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### 1. Top Stories

MINNESOTAN OF THE YEAR is Steven Miles, professor of medicine, named by *Minnesota Monthly* magazine. Miles is also part of the U's Center for Bioethics and gained headlines last year when he spoke out against the role of medical personnel in prisoner abuses at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Homegrown\\_hero.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Homegrown_hero.html) .

### 2. News and Features

LET THE SESSIONS BEGIN: Tight budgets. No new taxes. Partisan wrangling. The state and federal legislative sessions are under way. Here's a preview with an eye on the U, including information about constituent meetings with legislators around the state. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Let\\_the\\_sessions\\_begin.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Let_the_sessions_begin.html) .

CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE (CSC) UPDATE--KNOW YOUR RETIREMENT SAVINGS OPTIONS: Beyond social security and the Minnesota State Retirement System, here are two easy retirement savings options. Also: public hearing today on CSC rule changes, call for Civil Service and Bargaining Unit Staff Award nominations, update on senate restructuring, and upcoming meetings. To read more in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Civil\\_Service\\_Committee\\_update\\_January\\_2005.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Civil_Service_Committee_update_January_2005.html)  
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#### University-wide:

U EMPLOYEE W-2 FORMS WILL BE MAILED to home addresses and should arrive no later than Jan. 31. On Feb. 1, duplicate copies will be available through the Office of Human Resources Employee Self-Service Web site. For more information, see <http://hrss.umn.edu> or call 612-625-2016.

NEW U POLICIES address direct sales of goods and services and the review of contracts and transactions. Revised policies include those on academic misconduct, human subject research, delegation of authority, board operations, and purchasing alcohol. For more information, see the U policy library at <http://www.fpd.finop.umn.edu/groups/ppd/documents/main/new.cfm> .

"RESEARCH AND POLICYMAKING: EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION," for faculty and communications staff in all disciplines, will present ways to frame research and findings so policymakers can use them effectively in their fast-paced environment. Presented by Karen Bogenschneider, Policy Institute for Family Impact Seminars, U of Wisconsin, Madison. Jan. 24, 2-4 p.m., Mississippi Room, Coffman Union. Free, but advance registration is required. Contact [cyfc@umn.edu](mailto:cyfc@umn.edu) or 612-625-7865. For more information, see <http://events.tc.umn.edu/event?occurrence=382602;event=107668> .

THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE recognizes active or retired faculty and staff who have provided exceptional service to the U. Nominators must be alumni or current members of U faculty or staff. Deadline for nominations: Mar. 1. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/usenate/alluhonors/handbook.html#pres> .

THE JOSIE R. JOHNSON HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD recognizes one faculty or staff member and one student who have made exceptional contributions in creating respectful and inclusive living, learning, and working environments. Deadline for nominations: Feb. 14. For more information, see <http://www.oma.umn.edu/josie.html> .

THE PRESIDENT'S EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAM will accept up to 25 academic professional and administrative (P&A), civil service, and bargaining unit staff members for 2005-06. Ideal candidates are mid-career professionals who have worked at the U 2-10 years. Nomination deadline: Jan. 31. Application deadline: Mar. 11. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/pe/> .

"DIVERSITY: THE COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE FOR THE 21ST CENTURY," by former General Mills president and board chair Reatha Clark King, will mark the debut of the First Tuesday luncheon series of the Carlson School of Management for business leaders, alumni, students, and educators. Feb. 1, 11:30 a.m.; register by Jan. 27. McNamara Alumni Center; simulcast at UMR. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2015&from=umnnews> or contact [fristuesday@carlsonschool.umn.edu](mailto:fristuesday@carlsonschool.umn.edu) or 612-624-0554.

#### Crookston:

"CELEBRATING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR." will feature a solo performance by Mixed Blood Theatre's Marvin Grays, Jan. 13, 7:30 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews> .

#### Duluth:

"ARCHITECTURAL ART AND THE PROCESS OF DESIGN: Recent Projects by Northern Minnesota Architects" exhibit features models, sketches, and designs of seven firms in Chicago, Duluth, and Hibbing. Through Jan. 23, Tweed Museum of Art, in collaboration with the American Institute of Architects Northern Minnesota chapter. For more information, call 218-726-8222 or 726-7823.

