. For more information, call 612-625-6297 or see [fsos.che.umn.edu/stum/research/ltc-dm/default.html](http://fsos.che.umn.edu/stum/research/ltc-dm/default.html).

**Civil Service Committee** will meet Oct. 18, 9 a.m.-noon, 300 Morrill Hall, TC campus.

**CROOKSTON**--Fall semester convocation is Oct. 17, 10 a.m., Bede ballroom. Guest speaker is Jeannine Windels, Crookston Chamber of Commerce CEO. Student academic achievement for spring semester will be recognized and captains of fall athletic teams will address the student body.

National Association for Campus Activities (NACA), Upper Midwest Region, recognized 2 programs offered last year by Student Activities. UMC received The Adventure Continues Award for its Wednesday night program series and the Priceless Program Award for its version of "Hollywood Squares" which featured faculty and staff as the stars. Awards were presented at NACA's regional conference in Sioux Falls, SD.

UMC will observe National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week Oct. 22-26 with a series of events designed to educate and heighten student awareness of alcohol-related issues.

**DULUTH**--School of Business and Economics (SBE) Professor for a Day will be Oct. 22. All-day event will include 19 SBE alumni returning to speak to UMD classes and participate in panel discussions. Topics will include View from the Executive Suite, A Successful Job Search, Responding to Change, and Career Paths and Career Development. For more information, call 218-726-6793.

Planetarium shows are screened every Wednesday at 7 p.m., 130 Marshall W. Alworth Planetarium. Upcoming shows are *Life of the Stars* on Oct. 24 and *Halloween Surprise* on Oct. 31. For more information, call 218-726-7129 or e-mail [planet@d.umn.edu](mailto:planet@d.umn.edu). Shows are open to the public.

Instructional Development Service Tech Talk III (5 sessions) and Teaching Tips (4 sessions) will be held this fall. See [www.d.umn.edu/cehsp/ids.html](http://www.d.umn.edu/cehsp/ids.html).

**MORRIS**--"Prairie Yard and Garden" opened its 15th season Oct. 11. The popular horticulture TV series on Pioneer Public Television, produced by Media Services, is broadcast live Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. and rebroadcast at 4:30 p.m. Saturdays and 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays. On Oct. 18 Larry Zilliox, Douglas County extension educator, will join series host Sue Gooch in answering viewer's questions.

Nearly 200 high school students will visit UMM during Education Minnesota break Oct. 18-19. Admissions staff, as well as other faculty and staff, will meet with prospective students and their families during the 2-day session.

*Medea* by Euripides, directed by visiting assistant theatre professor Siobhan Bremer, is the theater department's first production of the season. Performances will be Oct. 25-27, 7:30 p.m., HFA Proscenium Theatre; Saturday matinee will be 2 p.m. For ticket information, call 320-589-6249.

**ROCHESTER**--UMR promoted graduate studies in education and social work to St. Olaf College students in Northfield Oct. 11. Undergraduate programs will be presented to community college students over the next 6 weeks during U's Transfer Information Days at southern Minnesota and Metro community colleges.

**TWIN CITIES**--St. Paul campus telephone system cutover will be Oct. 19. Buildings south of Buford Ave. will switch to new telephone system that weekend. For more information, see [www.umn.edu/oit/telephoneupgrade](http://www.umn.edu/oit/telephoneupgrade).

**Events:** "Education as Global Business and the Ideal of the Land-Grant College" by Mary Burgan, American Association of University Professors general secretary, will be Oct. 17, 3:30 p.m., 25 Mondale Hall.

- Homecoming pregame pancakes and parade will be Oct. 20, 8-10 a.m., Memorial Hall, McNamara Alumni Center. Tickets (\$5) include reserved parade viewing seats and shuttle service to football game. RSVP at [www.umaa.umn.edu](http://www.umaa.umn.edu).

- "Terror! Media Coverage of Sept. 11 and the Aftermath" will be Oct. 22, 7 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center. Topics include news coverage judgements and what the public expects from news organizations during crises. Call 612-625-8095.

- Employee Health and Benefits Fair will be Oct. 23, St. Paul Student Center and Oct. 24, McNamara Alumni Center. Hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Call 624-9090.

- St. Paul Gym offers HealthFair Oct. 24, 4-7 p.m. Free massages, equipment orientations, body composition, and blood pressure testing.

**Announcement:** Steve Spehn is new associate VP for Facilities Management.

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[ooxxx003@umn.edu](mailto:ooxxx003@umn.edu)**Past issues**

**"U is enjoying a great deal of momentum,"** said President Yudof in the State of the University address Oct. 18. "We are fiscally solvent," he said. "We have raised tuition, we have scaled back on some aspirations without abandoning them, and we have pruned our budgets in ways that do not compromise quality or service." Yudof described systemwide momentum in many areas, including enrollment, applications, faculty productivity, and research and private giving. For full address, see [www.unews.umn.edu](http://www.unews.umn.edu).

**"We need to have higher expectations for our students,"** said Yudof in relation to the U's graduation rates. He described rising 4- and 5-year graduation rates on the Twin Cities, Duluth, and Morris campuses as "still totally unsatisfactory" but "generally upward." (UMC is not included because of recent conversion to 4-year status). "If you don't graduate in 6 years, the data shows that it is unlikely that you will graduate," he said, adding that the provost's office is working on ideas with faculty and deans to reduce the number of students taking part-time credit loads.

**Public perception of the U is outdated,** said Yudof during his address. He noted that in many areas the momentum at the U has outpaced the public's perception. "We must capitalize on the momentum today to create a better U tomorrow," he said. Yudof challenged the U community at the end of his address to help spread news of U accomplishments. "We need to take these facts and weave them with our many examples of success to create new stories--ones that will replace the urban legends that still exist."

**U will continue to cooperate with federal government** in maintaining data on international students, said Yudof in response to a question about the impact of Sept. 11 national tragedy on U international students. U will oppose a broadscale moratorium to restrict or "close the doors" to students from abroad. "[A moratorium] would be hurtful to diversity at our U," he said.

Yudof assured the faculty member who posed the question during the State of the U question-and-answer session that the U values the contributions of international students, especially to graduate programs and research at the U. TC campus has 3,200 international students from 130 countries; about 75% are enrolled in graduate programs.

**Family health coverage for U gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) employees** is available for the first time under U health plan. Changes include options for same-sex domestic partners and newly retired GLBT employees and a new definition of dependent children. For detailed and up-to-date information, call Employee Benefits at 612-624-9090 or see [www.umn.edu/glbtdomestic.htm](http://www.umn.edu/glbtdomestic.htm).

**U received \$1.5 million start-up funding** from alumni Linda and Ted Johnson for research devoted to developing a new generation of design tools for architects, engineers, and other practitioners, including a new digital design consortium. Ted Johnson is Microsoft's Business Tools Division VP.

**Study comparing Academic Health Center (AHC) financing system** with that of U's Twin Cities campus was conducted by AHC's faculty Finance and Planning Committee to provide perspective on 2001-03 biennial budget, Institutional Revenue Sharing and Enterprise Taxes, and tuition increases. For full report, see [www.umn.edu/usenate/ahcfp/ahcfpcover.html](http://www.umn.edu/usenate/ahcfp/ahcfpcover.html).

**New Thomas W. Swain Fellowship in Public Leadership** will provide full tuition to a graduate student in the Humphrey Institute Executive Master of Public Affairs Program. One-year program is designed for practicing professionals who want to broaden or strengthen their knowledge of public affairs and leadership. Fellowship was established by friends and colleagues of Tom Swain, a former executive with the St. Paul companies, Inc.

**Academic travel to and from Cuba** will be coordinated by the Office of International Programs under a license from the U.S. Treasury. All U campuses are included under terms of the license. For more information, call Kathleen Sellev at 612-626-8834.

**CROOKSTON**--Program Improvement Audit Committee (PIAC) Day is Oct. 30. PIAC members are industry professionals who provide feedback to and aid in implementing, evaluating, and continuously improving UMC academic and support programs. UMC's All-College Advisory Committee will also meet on campus that day.

Torch and Shield Awards will be presented Oct. 30, 6 p.m., in Bede Ballroom. Awards recognize individuals who have provided leadership and aided in UMC's development. Recipients are Tom Anderson, farming operations; Dan Gartrell, Bemidji State U; Les Nielsen, Herc-U-Lift, Inc.; and John Vallager, Drees, Risky & Vallager, Ltd. Development office will also recognize donors at the ceremony.

Contingent from U's Twin Cities College of Continuing Education, under direction of new dean Mary Nichols, visited UMC Oct. 22. Goal was to learn more about each other's missions and discuss collaboration opportunities.

**DULUTH**--Tweed Museum of Art presents "Fritz Scholder: Last Portraits" through Jan. 13. Minnesota-born artist Scholder is known internationally for his work on nonstereotyped Indian themes. National tour will follow the Tweed premier. Exhibition catalog, designed by Scholder and published by the Tweed, is available in the museum store.

University Singers, Chamber Singers, and Concert Chorale, under the direction of professor Stanley Wold and assistant professor Tina Thielen-Gaffey, will perform Fall Festival Concert on Oct. 28, 3 p.m., Concordia Lutheran Church. Tickets are \$4 and \$5. Call 218-726-8208.

More than \$62,000 in scholarships and awards were presented at annual UMD Engineering/Industry Banquet. Checks were presented to 55 students in industrial engineering, electrical and computer engineering, and chemical engineering. Funds were contributed by area businesses and individuals. Industry recognition award went to Bonnie Fena, Reptron Hibbing Manufacturing; industry awards went to Enbridge Energy Company, Inc. (formerly Lakehead Pipeline), General Diesel and Electronics, and Krech Ojard & Associates.

**MORRIS**--Student enrollment at UMM has grown this year by nearly 5% to 1,927, representing the highest enrollment in the last 5 years, according to official enrollment figures released late last week.

UMM freshmen have an average ACT score of 24.4, sharing the lead with the Twin Cities campus whose average freshmen ACT score is 24.5. UMM students average 15.3 undergraduate credits and scored high in many indicators of student satisfaction according to recent U Student Satisfaction Survey. UMM students gave especially high marks to the overall quality of academic programs, quality of instruction, and availability of their instructors.

**ROCHESTER**--UMR has launched new bachelor's of applied science degree in manufacturing technology. Degree, offered through College of Continuing Education and designed for working adults, will provide skills in manufacturing systems and processes, computer technology, quality, operations, project management, business and finance, and interpersonal skills including communications, leadership, teamwork, and diversity.

**TWIN CITIES**--Work continues on Gateway Plaza at Oak St. and Washington Ave., adjacent to McNamara Alumni Center. More than 100 trees have been planted; pavers have been laid for walkways and gathering spaces; sodding is scheduled. Plaza will open at the end of fall; dedication ceremony will be spring 2002.

U's Community-University Health Care Clinic mental health program won Significant Achievement Award from American Psychiatric Association. Clinic, which celebrated its 35th anniversary Oct. 5, provides affordable mental health services to underserved and high-risk communities. Program serves about 2,000 clients annually with the help of staff who speak English, Hmong, Lao, Cambodian, Vietnamese, Spanish, and Somali.

Peters and Haecker Halls were featured in September-October 2001 *Architecture Minnesota*. Photos of remodeled Peters Hall interior and first-floor plan are included in article.

Terrace Cafe in St. Paul Student Center is now open after its summer renovation. Hours are M-Th 11 a.m.-6 p.m. and F 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Cafe also has a coffee shop open M-Th 7 a.m.-7 p.m. and F 7 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Events:** The oldest written texts, cuneiform inscriptions, will be launched into cyberspace during U Libraries "Cuneiform in Cyberspace" Oct. 25, 4 p.m., Andersen Library.

- "YMCA in America, 1851-2001" will run through Nov. 27, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Andersen Library gallery.

**Lectures:** "Welfare Reform As We Know It: What Have We Learned? Where Do We Go from Here?," Oct. 25-26, Humphrey Center. Call 612-625-8330 or see [www.hhh.umn.edu/centers/policy-forum](http://www.hhh.umn.edu/centers/policy-forum).

- "Multinational Perspectives on the Sept. 11 Attacks" Oct. 26, 6-7:30 p.m., L-110 Carlson School. To register and for more information, call 625-4138.

- Public Law symposium, Oct. 27, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Humphrey Center. Call 624-2063.

- "Afghanistan After the Taliban?" by Prof. Iraj Bashiri, CLA, will be Oct. 29, 12:20 p.m., 140 Wulling Hall.

- "The Role and Future of Neighborhood Organizations in the Twin Cities" will be Oct. 30, 1:30-8 p.m., Humphrey Center. To register, call 625-1551.

- "A Conversation with Women of Color Candidates," featuring Mayor Sharon Sayles Belton, will be Oct. 31, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., W-300 Williams Arena. RSVP [colem006@umn.edu](mailto:colem006@umn.edu).

- "Setting the Agenda: Supporting the Pursuit of Knowledge and Independent Inquiry" will be Nov. 1, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 25 Mondale Hall. For more information, see [www.grad.umn.edu/new/forum.html](http://www.grad.umn.edu/new/forum.html).

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**U emergency preparedness and security will be reviewed** by new Steering Committee for Emergency Management Policy. Committee, convened by VP Moten Brown, will evaluate the U's current practices and procedures in emergency operations, recommend changes in policy and procedures, and coordinate emergency response systems. Committee, made up of senior U officials, does not replace existing emergency management groups but will work with campus and unit health and safety offices and administrators.

**Safety and Security Information Forum** will be Nov. 7, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Humphrey Center or Nov. 8, 1-2 p.m., St. Paul Student Center North Star Ballroom. Panelists from School of Public Health, U Department of Emergency Management, U Police, College of Veterinary Medicine, Minnesota Department of Health, Boynton Health Service, and Academic Health Center will discuss national, state, and U preparedness.

**College of Agricultural, Food, and Environmental Sciences new strategic priorities** were launched in recognition of changing student career interests; opportunities in the marketplace; and new challenges in agriculture, food, and the environment that affect citizens' daily lives and broader social issues. Priorities are to promote safe and healthful foods, improve environmental quality, enhance agricultural systems, revitalize Minnesota's rural communities, serve urban communities, and deliver exemplary education.

"The priorities enable us to build on our strengths, focus on areas of critical importance to Minnesota citizens and the public good, and hold ourselves accountable," said Dean Muscoplat. "As we move ahead to translate our vision into action, we will continue to ask for and listen to citizen, student, and marketplace needs." See [www.coafes.umn.edu](http://www.coafes.umn.edu).

**U clerical and technical units are voting this week** on 2-year tentative contract agreement. Agreement includes annual 3% wage increases, a minimum wage of \$12 an hour for employees, participation in U's new health care benefits plan, and a one-time \$300 lump sum payment to assist employees during transition to new plan. Patty Dion, U labor relations acting director, said union members are expected to count ballots Nov. 2, and agreement, if ratified, would be taken to the Board of Regents Nov. 8 for approval.

**Web Integration Group (WIG) has been formed** to enhance the U's Web capabilities and services. The senior-level policy committee is reviewing institutional Web policies and strategies and will identify and evaluate new technical applications and opportunities, provide oversight on institutionwide design and management issues, and facilitate cooperation among units on Web-related projects.

WIG membership includes University Relations, Office of Information Technology (OIT), the provost's office, Office of the VP for Research, Academic Health Center, and U of M Foundation. First WIG project is to guide completion and implementation of the Portal Project; OIT and the provost's office have been developing customized portals to allow internal and external Web users to make Web sites more accessible and user-friendly.

**Proper designation--oncampus or offcampus--for U sponsored projects** is important to meet requirements of external sponsors and for the U to properly recover facility and administrative expenses. According to U policy, "a project is considered offcampus if more than 50% of the direct salaries and wages of its personnel are incurred at a site neither owned nor leased by the U." See [www.ospa.umn.edu/manual/25.htm#onoffcampus](http://www.ospa.umn.edu/manual/25.htm#onoffcampus).

**Copyright permission requests for spring 2002 course packets** sold at U Bookstores or charged to a CUFS number should be submitted to the Copyright Permissions Center via fax at 612-626-9810, [www.printing.umn.edu](http://www.printing.umn.edu), or by campus mail to 106 Printing Services Building. Citations may also be dropped off at any Printing Services location. For more information, call Lois Williams at 624-8258.

**2001-02 Student-Staff Directory will be delivered in the next 3 weeks** to all offices that responded to the October request form. RoadRunner delivery company will make one attempt to deliver (8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.); if a signature cannot be obtained, departments will need to arrange and pay for an additional delivery attempt.

**Last year U contributed \$807,874 to Community Fund Drive** with overall 25% employee participation. Pledge dead line has been extended to Nov. 7. If you have not received your pledge packet in the mail, call Karen Linquist at 612-624-9817. For more information on fund drive, see [www.umn.edu/cfd](http://www.umn.edu/cfd).

**Annual fall auction of U vehicles** will be Nov. 10, 11 a.m., Fleet Services Building, TC campus. For more information, call 612-625-3033 or see [www.umn.edu/fleetsrv](http://www.umn.edu/fleetsrv).

**Search for new dean of U Law School is under way.** Send applications, which will be reviewed beginning Jan. 10, to Stephen Befort, Dean Search Committee chair, 440 Mondale Hall. See [www.umn.edu/ohr/jobs](http://www.umn.edu/ohr/jobs).

**Financial Systems User Network (FSUN) general membership meeting** will be Nov. 15, St. Paul Student Center North Star Ballroom. RSVP by Nov. 1. Questions, call Mary Selisker at 612-625-3493 or John Vick at 624-8087.