#### Morris:

"UNDERSTANDING CULTURE, UNDERSTANDING PEOPLE" is the topic of a workshop on the changing nature of diversity in the nation, state, and region and how it intersects with community building. Open to those interested in how diversity and development can be forces for positive community change. Presented by Juan Moreno, diversity and inclusion specialist, Extension Service. Jan. 13, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Science Building. For more information, see [http://www.mrs.umn.edu/cecp/conferences/human\\_services](http://www.mrs.umn.edu/cecp/conferences/human_services) or 800-842-0030 or 320-589-6450.

#### Twin Cities:

THE NEW DEAN OF THE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY is Steven Crouch, professor of civil engineering, who has served as associate dean for finance and planning since 1997. He has been a U faculty member since 1970 and holds the Bennett Chair in Mining Engineering and Rock Mechanics. Crouch assumed his duties as dean Jan. 1 and follows Ted Davis, who returned to teaching in chemical engineering and materials science. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2010&from=umnnews> .

THE U POLICE DEPARTMENT NOW RECEIVES 9-1-1 CALLS from all U-owned buildings, including residence halls, as well as campus pay phones and some cell phones. 9-1-1 calls formerly were routed to Minneapolis or St. Paul police. The change was made Jan. 6. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2016&from=umnnews> .

BEAUTIFUL U DAY GRANTS WERE AWARDED TO 17 GROUPS Jan. 5. Eight departmental awards will support public art, a symposium related to the Mississippi River, a butterfly garden, landscaping, and other projects. The 2005 Beautiful U Day will be Apr. 21; the theme will be "A River Runs Through Us: A Celebration of the Mississippi." For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2013&from=umnnews> .

NOMINATIONS FOR THREE AWARDS TO HONOR U WOMEN are now being accepted by the Office for University Women. (1) The Mullen/Spector/Truax Women's Leadership Award recognizes a graduate student or member of the faculty or staff who has made outstanding contributions to women's leadership development at UMTC. (2) The Civil Service/Bargaining Unit (CSBU) Women's Initiative Award recognizes CSBU staff women who have made outstanding contributions to improve the work environment for all CSBU employees. (3) The Sharon L. Doherty Student Award recognizes a UMTC female student who has contributed outstanding volunteer service regarding women's issues on campus or in the broader community. Deadline: Feb. 15. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/women> .

THE PRESIDENT'S STUDENT LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE AWARD honors outstanding student leaders. Those nominated may become eligible for the Zander, McEvoy, and alumni association student awards and scholarships. Faculty, staff, and students may nominate undergraduate, graduate, and professional students. Deadline: Feb. 11. For more information, see <http://www.sao.umn.edu/Awards> .

THE McKNIGHT SUMMER FELLOWS PRESENTATION SERIES will begin with Lois Cucullu, English, "Adulscence: The Adolescent Apparatus in the Long Twentieth Century"; Andreas Gailus, German, Scandinavian, and Dutch, "The Monstrous Angel: A Poetics of Ambiguity in the Age of Incest"; and Alex Lubet, music, "Tunes of Impairment: Essays in Music and Disability." Jan. 19, 3:30-5 p.m., Nolte Library. More presentations through Apr. 20.

ALL-STAFF MONTH AT THE CAMPUS CLUB: All nonfaculty U employees are invited to try lunch at the Campus Club in January. On the fourth floor of Coffman Union, get a free outreach card to use when you buy lunches at the Servery through Jan. 31. For details, see <http://www.umn.edu/cclub/OutreachAllStaff2005.htm> .

THE CENTER FOR HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (CHRD) announces the first meeting of a networking group designed to help employees stay on track in efforts to find new positions. Jan. 13, noon-1 p.m., 215 Donhowe. Also, spring semester CHRD workshops begin this month with "Assessing Your Interests and Values" (Jan. 18) and "Name Your Skills" (Jan. 26). For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/ecep/schedule.htm> .

MORE EVENTS include the Physics Circus, formerly known as the Physics Force (Jan. 13); Twin Cities Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium Conference (Jan. 15); Dayna Hanson of 33 Fainting Spells and Linas Phillips, performing with U students (Jan. 16); author Jon Kabat-Zinn presenting "A Day of Mindfulness" (Jan. 17) and "Coming to Our Senses" (Jan. 18); and a conference, "Ethics, Genetics, and Disability" (Jan. 20). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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**UMNnews** : Check out this Web-based publication with stories from and about the U. See [www.umn.edu/umnnews](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews) .

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

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

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### 1. Top Stories

STEM CELL INSTITUTE DIRECTOR and professor of medicine Catherine Verfaillie announced plans to return to her alma mater, Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium, by the end of 2006. Beginning this summer, she will lead efforts to form a stem cell institute at Leuven and a long-term scientific affiliation with the U. She will remain director of the U Stem Cell Institute in the interim. Verfaillie came to UMTC in 1988 and rose to international renown in the area of adult stem cell research. For more information about the institute, see <http://www.stemcell.umn.edu> .

LEGISLATION FOR A GOPHER CAMPUS STADIUM will be introduced in the Minnesota House of Representatives Jan. 20, a companion to a bill introduced in the Senate Jan. 13 (SF No. 237). The legislation, which provides for a state contribution of 40 percent of the \$235 million cost, has strong bipartisan support. The U plans to fund the remaining 60 percent with a substantial level of private funds from corporate sponsors and private donors. A commitment from the state will strengthen the ability to raise funds. Text of the legislation is on the Web. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/stadium> .

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### 2. News and Features

ENERGY QUEST, the UPlan Wellness program's spring campaign, begins Feb. 7. Eight topics on the quest for energy through healthy eating and activity will be highlighted over eight weeks--physical activity, beverages, fruits and vegetables, whole grains, meal planning and shopping, eating out and fast foods, healthy snacks, and dairy and meats. Keep a log, see how small changes can make a big difference, and get a campus bookstore coupon at the end of the program. To read more in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Energy\\_Quest.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Energy_Quest.html) .

FACULTY AND STAFF AWARDS, APPOINTMENTS, AND NEWS: A summary of recent announcements, including the new Institute of Technology dean, the Carlson School of Management dean departure June 30, McKnight Land-Grant Professors, UMM's new Computing Services director, UMR's director of development named Extraordinary Woman, visiting Fulbright scholars, and more. To read more in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Faculty\\_and\\_staff\\_January\\_2005.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Faculty_and_staff_January_2005.html) .

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### 3. Campus Events and Information

#### University-wide:

THE 2005 LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING will present the U's capital and bonding request and provide resources to become an active supporter. Jan. 27, 5:30-7:30 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center, UMTC. A light dinner buffet will be provided. Register at <http://www.supporttheU.umn.edu> or call 612-625-9174.

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS WITH LEGISLATORS AROUND THE STATE have been organized by the U's Legislative Network, and members of the U community are encouraged to attend. Speak directly to your elected officials about why investment in the U is important to the state. To see if a meeting has been scheduled in your district and to register, see <http://www.umn.edu/groots/conmeet.php> .

THE 2005 REGENT CANDIDATE FORUM will feature the final candidates for four vacant seats on the Board of Regents in a program moderated by Lori Sturdevant, editorial writer for the *Star Tribune*. Feb. 1, Room 15, Minnesota State Capitol, 4:30 p.m. For more information, see <http://www.uma.umn.edu> or contact Elinor Auge at [augex012@umn.edu](mailto:augex012@umn.edu) or 612-625-9195.

THE U ACADEMY OF DISTINGUISHED TEACHERS, in collaboration with the Provost's Council for Enhancing Student Learning, requests proposals for a one-day conference, "Pedagogical Approaches for Engaging Students," Apr. 25. The conference will provide opportunities to share ideas and learn about effective, high-quality approaches to teaching and learning. The call for proposals and proposal form are on the Web. Deadline: Feb. 1. Conference registration will be online in March. For more information, see <http://www.irr.umn.edu/adt/adtconference05> or contact Karen Zentner Bacig, [kbacig@umn.edu](mailto:kbacig@umn.edu) or 612-624-5082.