**CROOKSTON**--Seven UMC students received the American FFA Degree in Louisville, KY, Oct. 27: Kelly Bisek, Holly Erickson, Trent McCollum, Brent Steinmetz, Michael Hendrickx, Andrea Jensen, and Darren Buckle. Degree is the highest an FFA member can attain; only about .5% of national members attain it.

North Central Association Higher Learning Commission accepted UMC's Assessment of Student Learning Progress Report. Next report is due April 2003. UMC's next comprehensive evaluation is scheduled for 2004-05.

Final master plan update has been completed by Oslund and Associates of Minneapolis. To review plan, see [www.crk.umn.edu/campusinfo/masterplan/MP-2001.htm](http://www.crk.umn.edu/campusinfo/masterplan/MP-2001.htm).

**DULUTH**--Chancellor Martin was recognized as a Pacesetter by National Academic Advising Association for her efforts and initiatives to make academic advising a priority.

2001 Chancellor's Outstanding Media Person Award was presented to KDLH-TV coanchor Amy Rutledge Oct. 25.

Natural Resources Research Institute dedicated its new Coleraine building as the C. W. Niemi Research Building Oct. 2. For more than 56 years, Clifford W. Niemi has dedicated himself to minerals research for the taconite industry, earning him the title "Mr. Taconite."

**MORRIS**--Minority Student Program (MSP) will welcome Shezwae Fleming as new educational coordinator in first week of November. Fleming will also coordinate MSP's Gateway Program.

Student Katie Downing was selected to represent the United States in the first Women's Freestyle Wrestling World Cup Nov. 2-4 in Levallois, France. Tournament will be held in conjunction with the 19th Annual Greco-Roman World Cup, which former UMM wrestler Dennis Koslowski has won several times.

Maynard Ferguson and his Big Bop Nouveau Band will appear Nov. 3 in Performing Arts Series. Performance will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Physical Education Center.

Jeff Botkin, director of Genetic Science in Society Program at U of Utah Center for Human Genome Research, will speak at Campus Activities Council Convocations lecture series Nov. 5, 7:30 p.m., Edson Auditorium.

**ROCHESTER**--U Marching Band will perform a free concert at Mayo Civic Center Auditorium in Rochester Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door, but space is limited. Get tickets in advance at UMR, any Rochester Marquette Bank, or Davies Printing in Rochester. For more information, call Amy at 507-281-7791.

Michael McKee, Technology and Distributed Learning associate provost, was a panel member in the 25th Annual International Computer Software and Applications conference in Chicago the week of Oct. 8.

**TWIN CITIES**--Minneapolis Neighborhood Information System (MNIS), was awarded a \$500,000 grant from U.S. Department of Commerce National Telecommunications and Information Administration. MNIS is a joint project of U's Center for Urban and Regional Affairs, city of Minneapolis, Neighborhood Revitalization Program, and various Minneapolis neighborhood organizations to plan and evaluate housing improvement strategy programs.

Job Center will offer extended hours on a trial basis--Nov. 6-7 and Nov. 13-14 until 6 p.m. Staff will assist individuals with the application process. Questions, call Jesse Vega at 612-624-7844 or e-mail [vegax001@umn.edu](mailto:vegax001@umn.edu).

2001 Harvest Food Drive by Department of Recreational Sports will be Oct. 29-Nov. 19. Proceeds will go to Harriet Tubman Center, Minneapolis. Drop off nonperishable food at U Recreation Center or St. Paul Gym.

**Lectures:** "Some Intriguing Findings from the Nun Study" by David Snowdon, *Aging with Grace* author and director of the nun study of aging, will be Nov. 2, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. Free and open to the public.

• "Regional Planning for Affordable Housing: The LUPA Record" will be Nov. 2, noon-1:30 p.m., 2-224 Carlson School. RSVP 612-625-1551 or call Joanne Arnold at 625-2086 for more information.

**Announcement:** Frank Ondrey, Department of Otolaryngology, was awarded a 2-year, \$380,000 contract from National Cancer Institute for phase 2 clinical trial of an existing FDA-approved diabetes drug to prevent head and neck cancer.

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**Executive VP and provost Bob Bruininks announced his resignation Nov. 1** and will return to teaching at the end of the 2001-02 academic year. Bruininks, an educational psychology faculty member for 34 years, was appointed by Yudof in 1997. As chief academic officer, he presided over steady improvements in quality, including strengthening the undergraduate experience, implementing new technology to improve customer service, and advancing targeted academic initiatives. Search committee to identify candidates will be announced in the next few weeks.

**Board of Regents will meet Nov. 7-9**, 600 McNamara Alumni Center. President Yudof will outline the status of new-money investments made over the past 5 years in undergraduate education and 5 groupings of academic disciplines--biology and medicine, engineering and computer science, social sciences, physical sciences, and arts and humanities. Regents will receive report on academic progress of student athletes and act on renewal of Yudof's employment contract, last extended in 2000. For complete agenda, see [www.umn.edu/regents](http://www.umn.edu/regents).

**U's AFSCME members have ratified a 2-year contract** with the U. Agreement covers 3 groups of employees--technical, health care nonprofessional, and clerical employees. Contract, which covers employees working 36% time or more, is retroactive to June 2001. Union and U negotiators reached a tentative agreement Sept. 27; ballots were counted Nov. 1. U employees belonging to Teamsters union are voting on a contract; tentative settlement was reached Oct. 12. Vote count is expected Nov. 12.

**U's electronic financial aid system is a "huge success,"** said Nancy Sinsabaugh, student finance interim director. "We're on track to save 1 million sheets of paper and \$80,000 this year," she said. System has 87% user rate--of 16,785 eligible students, 14,615 used the Internet to accept, amend, or decline their aid. Processing time has been reduced from an average of 6 weeks to 4 days, and problems such as wrong addresses and handling delays were eliminated. U is one of the first schools in the country to offer electronic aid processing.

**Fish oils, walnuts, and flaxseed may prevent cancer**, according to study by U Hormel Institute researchers. Report, which appeared in August issue of *The Proceedings of the National Academy of Science*, showed that Omega-3 fatty acid effectively inhibits the activation of a molecule important in developing several cancers, including skin cancer. See [www.umn.edu/urelate/newsservice/newsreleases/01\\_08cancer.html](http://www.umn.edu/urelate/newsservice/newsreleases/01_08cancer.html).

**New policy on using e-mail as official student communication** is at U-Wide Policy Library, [www.fpd.finop.umn.edu](http://www.fpd.finop.umn.edu). Nine new forms have been added to Forms Library and 12 to Standard Contracts Library. To receive e-mail notices of changes, call 612-624-1611 or e-mail [process@umn.edu](mailto:process@umn.edu).

**Supplier invoices with discount payment terms** sent to Disbursement Services should be attached to completed Authorization Request Special Handling of Payment Document (BA form 759, GS92308) with indication that it is a Discount Invoice. This will ensure invoices with discount terms are processed promptly and the discounts taken.

**Optional Retirement Plan investment performance results** through Sept. 30 will appear on the back page of *Minnesota Daily* Nov. 8. Information will be sent separately to UMC, UMD, UMM, and UMR.

**Search is under way for Office for Multicultural and Academic Affairs associate vice provost.** Responsibilities include promoting access, raising awareness of multiculturalism, and establishing community partnerships. For more information about position, see [www.oma.umn.edu](http://www.oma.umn.edu).

**Search is also under way for Campus Health and Safety executive director.** Applications must be postmarked Nov. 23. To review job description, see U Job Center at [www.umn.edu/ohr](http://www.umn.edu/ohr).

**CROOKSTON**--Student Residential Life staff and Cooperative Campus Ministry members raised \$525 at their annual Haunted House event for American Red Cross and Habitat for Humanity.

Jerry Nagel, president of Northern Great Plains, Inc., based at UMC, has been selected to serve on the board of directors for North Central Regional Center for Rural Development. He was selected, in part, because of his work on initiatives involving integrated value chains and e-commerce from a community perspective.

Golden Eagle football team will play Bemidji State U Nov. 10, 2:30 p.m., in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference's Metrodome Classic in the Twin Cities. UMC Alumni Association will host a social at 5 p.m. in the Metrodome Halsey Hall Room for all alumni and friends living in the metro area.

**DULUTH**--Natural Resources Research Institute (NRRI) received the 2001 Tekne Award for Technology Transfer by Minnesota Technology Inc. and Minnesota High Tech Association for work with Genesis Business Centers and Peat Technologies to develop, test, and commercialize a granular peat product to naturally fertilize crops.

Workshop, "Towards Understanding Islam," will be Nov. 15 in 2 repeated sessions, 10:30 a.m.-noon and 2:30-4 p.m., in Kirby Student Center Bullpub. Workshop will be presented by Nehrwr Abdul-Wahid, U Diversity Institute for Student Development and Training. Public is invited. To register, call 218-726-6827 or e-mail [cracklif@d.umn.edu](mailto:cracklif@d.umn.edu).

Ehsan Feroz, accounting professor, was nominated by American Accounting Association to serve on Government Auditing Standards Advisory Council of the U.S. General Accounting Office.

**MORRIS**--Computer science students Dave Gjerdingen, Jake Krohn, Luke Ludwig, Jeff Hauck, Mike Maurer, and Sara von Mosch will participate in the local level of the Association for Computing Machinery International Collegiate Programming Contest Nov. 10 in the Science Auditorium. In 1997-98, team of Nick Hopper, Joe Lee, and Chad Hjelle placed 2nd in the region and qualified for the international finals.

Americorps members visited UMM Oct. 26-28. The 14-member group from Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Duluth, tutor and mentor 4th-8th grade students to become first generation college students. Group leader and UMM alumnus Lue Her accompanied the group, who met with Tutoring, Reading, Enabling Children (TREC) tutors and Minority Student Program students.

**ROCHESTER**--Steve Yussen, College of Education and Human Development (CEHD) dean, hosted luncheon in Rochester Nov. 6 for area educational and community leaders. Program focused on CEHD's role in supporting school leaders, professional development, and new academic programs at UMR.

**TWIN CITIES**--New skyway has opened, connecting Transportation and Safety Building and Radisson Hotel Metrodome. Gopher Way Tunnel and Skyway System now connects Washington Ave. Ramp to McNamara Alumni Center on the north side of Washington Ave. and Moos Health Sciences Tower on the south side of Washington Ave.

Two larger-than-life bulls are latest public artwork installed at U. Bronze bulls by Connecticut artist Peter Woytuk are reclining in the open space in front of Haecker Hall, which houses the Department of Animal Science.

Campus Club will reopen on the 4th floor of Coffman Memorial Union in January 2003. Remodeled facility will have greater capacity for luncheons and special functions. Faculty and staff who received Campus Club survey are encouraged to complete it; comments will help Campus Club board in planning. Questions, call Sally at 612-624-9368.

Tucker Center for Research on Girls and Women in Sport is collaborating with Women's Sports Foundation to examine the number of women employed in the sports media industry over the last decade. Study will gather longitudinal, nationwide data on employment trends in print and broadcast journalism and industry leadership positions.

Finalists for dean of Carlson School of Management, Lawrence Benveniste and David Blake, will give public presentations Nov. 7, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Carlson School 3M Auditorium, and Nov. 13, noon-1 p.m., 2-260z Carlson School. Decision is expected at the end of November.

Raptor Center's Freedom Gift Shop is now online, accessible through [www.raptor.cvm.umn.edu](http://www.raptor.cvm.umn.edu). You can buy gift certificates, memberships, and more than 72 raptor-related items by credit card online.

**Events:** Reading by essayist Vivian Gornick will be Nov. 8, 7:30 p.m., Weisman Art Museum.

• Marching Band indoor concert will be Nov. 10, 7 p.m., and Nov. 11, 3 p.m, Northrop Auditorium. Tickets \$8-\$12. Call 612-624-2345.

**Lectures:** "U.S. Perspectives" on Nov. 8, noon-1:30 p.m., St. Paul Student Center theater, will feature a local nurse who helped with recovery efforts at the Pentagon and a U Arab Student Association representative who will discuss anti-Arab racism.

• "Lesbian Leaders in Higher Education" will be Nov. 13, Shepherd Room, Weisman Art Museum.

• "Writing a Reader's Life," discussion of literacy and cultural studies, will be Nov. 14, 3-4:30 p.m., 207a Lind Hall.

• McKnight Summer Fellows presentation by U assistant professors Lianna Farber, Michael Lower, and Rebecca Krug will be Nov. 15, 3:30-5 p.m., 229 Nolte Center.

**Announcements:** Eric Schiffman, School of Dentistry, was awarded a \$5.2 million grant from the Department of the National Institutes of Health National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research to assess reliability and validity of diagnostic criteria for temporomandibular disorders.

• VP Kruse received the Distinguished Leadership Award from the Design Build Institute of America for commitment to design-build construction practices.

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**Every employee eligible for new UPlan benefits must choose new medical plan option for 2002** by Nov. 15. Eligible employees may also enroll same-sex domestic partners in medical and dental coverage. Questions, call Employee Benefits at 612-624-9090.

**Board of Regents approved the 2001-03 labor agreements with AFSCME** health care, clerical, and technical units. Contract will cover 160 dental assistants and hygienists and certified medical assistants; 1,250 library assistants, lab technicians, and IT specialists; and 2,100 senior secretaries, accounts specialists, and office specialists.

"This was not an easy process, given the economies of the state and country," said Regent Metzen. "We'd like to have done better, but we thank all parties." Contract negotiations began in May 2001; tentative agreement was reached Sept. 27.

**Regents approved a new 3-year contract for President Yudof.** Contract runs through June 30, 2004, and includes a salary increase of 4.5% (bringing base salary to \$350,000) and a new pension plan. Yudof will receive a monthly retirement pension of \$6,203 upon reaching age 65 if he fulfills the contract.

"During his tenure, President Yudof has provided outstanding leadership to the U," said Regent Reed. "This contract demonstrates the board's confidence in his leadership and, we hope, will provide a strong incentive for him to stay."

**U has invested \$1.1 billion in five categories** on the TC campus since 1997, demonstrating focus in key strategic areas, said Yudof in academic priorities report to regents. "Such investment counters the popular lament that the U tries to be all things to all people," he said.

Investment areas are biological sciences and the Medical School (\$865 million), computer science and engineering (\$106 million), social and behavioral sciences (\$54 million), physical sciences (\$30 million), and arts and humanities (\$56 million). "We're investing in these areas at rates competitive with the top schools in the nation," Yudof said.

**U women student-athletes earn a "consistently higher GPA (3.14) than the general student body (3.01),"** while male student-athletes "perform consistently lower (2.78)," reported executive VP Craig Swan to regents Faculty, Staff, and Student Affairs Committee. Six-year graduation rates for all undergraduate students and initially tendered athletes (those receiving partial or full scholarship in first year) "are not where we want them to be for either group," he said. U has a 50% 6-year graduation rate for the general student body and a 57% 6-year rate for athletes.

**Regents received update on Academic Health Center's strategic plan.** Senior VP Cerra said plans include hiring 40 to 50 new faculty by 2006, including 10 to 12 in the Medical School in fiscal year 2003; expanding the UMD pharmacy program to enroll 50 students by 2003; and opening a dentistry clinic in Hibbing in 2002 to serve rural and medical assistance populations.

**Also at regents meeting:** Approval of new post-baccalaureate certificate in postsecondary developmental education program by GC and College of Education and Human Development and name change of the recreation major and minor to recreation-outdoor education in UMD College of Education and Human Services.

**For the first time in its history, the U has a case before the U.S. Supreme Court.** On Nov. 29, U of M general counsel Mark Rotenberg will defend the U's position in a case that concerns the power of congress in relation to that of state governments. "The Supreme Court took this case to decide an important constitutional issue of federalism: Can Congress require Minnesota to extend the time it set for filing state discrimination claims against the university in state court?" Rotenberg said. For more information, see [www.unews.umn.edu](http://www.unews.umn.edu).

**U has mechanisms that allow it to address the safety and security of its community in 5-6 minutes,** said police chief George Aylward at Safety and Security Information Forum Nov. 8. "In light of the anthrax scare we are looking at all possible angles and formulating plans for all we can imagine will happen," he said. "We've had more than 30 incidents to date of suspicious packages and substances and only on one occasion had to ask for outside help." For safety and security updates, see [www.umn.edu/urelate/security](http://www.umn.edu/urelate/security).

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**U Stem Cell Institute researchers** have demonstrated that healthy adult human bone marrow cells have characteristics much like embryonic stem cells. Findings, published in Nov. 1 issue of *Blood*, suggest that these cells may be an ideal source of cells for therapy of degenerative or traumatic disorders such as osteoporosis, arthritis, and vascular problems, or for therapy of single gene disorders such as hemophilia, Hurler's disease, or muscular dystrophy.

**Academic Staff Advisory Committee (ASAC)** meeting will be Nov. 16, 9 a.m.-noon, 210-215 Donhowe Building. Agenda includes discussion of professional development opportunities and compensation. ASAC is the elected body representing P&A employees.

**College of Continuing Education Compleat Scholar Program seeks course proposals** for paid, part-time, temporary teaching positions in a variety of disciplines for courses to be offered summer 2002 through spring 2003. For application, call 612-625-7777; review deadlines are Dec. 15 for fall 2002 and April 1, 2002, for winter and spring 2003.

**CROOKSTON**--Roger Wagner, associate professor of horticulture, received the Bronze Award from Minnesota State Horticultural Society for "a remarkable contribution to horticulture." He will be honored at the society's Dec. 8 recognition event.

Dakota State U faculty and staff visited Nov. 9 to learn about and discuss UMC's technology initiatives. Students, faculty, and staff showcased the various ways they use notebook computers, software, and Internet technology on a daily basis.