THE MORSE-ALUMNI, GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL TEACHING, AND TATE ADVISING AWARDS nomination dossiers and online nomination forms deadline is Jan. 27, 4 p.m. For more information, contact Karen Zentner Bacig, [kbacig@umn.edu](mailto:kbacig@umn.edu) or 612-624-5082.

OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS honor faculty, staff, and members of the greater U community who have made substantial, enduring contributions to the external community that improve public life and the well-being of society. Deadline for nominations: Mar. 1. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/civic/ocsa\\_nomiletter.html](http://www.umn.edu/civic/ocsa_nomiletter.html) .

"ETHICS, GENETICS, AND DISABILITY" will explore disability-related ethical issues raised by recent advancements in genetics and approaches to allocating finite disability resources across competing demands. Part of the President's 21st Century Interdisciplinary Conference Series. Jan. 20, Radisson Hotel Metrodome, Minneapolis. Free, but registration is required. For more information see <http://www.hsr.umn.edu/coa> or call Lorri Todd at 612-625-8954 .

"FROM INQUIRY TO IMPACT: YOUTH DEVELOPMENT IN OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME" will feature author and professor Reed Larson, U of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, comparing youth- and adult-driven youth programs in after-school time. Part of the President's 21st Century Interdisciplinary Conference Series. Jan. 28, 8:30 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center and Peters Hall, UMTC. Free, but registration is required. For more information, see <http://www.inquirytoimpact.org> or contact Cathy Bouggy at [cbouggy@che.umn.edu](mailto:cbouggy@che.umn.edu) or 612-626-1241.

THE MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM WILL OPEN A NEW VISITOR CENTER, including expanded conference space and classrooms with up-to-date technology, exhibit and reception space, and Yard & Garden Desk. Jan. 25, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. For more information, see <http://www.arboretum.umn.edu> .

#### Crookston:

"A CENTER FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AT CROOKSTON CAMPUS?" was presented by faculty members Dan Svedarsky and Brent Sorenson and Northwest Regional Sustainable Development Partnership executive director Linda Kingery Jan. 18. Discussion included definitions of sustainable development, what is being done in other parts of the United States and the world, plans for a feasibility study, and hosting a national conference on campus next summer. For more information, contact Brent Sorenson at 218-281-8138 or [soren045@mail.crk.umn.edu](mailto:soren045@mail.crk.umn.edu) or Dan Svedarsky at 281-8129 or [dsvedars@mail.crk.umn.edu](mailto:dsvedars@mail.crk.umn.edu) .

#### Duluth:

THE GREAT LAKES MARITIME RESEARCH INSTITUTE was awarded \$750,000 as part of the federal omnibus appropriations bill last month. The grant will be administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration, which supports a merchant marine that can meet the needs of national defense as well as domestic and foreign commerce. The research institute is a joint project of UMD and the U of Wisconsin, Superior. For more information, see <http://www.businessnorth.com/pr.asp?RID=1222> .

UMD CENTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT business development specialists Jim Tolan and Jan Zigich were certified as economic development financial professionals by the National Development Council. Training included credit analysis, real estate financing, loan packaging, deal structuring and negotiating, and creation and implementation of development programs. For more information about the center, see <http://www.umdced.com> .

#### Morris:

A STUDIO ART FACULTY EXHIBITION will be the first show of faculty works since 1992. Changes in the UMM studio art discipline over the past decade include new faculty members Therese Buchmiller (sculpture and installation), Michael Eble (paintings), and Tracy Otten (mixed process prints). Other faculty presenting in the exhibition will be Kevin Flicker (ceramics), Jess Larson (mixed media sculpture), and Jenny Nellis (sculpture). Jan. 20-Mar. 12; opening reception Jan. 20, 7 p.m., Humanities Fine Arts Gallery. For more information, see <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=222> .