Traditional Lakota educators Ash and Reuben Fast Horse will host an evening of Native American experiences Nov. 15, 7 p.m., Bede Ballroom. Event will feature traditional songs, dances, drumming, flute playing, and storytelling.

**DULUTH**--Four industrial engineering students participated in the American Society of Mechanical Engineers national competition in New York Nov. 11. Group was one of 13 selected in the nation. Student project challenge was to design, build, and demonstrate a remote controlled fishing rod and reel.

2001 Outstanding Service Awards ceremony will be Nov. 16, 3-5 p.m., Kirby Student Center ballroom.

Lester Drewes, biochemistry and molecular biology professor, opened the United Leukodystrophy Foundation international meeting with a speech on "Natural Properties of the Blood-Brain-CSF Interfaces."

**MORRIS**--Chancellor Schuman was speaker and panelist at the National Collegiate Honors Council "Responses to Terrorism" session Oct. 31 in Chicago. Schuman also chaired the evaluation team at SUNY-Geneseo on Oct. 22.

UMM senior and women's wrestler Katie Downing returned from France as World Cup Champion. Downing, 1999 Junior World silver medalist and 3rd year U.S. National Team member, was the only wrestler undefeated in the round-robin competition.

Senior Sarah Howes won a division first place in the National Association of the Teachers of Singing. More than 450 singers from Minnesota, eastern North and South Dakota, and western Wisconsin participated in the Nov. 3 regional event at St. John's U.

**ROCHESTER**--UMR was ITV delivery site for 2 U seminars on bioterrorism: Animals and Bio-Terrorism on Oct. 22 and Food Safety and Bio-Terrorism on Nov. 8. Attendees included representatives of federal, state, and county agencies; local food companies; and the state legislature.

**TWIN CITIES**--New program by Parking and Transportation Services and Disability Services provides faculty and staff 25% off the cost of Metro Mobility commuter tickets (\$75 a month for \$100 worth of coupons); students receive more than 75% off. Tickets are available at 300 Transportation and Safety Building. Questions, call 612-626-7275.

International Education Week Nov. 12-16 emphasizes and celebrates the importance of international understanding, cooperation, and exchange. See [www.international.umn.edu/ieweek/2001/default.html](http://www.international.umn.edu/ieweek/2001/default.html). Grand finale featuring international food, music, dancing, exhibit tables, speakers, and a performance by Pangea World Theatre Company will be Nov. 16, 4-7 p.m., Humphrey Center atrium.

**Event:** Former VP Al Gore and Tipper Gore will moderate panel discussions at Family Re-Union 10 Nov. 19, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Vanderbilt U. The annual conference addressing major policy issues affecting families is cosponsored by U's Children, Youth, and Family Consortium.

**Lecture:** "Solid Waste: Throwing Away Our Future," Nov. 19, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Minnesota Commons, St. Paul Student Center, will explore the concept of waste management and subsequent economic, social, and scientific implications on local, national, and global levels. See [www.coffman.umn.edu/earth](http://www.coffman.umn.edu/earth).



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**Brief will not be published Nov. 28.** Next issue will be Dec. 5. Happy Thanksgiving.

**Faculty Consultative Committee (FCC) members nominated 13 colleagues** for executive VP search committee at Nov. 15 meeting and unanimously agreed that search committee should have 50% faculty representation as well as "adequate representation" from other campuses. FCC chair Joe Massey submitted names to VP Moten Brown, who will appoint search committee in consultation with President Yudof.

**FCC discussed policy proposal for 13-credit, full-time load** with vice provost Swan and executive VP Bruininks. Proposal is an attempt to improve graduation rates at the U. "We want to be very flexible, and we want to support students pursuing full-time study," Swan said. "The standard of 13 hours in combination with other pieces, such as restructuring tuition, could have a real impact on behavior." He said he will continue to study policies at other institutions, including Berkeley and UCLA, to avoid reinventing the wheel.

**Carol Gruber, new director** for intercollegiate athletics academic counseling and student services, and Laura Koch, Faculty Academic Oversight Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics (FAOCIA) chair, met with FCC to discuss FAOCIA's structure and how student-athletes' needs are met by academic counseling. "We are looking at how we interface with intercollegiate units, faculty, and other advising groups on campus and what we can do to improve the relationships between academic and athletic groups," Gruber said.

Several FCC members were unhappy with the new electronic system for reporting progress of student-athletes in their classes. Concerns included having to go to a Web site and not being able to put a face to a name. Gruber said her office no longer produces paper reports, which had a 30% response rate, but she will reevaluate after studying the electronic report response rates at the end of this year.

**President Yudof will attend Graduate and Professional Student Assembly** Dec. 3, 6:30-8 p.m., 500 McNamara Alumni Center. For full agenda, see [www.qapsa.umn.edu/docket.html](http://www.qapsa.umn.edu/docket.html).

**Four U faculty members received 2001-02 U.S. Fulbright Scholar Program grants:** Daphne Berdahl, anthropology; Victoria Bomba Coifman, Afro-American and African studies; John Fossum, Industrial Relations Center; and David Wilkins, American Indian studies.

**Civil Service Committee (CSC) will meet Nov. 29,** 9 a.m.-noon, 274 McNeal Hall. CSC Rules Subcommittee will review and revise civil service rules, 1-3 p.m., Child Care Center conference room, 1600 Rollins Ave. S.E. See [www.socsci.umn.edu/civilser](http://www.socsci.umn.edu/civilser). Both meetings are open to all civil service employees.

**U code of conduct policy for all employees** and those who receive funds administered by the U, or who speak or act as agents for the U, is available at [www.umn.edu/regents/policies/academic/Conduct.html](http://www.umn.edu/regents/policies/academic/Conduct.html). Copy of policy was included with Nov. 14 paychecks.

**2001 Student Experiences Survey (SES)** is available at [www.irr.umn.edu/evpp/critmeas/stuexp](http://www.irr.umn.edu/evpp/critmeas/stuexp). Survey was administered to a random sample of students systemwide last spring. 1999 and 1997 survey results are also available for comparison.

**Video, "Holding Up the U: 150 Years of Staff Women at the U of M,"** is available for \$15. Call 612-625-2385 or visit 122 Klaeber Court, TC campus.

**Information about active clinical trials at the U** and participation in current or future clinical trials is available on new Academic Health Center Web site: [www.ahc.umn.edu/trials](http://www.ahc.umn.edu/trials).

**International travel grants for faculty** are available from Office of International Programs, China Center, and McKnight Arts and Humanities Fund. Application deadline is Dec. 3 for activities commencing Jan.-April. Call 612-624-5580 (624-1002 for China travel) or see [www.international.umn.edu/travelgrant](http://www.international.umn.edu/travelgrant).

**Nov. 14 Brief** reported that Board of Regents approval of 2001-03 labor contracts covered only several AFSCME job categories. New contracts cover AFSCME unit 4 (health care nonprofessional), unit 6 (clerical), and unit 7 (technical).

**CROOKSTON**--Senior Steven Brandt received the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) Glen Galligan Award for outstanding NSIC senior football player. He has a 3.95 GPA and made 4 interceptions to lead UMC to 9th place this season.

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Cooperative Campus Ministry sponsored a panel discussion on human embryonic stem cell research Nov. 20. Panelists included Jim Thomasson, associate professor of philosophy; Pam Elf, assistant professor of biology; Fr. Bob Schreiner, Crookston Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception; and Rev. Daniel Wolpert, Crookston Presbyterian Church.

Instructional Technology Center will host its fall mini-conference on technology integration Nov. 29-30, noon-1 p.m., A-B Sahlstrom Conference Center. Eight faculty and staff will give presentations on integrating technology into the curriculum.

**DULUTH**--Industrial engineering students, under the direction of associate professor David Wyrick, won first place in Nov. 11 International Student Design Competition in New York City. Team designed, built, and demonstrated a fishing rod and reel controlled by technology that allows a quadriplegic person to accurately cast a fishing lure. See [www.asme.org/students/Competitions/designcontest/index.html](http://www.asme.org/students/Competitions/designcontest/index.html).

Panel discussion, "Cultural and Global Perspectives on Terrorism," will be Nov. 28, noon-1 p.m., Kirby Student Center ballroom.

On-campus residents raised \$1,700 for victims of World Trade Center disaster through Pennies for Peace and Residents to the Rescue drives. Money was donated to American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

**MORRIS**--President Yudof will visit UMM Nov. 29 for First-Year Seminar Jamboree, which will be 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Oyate Hall and Edson Auditorium. Event will feature freshman projects and demonstrations. Yudof will also meet with student leaders, faculty, administrators, Presidents Club members, legislators, and Campaign Minnesota volunteers. Yudof will outline progress of UMM's capital campaign at a public reception 5-6:30 p.m. in Humanities Fine Arts gallery and foyer.

Cougar linebacker Shaun Maloney, senior from Osakis, was in on 30 tackles during the Cougars vs. Minnesota State, Moorhead, game, tying him for the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference lead in tackles at 7.6 per game.

**ROCHESTER**--Provost Carl gave a speech on "The Foundations and Future of UMR" to Olmsted County Bar Association Nov. 14.

Gail Sauter, associate to the provost, and Jay Hesley, director of marketing and communications, were appointed to U Center Rochester's Critical Incidence Response Team. They will work with other center staff to review and update response procedures for handling safety-related issues on campus.

**TWIN CITIES**--Architecture and Landscape Architecture Library has moved to another temporary location in renovated Architecture Building. Library will move to permanent home when building addition is completed in spring. Phone and fax remain the same; mailing address is Architecture Building, 89 Church St. S.E. Questions, e-mail [j-moon@umn.edu](mailto:j-moon@umn.edu).

Department of Educational Policy and Administration has established a partnership with Odessa State Economics U to assist Ukrainian academic staff with collection of data on labor market and workplace needs for course and curriculum design. Supported by a \$300,000 grant, the 3-year project will include Ukrainian professors traveling to the U and U academic staff visiting Ukraine.

College of Human Ecology's Positive Parenting Program (PPP) received the Florence Hall Award for its outstanding program benefiting families and involving volunteers from National Extension Association for Family and Consumer Sciences. PPP team also received the Award for Distinguished Team from U of M Extension Service.

U's Winter Break Program for 5 to 12 year olds will be Dec. 26-28 and Jan. 2-4, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., St. Paul Gym. For more information, call Jeana at 612-625-2242 or see [DRSYouth@umn.edu](mailto:DRSYouth@umn.edu).

**Events:** Fish Bowl open bowling tournament for teams or individuals will run through Dec. 13. Cost is \$5 per person. Call 612-625-5246.

• Jewelry sale fund-raiser by School of Nursing Foundation will be Dec. 6, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m., 2nd floor concourse, Phillips-Wangenstein Building.

**Lectures:** "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Eyes But Were Afraid to Ask" by Ruediger Korb, avian veterinarian, will be Dec. 4, noon-1 p.m., Raptor Center.

• "Affordable Housing Crisis in the Twin Cities" will be Nov. 27, 4:30-6 p.m., 345 Fraser Hall. RSVP at 612-624-2585.



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**U will present its position on stadium issue to new Task Force on Stadium Issues Dec. 13**, 1 p.m., 10 State Office Building. VP Gardebring will lead presentation with associate VP Pfitzenreuter, VP Kruse, and men's athletics director Tom Moe. Task force will also hear from the Vikings and Sports Facilities Commission.

The new 18-member task force, appointed by Gov. Ventura, Senate majority leader Roger Moe, and House of Representatives speaker Steve Sviggum to address facility and financing issues affecting the Twins, Vikings, and Gophers, is likely to produce a report by the start of the legislative session Jan. 29.

**Senate Capital Investment Committee toured potential renovation and construction sites** on the TC campus Dec. 3 to better assess the U's 2002 Capital Request. U is requesting \$239.8 million to fund 12 improvement, renovation, and construction projects on all U campuses. Committee also visited other projects that have received state funding, including Walter Library, the Molecular and Cellular Biology Building, and the fully renovated Murphy Hall. House Capital Investment Committee visited the U in October. For more on the U's request, see [www.umn.edu/govrel](http://www.umn.edu/govrel).

**Minnesota Student Association (MSA) issued a response to U's 13-credit, full-time load proposal** acknowledging the importance of a graduation rate discussion as a tool to improve undergraduate education, but the group was concerned that proposal would place the burden of improving graduation rates on students and not on institutional issues that hinder a student's educational experience.

"While President Yudof's leadership on this issue is impressive, it's important the U make institutional improvements to help students graduate, specifically in the areas of advising services and financial aid," said MSA president Dan Kelly. "A successful education is a successful relationship where all parties involved step up."

**Tobacco sales will continue on U's TC campus** following a 15-1-1 vote by TC Student Unions Board of Governors Nov. 29 against a proposal by Boynton Health Service's Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Use Task Force to ban tobacco products from 3 campus convenience stores.

"I think that supporters of this ban wanted to send a strong message about tobacco use, but this message would have cost our students a lot of money," said Kelly. "While I'm not a smoker, nor do I encourage students to smoke, the proponents would need to show substantial info that walking 2 blocks off campus to buy cigarettes was important enough to make a dramatic negative impact on our union's budget." He said the union would have lost more than \$60,000 had a ban been imposed.

**Joint U Senate, Faculty Senate, and TC Campus Assembly meeting** will be Dec. 6, 2:30-5 p.m., 25 Mondale Hall. Broadcast locations will be UMC, 305 Selvig Hall; UMD, Kirby Student Center Garden Room; and UMM, Behmler Hall Conference Center. For agenda, see [www.umn.edu/usenate](http://www.umn.edu/usenate).

**"Journalism and Bioterrorism: Building a Foundation for Accurate and Ethical Coverage" workshop** will be Dec. 10, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. in one of 3 Minnesota Journalism Center locations (Minneapolis, Duluth, and St. Cloud). Registration is \$15. Speakers include Michael Osterholm, U Center for Infectious Disease, and Aggie Leitheiser, assistant commissioner for Health Protection. Call 612-625-8095 or see [www.sjmc.umn.edu](http://www.sjmc.umn.edu).

**U's 2001-02 Drug-Free Campus and Workplace Compliance document**, containing information about drug and alcohol counseling, treatment, and rehabilitation programs available to U employees and students, is available on [www.fpd.finop.umn.edu/groups/ppd/documents/policy/Drug\\_Free.cfm](http://www.fpd.finop.umn.edu/groups/ppd/documents/policy/Drug_Free.cfm).

**Nov. 21 Brief** reported that 4 U faculty members received 2001-02 Fulbright Scholar grants; there is a 5th U recipient: Erik Brown, UMD geological sciences department and Large Lakes Observatory.

**CROOKSTON**--Nearly 1,200 students from Minnesota and North Dakota high schools are expected to participate in UMC's Ag Activities Day on Dec. 7. Morning activities will include contests, tours, and special agriculture and science workshops. See [www.crk.umn.edu/ag/aad](http://www.crk.umn.edu/ag/aad).

Survey comparisons of UMC graduating student experiences from 2001 and 1999 highlight several improvements in ratings. More 2001 graduates rated UMC as "excellent" or "very good" in the following categories: challenged by general education classes, 51.5%, up from 38.5%; overall quality of instruction in major field, 72.8%, up from 57.1%; and incorporation of notebook computers and other technologies into major courses, 81.4%, up from 65%. More 2001 graduates (77.6%, up from 69%) said they would "definitely" or "probably" choose UMC again if starting their academic career.

Nov. 21 *Brief* reported that UMC football team placed 9th in Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; UMC earned 5th position this season.

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**DULUTH**--Historic Congdon Estate is holding a series of holiday brunches Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays through Dec. 20. Tours begin at 9:30 a.m. with brunch served at 10:15 a.m. Tickets are \$18.95 for adults and \$13.50 for children ages 6-11. For reservations, call 218-726-8910 or 888-454-4536.

School of Medicine is looking for participants, ages 20-70, for project to study effects of smoking abstinence on blood pressure and cortisol. Attend free educational sessions and earn money for participation. Individuals must be healthy and committed to quitting smoking. Call 218-726-8896.

Theater department presents *The Movie Game* Dec. 5-8, 8 p.m., in Marshall Performing Arts Center. Romantic comedy was written by 2001 UMD theater graduate Adam Hummel. Call 218-726-8564.

**MORRIS**--UMM has surpassed its Campaign Minnesota fund-raising goal of \$6 million and intends to raise another \$1.5 million during the remaining 18 months of the campaign. Announcement, by Chancellor Schuman Nov. 29, comes 2 years after the campaign kickoff.

President Yudof commended UMM for emphasizing student scholarships as its primary Campaign Minnesota priority. To date, \$1.7 million in private giving has been raised for new scholarships. Thanking UMM friends, Schuman said, "We are building, inch by inch, foot by foot, dollar by dollar, the secure foundation of the future of this wonderful college. We are making a gift in perpetuity."

**ROCHESTER**--U's bachelor of science in nursing program was expanded to UMR. Students in the program will complete coursework in Rochester and clinical education at Mayo Clinic facilities.

College of Continuing Education (CCE) dean Mary Nichols visited UMR with CCE leadership team Dec. 4 to discuss future and ongoing programmatic connections.

**TWIN CITIES**--East Bank telephone system cutover will be Dec. 7 at 5 p.m. During the weekend, as U telephones are moved to new system, campus dial-tone may be lost for a few hours. For more information, see [www.umn.edu/oit/telephoneupgrade](http://www.umn.edu/oit/telephoneupgrade).

General College is featured in a segment of U alum John Derus's "St. Anthony Falls Journal," on Metro Cable Network (channel 6) every Tuesday at 9:30 p.m. through May 20, 2002. Show will also air a 16-minute video featuring GC faculty, staff, and students; President Yudof; and notable alumni.