#### Twin Cities:

THE UMTC DANCE TEAM WON ITS THIRD STRAIGHT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP Jan. 16 in Orlando. Goldy Gopher took third place in mascot competition. For more information, see [http://www.gophersports.com/sportsNews/press\\_release.asp?news\\_id=10048&sport\\_id=cheer](http://www.gophersports.com/sportsNews/press_release.asp?news_id=10048&sport_id=cheer) .

THE GOPHER GIGANET CUTOVER BEGINS ON EAST BANK FEB. 14: Eddy, Wulling, Burton, Westbrook, Elliott, Folwell, Norris, and Scott halls, Norris Gymnasium, and Child Development will be the first East Bank buildings in line for the cutover to the new campus computer network, implemented by Networking and Telecommunication Services. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/nts/networkupgrade> .

BARCELO COLLABORATIVE MULTICULTURAL PROJECTS GRANTS now support collaborative projects that help to create a campus community where diversity is welcomed and supported, with particular interest in the campus climate for women students, faculty, and staff of color. Deadline: Feb. 28. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/women/awards\\_rusty.htm](http://www.umn.edu/women/awards_rusty.htm) .

THE PHARMACEUTICAL CARE CLINIC, College of Pharmacy, provides comprehensive assessments of medication-related needs conducted by an advanced-standing pharmacy student in the presence of experienced faculty. U employees, friends, and family are welcome to schedule appointments. Participation will prepare pharmacy students for new professional responsibility. No charge, but nominal contributions are appreciated. For more information or an appointment, call 612-625-7929.

MORE EVENTS include *The Children's Blizzard* author and historian David Laskin (Jan. 20); *Peas at 5:30*, a romantic comedy about love and blindness by German filmmaker Lars Buchel (Jan. 21); 24-Hour Theatre (Jan. 22); a benefit performance of poetry, music, dance, and visual art for the Sri Lankan Relief Fund by U.S. and Canadian artists (Jan. 23); "Research and Policymaking: Effective Communication" (Jan 24); and a meeting of the Educational Technologists Forum for faculty, staff, and graduate students who help to create digital course activities and materials (Jan. 25). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: The Minnesota Senate voted 57-7 to support a bonding bill (SF 1) Jan. 24. It would fund all the U's requested projects except the Higher Education Asset Preservation and Replacement (HEAPR) projects, which it scaled down from \$90 million to just over \$50 million. The U would receive \$118 million, compared with the governor's \$100 million proposal. Also, President Bruininks testified before the Senate Higher Education Budget Division Jan. 20 and the House Higher Education Finance Committee Jan. 24. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/govrel> .

LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING: Faculty and staff are invited to attend the annual U legislative briefing, which includes a presentation by Bruininks, a profile of the late Gov. Elmer Andersen as a model advocate by *Star Tribune* editorial writer Lori Sturdevant, and a light buffet dinner. Jan. 27, 5:30-7:30 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center, UMTC. Register at <http://www.supporttheU.umn.edu> or call 612-625-9174; walk-up registrations also accepted.

THE FINAL REGENT CANDIDATES FOR FOUR VACANT SEATS ON THE BOARD will assemble at the 2005 Regent Candidate Forum, an opportunity for U leaders, alumni, and legislators to meet and hear from them. Feb. 1, Minnesota State Capitol. Reception, 3:30 p.m., Great Hall; forum, 4:30 p.m., room 15. For more information, see <http://www.uma.umn.edu/rcf> or contact Elinor Auge at [augex012@umn.edu](mailto:augex012@umn.edu) or 612-625-9195.

### 2. News and Features

THE U DIGS OUT: UMD worked its way out this week from 16 inches of snow that fell over three days for a season total of 67 inches. The statewide storm dropped 3-9 inches on the other U campuses. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/The\\_U\\_digs\\_out.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/The_U_digs_out.html) .

CAPA UPDATE: NOMINATE P&A STAFF FOR U AWARDS. Spring is the time to recognize inspiring work at the U. Academic professional and administrative (P&A) staff are eligible for many campus honors. Here are 14 of them, with several deadlines coming soon. To read more in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Recognize\\_your\\_PA\\_peers.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Recognize_your_PA_peers.html) .

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2005 McKNIGHT LAND-GRANT PROFESSORS are Reuben Harris, biochemistry, molecular biology, and biophysics; Alex Kamenev, physics; Dan Kaufman, medicine; Michelle Mason, philosophy; Stuart McLean, anthropology; Ezra Miller, mathematics; Randall Singer, veterinary and biomedical sciences; Bryan Shuman, geography; T. Andrew Taton, chemistry; Eric Van Wyk, computer science and engineering; and George Weiblen, plant biology. They will be presented to the Board of Regents in March and will hold the award for two years. For more information, see [http://www.grad.umn.edu/faculty-staff/mcknight/land\\_grant\\_recipients.html](http://www.grad.umn.edu/faculty-staff/mcknight/land_grant_recipients.html) .

THE SOUTHERN MINNESOTA AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER (AHEC), a partnership between the U and 26 counties in southwest and south central Minnesota, became an official nonprofit corporation in December. AHEC promotes rural health educational opportunities and addresses health professions workforce challenges unique to the region. U faculty members on the board of directors represent dentistry, pharmacy, and the Academic Health Center at large. For more information, see <http://www.ahc.umn.edu/news/releases/ahec122204/home.html> .

UNIVERSITY ENTERPRISE LABORATORIES (UEL) HAVE A PERMANENT HOME at 1000 Westgate Drive, St. Paul, due to a \$24 million commitment from a group of public and private investors. The new bioscience incubator also announced a 10-year lease, beginning Mar. 1, to Prism Research, a company that specializes in clinical trials for new pharmaceutical products and medical devices.

"UNPACKING YOUR STUDY ABROAD" will be the topic of a workshop for advisers, career development officers, and faculty who work with students returning from experiences abroad. Jan. 28, 9:30-11:30 a.m., 130 Blegen Hall. Workshops for students will be offered Jan. 27-28. For more information, see <http://events.umn.edu/event?occurrence=383320;event=107996> .

THE TECHNOLOGY-ENHANCED LEARNING (TEL) SEMINAR SERIES for U faculty, staff, students, and the public continues spring semester. Seminar 1: "TEL Strategies in Large-Enrollment Classes," with panelists Kate Briggs, psychology; M.J. Maynes and Ann Waltner, history; Laura Molgaard, veterinary medicine; Deb Olson, environmental health sciences; and moderator Robin Wright, biological sciences. Feb. 1, noon-1:30 p.m., 274 McNeal Hall, St. Paul. Coming up: "Using the MyU Portal," Mar. 2; "TEL Faculty Development and Support," Apr. 7; and "Faculty TEL Leadership," May 3. Prepare 1-2 weeks before each session. For more information, see <http://dmc.umn.edu/series/spring05.shtml> .

"PEDAGOGICAL APPROACHES FOR ENGAGING STUDENTS" conference deadline for proposals is Feb. 1. Sponsored by the U Academy of Distinguished Teachers in collaboration with the Provost's Council for Enhancing Student Learning. For more information, see <http://www.irr.umn.edu/adt/adtconference05> .

U READS 2005: TEN BOOKS recommended by faculty, staff, and students were announced in January. For more information, see <http://www.cce.umn.edu/ureads> .

#### Crookston:

"A CENTER FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AT CROOKSTON CAMPUS?" recorded discussion held Jan. 18 is now on the Web. For more information, see <http://www.crk.umn.edu/people/services/MediaServ/UMC-MS-Events.htm> ; see also the Northwest Regional Sustainable Development Partnership at <http://www.regionalpartnerships.umn.edu/northwest> .

#### Duluth:

A BULLDOG RECEPTION FOR UMD ALUMNI will feature large-screen viewing of the UMD Bulldogs vs. Minnesota Gophers men's hockey game. Appetizers and beverages, 5:30-7 p.m.; game and snacks, 7:05-10 p.m. Sku-U-Mah Room, McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak Street, Minneapolis. Register by contacting [alumni@d.umn.edu](mailto:alumni@d.umn.edu) or 866-726-7110.