School of Public Health dean Mark Becker will lead a conversation for deans and department chairs on "The New American University: What Characteristics Define Its Identity?" Dec. 14, 3-5 p.m., Nolte Center library. Refreshments served. Questions, call Tim Delmont at 612-624-4307.

Open house to view newly decorated and furnished Gold Room in Northrop Auditorium will be Dec. 6, 2:30-5:30 p.m. Open for U events and functions, room rents for \$100 plus \$50 cleanup as events may require. For reservations, call Sally Dischinger at 612-625-0796 or e-mail [disch002@umn.edu](mailto:disch002@umn.edu).

U Admissions Ambassadors are supporting Toys for Tots program by Marine Corps Reserve. Drop-off site is admissions office, 240 Williamson Hall until Dec. 11. Ambassadors will take toys to Kare-11 and be featured on the 6 p.m. news. Questions, call Jenny Malek, 612-624-7057 or e-mail [peder062@umn.edu](mailto:peder062@umn.edu).

**Lectures:** School of Social Work brown bag fall seminar series "Understanding Islam" will be Dec. 6, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., 5 Peters Hall.

- "Grammar Matters: A Workshop for Writing and Writing-Intensive Faculty and Instructors from Across the Disciplines" will be Dec. 6, noon-1:15 p.m., 207a Lind Hall. Box lunch will be provided; RSVP to Terri Klegin at 612-626-7579.

- CURA housing forum "Chronic Problem Properties in St. Paul" will be Dec. 7, noon-1:30 p.m., 1-135 Carlson School. RSVP to 612-625-1551 or call Joanne Arnold at 612-625-2086.

- "Exploring the Principles of Kwanzaa," by U Women of Color Network, will be Dec. 12, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. (brown bag), 22 McNeal Hall. RSVP to [young091@umn.edu](mailto:young091@umn.edu) by Dec. 7.

**Announcement:** John Hart, geography professor, received the American Geographical Society of New York Vouras Medal for outstanding research in regional geography.

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**Board of Regents will meet Dec. 12-14**, 600 McNamara Alumni Center. Agenda topics include state of Minnesota economic update; legislative report on the U of M Extension Service; U plan, performance and accountability report; and financial status of intercollegiate athletics. For full agenda, see [www.umn.edu/regents](http://www.umn.edu/regents).

**Executive VP and provost search committee has not been finalized**, but President Yudof assured U Senate, Faculty Senate, and TC Campus Assembly Dec. 6 that the 15-18 individuals selected to identify executive VP Bruininks's replacement "will reflect the different constituencies and diversity of the U." Yudof said there would be 2 students on the committee and at least 50% faculty representation, and he has no internal or external favorites for the position.

**A syllabus is now required for each course offered at the U**, following approval of Senate Committee on Educational Policy (SCEP) proposal by U Senate. Rationale for policy is that "full, written disclosure of course details [including the relative weighting of course activities for final grades] at the beginning of the semester is a student right and should reduce misunderstanding later in the semester." Policy "consciously" avoids stipulating "what must be on a syllabus because of the variety of courses," said Bert Ahern, SCEP chair. Instructors should refer to Classroom Expectations Guidelines for "good practice on what should be included in a syllabus."

**U of M Extension Service announced 3-year plan for change** Dec. 7 that includes cuts in workforce, programs, and activities. New plan was developed in response to changing needs and issues of the 21st century, including changing Minnesota demographics and flat funding. "The plan calls for focused, high quality programs that tie directly to the U's research base," said Charles Casey, extension dean and director. "As a result, some programs and activities will be discontinued." Reductions will come from attrition or will be based on program priorities and fiscal targets.

**Committee will conduct a review of U general counsel Mark Rotenberg.** U policy requires senior administrator reviews during their initial term of appointment and at 3-5 year intervals. U auditor and associate VP Gail Klatt will chair 8-member committee, which will seek input from key U constituencies. If you would like to participate, call 612-624-1090.

**U will lead a \$36 million military research project** involving 6 other universities. The 8-year project will use the U's Army High Performance Computing Research Center's state-of-the-art computing resources. Researchers will work with Army defense researchers in areas such as biological and chemical defense and virtual computing environments for future combat systems.

**Student Legislative Coalition (SLC) released a statement** opposing any cut to state financial aid in response to projected state budget deficit. "While we don't know yet how the budget deficit will affect the U or MnSCU or any other college system in the state," said SLC executive director Dave Boyd, "it is entirely possible that students will see a larger tuition increase next year than expected and have less financial aid available to help cover costs." SLC is concerned about cuts to SELF Loan, Work Study, State Grant program, and other financial aid programs.

**U established partnership with Meeting Services Minnesota**, a division of Greater Minneapolis Convention and Visitors Association (GMCVA), to offer expertise and GMCVA resources for Twin Cities conference planning--from negotiating hotel contracts to coordinating ground transportation and on-site meeting management. For more information, call Sue Eastman or Betty Ford at 612-661-4700 or see [www.meetingservicesmn.org](http://www.meetingservicesmn.org).

**U's Community Fund Drive raised \$879,202**, almost 9% more than last year. Drive is most successful ever in terms of dollars; overall participation was 24%.

**U Librarian finalists will give public presentations** on "The Future of the Academic Research Library and Its Role in the Modern University." Rush Miller's interviews will be Dec. 12 and 13; his presentation, followed by community reception, will be Dec. 12, 3-4 p.m., 25 Mondale Hall, TC campus. Wendy Lougee and Suzanne Thorin will interview week of Dec. 17.

**New U controller** is Michael Volna, who has been interim controller since July 2000.

**December's Kiosk**, the faculty and staff newspaper, should be in your mailbox. Read about how your colleagues' lives have changed since Sept. 11, about the role of the Internet in our latest war, and why now is a good time to visit Weisman Art Museum. To read Kiosk online, see [www.umn.edu/urelate/kiosk](http://www.umn.edu/urelate/kiosk).

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**Application deadline for 2002-03 Fesler-Lampert Chair in Urban and Regional Affairs** is 4:30 p.m., Jan. 31. One-year position supports research activities of a U faculty member for work on a project related to urban and regional affairs in Minnesota. See [www.cura.umn.edu/chairapp.html](http://www.cura.umn.edu/chairapp.html) or call Tom Scott at 612-625-7340 or e-mail [scott001@umn.edu](mailto:scott001@umn.edu).

**Office for University Women is seeking nominations and applications** for Women's Leadership Award, Distinguished Women Scholar Award, Sharon Doherty Award, CS/BU Award, Teamster Recognition Award, and special grants. For more information, see [www.umn.edu/women](http://www.umn.edu/women).

**Consortium on Law and Values in Health, Environment, and the Life Sciences** has funding for faculty and graduate and professional students; see [www.lifesci.consortium.umn.edu/rfps](http://www.lifesci.consortium.umn.edu/rfps).

**CROOKSTON**--Holiday Events: Multicultural and International Club will host "Holidays Around the World" Dec. 12, 8 p.m., in Bede Hall lounge. Music and theater department students will host their annual holiday concert Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m., in Bede ballroom.

Annual UMC/NWROC faculty and staff seasonal celebration dinner will be Dec. 21, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., in Morsels, Sahlstrom Conference Center.

Dan Svedarsky, natural resources professor, was recognized at the National Council of the Wildlife Society annual meeting for completing his 3-year term of service. He will chair the program committee for the society's September national meeting in N.D.

**DULUTH**--U.S. 8th Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled in favor of UMD in Title IX case, affirming a lower court's ruling and dismissal of a 1997 lawsuit filed by former soccer player Julie Grandson. Court ruled that UMD took corrective action to provide equal athletic opportunities for women and was not deliberately indifferent to complying with federal law. "We are very pleased but not surprised by the decision," said Chancellor Martin. "UMD is committed to providing a quality athletic program for all students, both men and women."

Joseph Maiolo, English professor, will read selections from *A Christmas Memory* by Truman Capote, Dec. 19, 4:30 p.m., in Rafters, Kirby Student Center. All are welcome; refreshments will be served.

**MORRIS**--Kevin Flicker, studio art instructor and potter, received a College of Continuing Education 2001 All-University Distinguished Teaching Award for his 14-year teaching career.

John Schwaller, vice chancellor for academic affairs, will be keynote speaker at the First International Congress: Aranzazu and Basque Franciscans in the Americas, in Oñate, Spain, Dec. 11. He will speak on "The Basques and Latin American Franciscanism in the 16th Century."

Student Legislative Coalition sponsored a campus visit by House Majority Leader Tim Pawlenty Dec. 7. He gave a public presentation in the Social Science auditorium following a tour of the building, which is included in the U's 2002-03 capital request.

**ROCHESTER**--UMR Christmas Anonymous Drive on Dec. 8 assisted 620 Olmsted County families.

**TWIN CITIES**--Free-trade coffee will be available at no extra cost at Essentials in Blegen Hall (within a week), the Cup in Williamson Hall, and the Terrace in St. Paul Student Center (both in January). Coffee, which costs U Dining Services \$1-2.50 more per pound, may be offered after sales are evaluated in a few months, said Kay Akey, UDS operations director. Catering Services will offer the coffee after Dec. 17. Decision follows Dec. 4 resolution by Minnesota Student Association. "The University is a huge consumer of coffee, and shaping its buying practices can create social change," said Dan Kelly, Minnesota Student Association president. "This is a perfect example of students thinking globally but acting locally."