SUMMER CAMPUS APARTMENT RENTALS FOR RETIREES will be offered for the 29th year by the UMD Summer Housing Office. Rentals for 5, 8, or 10 weeks include furnished apartments. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/housing/summer> or contact [sumhsq@d.umn.edu](mailto:sumhsq@d.umn.edu) or call 218-726-7390.

#### Morris:

A CAMPUSWIDE DONATION DRIVE TO AID TSUNAMI VICTIMS includes a letter-writing campaign to drug companies to urge continued medications for the region (Minnesota Public Interest Research Group), CD sales with proceeds to the Red Cross or UNICEF (Morris Campus Student Association), monitoring disease control (Biology Club), an online newsletter and a column in the student newspaper, plus a color map of the region in the student center (Community Service and Volunteerism), a message board in the student center to suggest ways to help, and sales of silicon bracelets in orange for tsunami children and red for AIDS orphans (Imani student organization). Through Jan. 28. For more information, contact [campusco@mrs.umn.edu](mailto:campusco@mrs.umn.edu) or 320-589-6418.

"RETURN TO LITTLE ROCK," the keynote to mark Black History Month, will feature Minnijean Brown-Trickey, one of the Little Rock Nine. In 1957, nine black teens defied hostile demonstrators and the Arkansas National Guard to attend all-white Little Rock Central High School. Feb. 1, 7:30 p.m., Edson Auditorium. For more information, see <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=224> .

#### Rochester:

"EXPANDING HORIZONS FOR RETIREMENT: A Day for Nurturing the Mind, Body, and Spirit," a one-day workshop for retirement-age adults in southeastern Minnesota, will explore topics from nutrition to birding to online learning. Jan. 29. Registration is required. For more information, see <http://www.r.umn.edu> or call 888-241-4536.

#### Twin Cities:

UMTC RANKED AMONG THE TOP SEVEN PUBLIC RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES in the nation, according to the annual U of Florida study released last week. Its place has slipped slightly overall. The campus improved on some of the nine measures in the study and fell in others, principally the number of faculty awards. President Bruininks said state funding cuts are beginning to show an effect. The report is available to download from the Web. For more information, see <http://thecenter.ufl.edu/research2004.pdf> (PDF).

AUTOMATED SCHEDULING FOR DEPARTMENTAL CLASSROOMS is now available to departments and colleges through Resource25. "R25" is a proven scheduling system that interacts with PeopleSoft to provide course scheduling information to systems, staff, and students. It allows for a quick search of available rooms on the Web and can provide reports on room use. The Office of Classroom Management is also expanding Web access to photos, equipment, and other room information. For more information, see <http://www.classroom.umn.edu> or contact John Libra at [libra@sossgw.stu.umn.edu](mailto:libra@sossgw.stu.umn.edu) or 612-625-4883.

OFFICE FOR UNIVERSITY WOMEN (OUW) SPECIAL GRANTS for 2005-06 include (1) project grants for one-time or short-term events, such as lectures or artistic performances, and (2) institutional change grants that address long-term, systemic change within the U community. Any UMTC faculty or staff member or student may submit a proposal. Deadline: Feb. 28. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/women/awards\\_special.htm](http://www.umn.edu/women/awards_special.htm) .

*TECH TALK* BEGAN ITS THIRD SEASON this month on Twin Cities public television. Upcoming topics include spyware and adware (Jan. 30), computer viruses, global positioning systems, digital music, copyright, and more. For more information, see <http://techtalk.umn.edu> .

"DIVERSITY: THE COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE FOR THE 21ST CENTURY," by former General Mills president and board chair Reatha Clark King, is the second in the First Tuesday luncheon series of the Carlson School of Management for business leaders, alumni, students, and educators. Feb. 1, 11:30 a.m.; register by Jan. 27. McNamara Alumni Center; simulcast at UMR. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2015&from=umnnews> or contact [fristuesday@carlsonschool.umn.edu](mailto:fristuesday@carlsonschool.umn.edu) or 612-624-0554.