Alfred Sullivan, College of Natural Resources dean since May 1993, will return to a faculty position early September 2002. Executive VP and provost Bruininks will name a search committee in the next few weeks.

**Event:** Asian/Pacific American Learning Resource Center scholarship fund-raiser banquet will be Dec. 15, 6-9 p.m., St. Paul Student Center.

**Lectures:** Saving and Investing for Retirement seminar, will be Dec. 13, 2:30-4:30 p.m., 210-215 Donhowe. To register, call 612-624-9090.

• "Plant Constituents and Cancer Chemoprevention: An Overview" will be Dec. 14, 1:30-3 p.m., 306 Borlaug Hall. Brief discussion of interdisciplinary programs in Center for Plants and Human Health will follow.

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**Brief** will not be published Dec. 26 and Jan. 2. The next issue will be Jan. 9, 2002. Happy holidays.

**U.S. economic decline existed prior to Sept. 11**, reported state economist Tom Stinson to regents Finance and Operations Committee Dec. 13. In his update of the state's economy, Stinson said Minnesota has been "hit twice as hard as the national economy since the week of Aug. 12," and its unemployment rate is rising faster than the national average--Minnesota lost 24,000 jobs in September and October. "There are so many uncertainties in this forecast that by February [when next forecast is due] we will have a better idea of what will happen....," he said. Although Minnesota is hit more severely, Stinson said the state economy typically recovers more rapidly than the national economy.

**U's financial strength and ongoing operations are very reliant** on state appropriations, said associate VP Pfitzenreuter in U's annual financial report to regents. "We're kind of connected by the hip to the state [but] we're well positioned to weather budget reductions," he said. In spite of financial reserves, U academic and support units must be aware that state cuts "are likely to be recurring and [units] have to make permanent cuts."

In a spending guidelines memo, President Yudof told deans, directors, and department heads "to exercise some fiscal restraint throughout this time of uncertainty." He said the short-term goal in light of the state's economic forecast is to maintain maximum flexibility in managing institutional resources until the actual budgetary impact is known. U is likely to know its 2002-03 state appropriation in April.

**Expenses for intercollegiate athletics** on the TC campus are projected to exceed revenues by \$31 million over the next 5 years, said VP Moten Brown to regents Dec. 14. Current and Future Financial Challenges in Intercollegiate Athletics report was initiated by her office following "persistent and recurring" financial difficulties in athletics. U generates \$8 million less in revenue than its peers and is the only university in the Big 10, and one of 5 in nation, to maintain separate men's and women's departments.

In addition to the dual department system--which has created duplication of administrative costs--debt service, fund-raising, and football are areas that have contributed to misaligned costs, said Moten Brown. Report does not offer recommendations for increasing revenue or reducing expenses, but identifies 5 principles that have guided U's investment in athletics.

Regents have formed an ad hoc committee to receive public input that will be used to formulate administrative recommendations by March. "All options are going to have to be on the table to solve this problem," said Moten Brown. "We cannot randomly cut... we'll carefully evaluate everything from streamlining athletics operations to increasing management effectiveness and private fund-raising."

**"The question for us is not about the legitimacy or appropriateness of intercollegiate athletics** on [the TC] campus; it is about the cost," according to Dec. 6 statement by Faculty Consultative Committee and Senate Committee on Finance and Planning. Committee recognized and endorsed benefits of athletics but raised concerns about increasing annual subsidies from institutional operating funds.

**Regents approved an enhanced retirement program for about 50** U of M Extension Service employees who are eligible for full federal retirement benefits by June 2002. Program, developed as part of bigger plan to trim services in light of flat funding, will add \$10,000 to the base salary of those who voluntarily retire now or before June 30.

**Student representatives to Board of Regents believe there are 10 key issues** that must be addressed by administration to meet student needs, said student representative Venora Hung. Issues include increasing student diversity (especially at UMC), increasing student voice in the construction pre-design process, addressing tuition and housing costs, and improving campus safety. Regent Reed commended the students for "a comprehensive report that tells us what you believe and wish to work [on] with administration."

**Vikings are willing to work with the U on a stadium**, but some decisions must be made soon, said Vikings executive VP Mike Kelly to Stadium Task Force Dec. 13. He said the Vikings prefer a new stadium with a roof in a suburban area. VP Gardebring said a stadium is not a top priority for the U, but if one is going to be built, the U wants to have a seat at the discussion table. She said the facility would need to be on the TC campus and have a collegiate look and feel. "We're not going to move the team and we're not going to contract," she said. "We've been playing football in Minnesota for 100 years, and we expect to be playing football in Minnesota for 100 more years." Men's athletic director Tom Moe added that the U needs its own open-air stadium on campus.

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**President Yudof has appointed a 17-member search committee** for executive VP and provost position. Cochairs are Dean Davis, IT, and Regents Professor Ronald Phillips, agronomy and plant genetics. More than 135 nominations were received for committee membership. Korn/Ferry International will assist committee with national search. Yudof hopes to have new VP by July 1, 2002.

**New gas/electric hybrid vehicle, Toyota Prius**, is available in the U's Fleet Services rental pool (UMM, 1; TC campus, 2). Vehicles, which cost \$5,000 more than similar-size cars, were bought to meet federal requirement that 10% of state vehicles must run on alternative fuel. For the last 3 years, U has had 60 vehicles that run on E-85 (85% ethanol, 15% gas). U has its own E-85 pump and uses 1,000 gallons a month.

**Lawrence Benveniste** is new CSOM dean. He has served as finance department chair and associate dean of faculty and research; he has been interim dean since Sept. 1, when David Kidwell ended his 10-year tenure as dean.

**Office of Student Academic Integrity has new Web site**, [www.osai.umn.edu](http://www.osai.umn.edu). Office was created to identify and provide resources for academic integrity initiatives and concerns. Site includes centralized reporting form and Q&A on scholastic dishonesty.

**Web site for Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy** includes information about bioterrorism preparedness, infectious diseases, and food safety. See [www.cidrap.umn.edu](http://www.cidrap.umn.edu).

**CROOKSTON**--Tim Clow, director of University Relations for Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) world headquarters, met with UMC SIFE chapter members and attended the business management department's leadership skills workshop Dec. 10. More than 120 students participated in the workshop.

December 2001 issue of *American Red Angus* magazine, national publication for the cattle industry, features an article by agricultural business junior Alaina Burt. "Growing in the Right Direction" has interviews in support of cattle industry leaders and producers for younger industry professionals.

**DULUTH**--*The Movie Game*, a play written by 2001 theater graduate Adam Hummel, will be presented at Kennedy Center/American College Theater Festival regional competition at U of Nebraska in January. Play was one of 7 chosen from more than 170 entries. Six other UMD theater students are also competing for awards at the festival.

Friends, family, and children are invited to Recreational Sports and Outdoor Program's annual New Year's Eve "Let's Have a Ball" Dec. 31, 4-8 p.m., in UMD Sports and Health Center. Activities include skating, in-line skating, rock climbing, volleyball, face painting, obstacle course, and films. Tickets (available at the door) are \$5 per person; those 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Call 218-726-7128.

Darex Corp. of Ashland, Ore., has developed a new fully automatic, computer-controlled drill sharpener based on the published papers of industrial engineering professor M. A. Fugelso. The Darex XPS-16 was unveiled at the WESTEC tool show in Los Angeles.

**MORRIS**--Minority Student Program received a 3-year \$141,000 grant from Otto Bremer Foundation to establish a Diversity Community Outreach Program. Program, which will create new opportunities and resources for UMM and the greater Morris area, while strengthening current initiatives.

**TWIN CITIES**--TC campus ranked 17th among U.S. research universities in international student enrollment with 3,356 international students in 2000-01, according to Open Doors 2001, annual U.S. international student mobility report by the Institute of International Education. Campus ranked 15th among research institutions in number of students studying abroad--1,058 in 1999-2000, a 37% increase over 1998-99. See [www.international.umn.edu/news/2001/opendoors2.html](http://www.international.umn.edu/news/2001/opendoors2.html).

Center for Interdisciplinary Studies of Writing launched its new online newsletter Write @U Dec. 4. To subscribe, call Terri Klegin at 612-626-7579 or e-mail [klegin@umn.edu](mailto:klegin@umn.edu).

Dec. 12 *Brief* reported that free-trade coffee will be available at 3 U Dining Services locations on campus. Coffee, which will be offered at more locations after sales are evaluated, is fair-trade and organic.

**Announcement:** Video by associate professor of nursing Ann Garwick, "Getting to the Heart of It: Bridging Culture and Health Care," won first place in National Council on Family Relations Media Awards contest.