"THE ETHICS OF INNOVATIVE SURGERY," by U of Virginia professor of biomedical ethics Jonathan Moreno, is part of the Lunch Series on Societal Implications of the Life Sciences. Feb. 8, 12:15-1:30 p.m., Mississippi Room, Coffman Union. Free and open to the public; lunch provided with registration by Feb. 1. For more information, see <http://www.lifesci.consortium.umn.edu> or contact [lawvalue@umn.edu](mailto:lawvalue@umn.edu) or 612-625-0055.

MORE EVENTS include artist Hachivi Edgar Heap of Birds at the "Representing the Native-American Story Here and Abroad" art exhibition (Jan. 26); "China's Port Cities and Globalization in History and Today" (Jan. 27); "From Inquiry to Impact: Youth Development in Out-of-School Time" (Jan. 28); the Faculty Dance Club's "Deep Freeze Dazzle" (Jan. 29); opening reception for "Hip Art That's Square," an exhibition of LP art at the Goldstein (Jan. 29); "On Foot: A History of Walking," with Joseph Amato (Jan. 31); the grand opening of the St. Paul Campus Career Center (Feb. 1-2); and "Stem Cell Therapy: Hype or Hope?" (Feb. 2). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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Show your support for the U. Join the Legislative Network: <http://www.supporttheU.umn.edu> .

**UMNnews** : Check out this Web-based publication with stories from and about the U. See [www.umn.edu/umnnews](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews) .

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

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### 1. Top Stories

GOV. PAWLENTY'S PROPOSED BUDGET, announced Jan. 25, includes \$113 million in new funding for the U, 84 percent of what the U requested. It accepts the U's proposal for a 50-50 partnership with the state and includes \$7.5 million for a U-Mayo Clinic research partnership. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/5050\\_partnership.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/5050_partnership.html) .

UMM WAS NAMED A GREEN POWER PARTNER BY THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY last week. Students, staff, and faculty established a Green Energy Task Force in 2003, and campus activities have included a water conservation program, changing the campus newsletter from paper to e-mail, recycling more, replacing traditional vehicles in the fleet service with hybrid vehicles, and installing a new wind-power generator. For more information, see <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=225> .

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### 2. News and Features

IMPROVEMENT SPOTLIGHT: When cutting costs at the U wasn't enough, the Office of Asset Management developed innovative strategies that are now bringing \$6 million in increased revenue each year. It's just one of the success stories showcased at the new Office of Service and Continuous Improvement (OSCI) Web site, where you can find improvement project profiles from around the U, training opportunities, links to resources, and a how-to column twice a month. To read more about the U's asset management success and OSCI in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Innovative\\_asset\\_management.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Innovative_asset_management.html) .

PERSONAL FINANCE WORKSHOPS HELP BEGINNERS AND SEASONED INVESTORS: It's tax season, and Employee Benefits presents four timely workshops: "Taking Control of Your Financial Life" (Feb. 2), "Five Habits of Highly Successful Investors" (Feb. 9), "Creating an Investment Strategy" (Feb. 16), and "Market Madness" (Feb. 23). Two will be taped for distribution. Also: tax tips--duplicate W-2s, new W-4s, and tax reciprocity states. To read more in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/February\\_finance\\_workshops.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/February_finance_workshops.html) .

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#### University-wide:

THE BENEFITS ADVISORY COMMITTEE SEEKS COMMENTS from U faculty and staff about experiences with their health plans in 2004. Comments will be confidential. Deadline: Feb. 10. Contact the appropriate person for your plan. Health Partners Classic: Bill Roberts, [rober029@umn.edu](mailto:rober029@umn.edu) or 612-625-8020. Patient Choice and Patient Choice-Duluth: Ted Litman, [litma001@umn.edu](mailto:litma001@umn.edu) or 612-626-7344. Definity Health: Linda Aaker, [aaker001@umn.edu](mailto:aaker001@umn.edu) or 612-624-1001. PreferredOne National or Regional: Peh Ng, [pehng@mrs.umn.edu](mailto:pehng@mrs.umn.edu) or 320-589-6318. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/usenate/committees/bac.html> or UPlan information at <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/eb> .

BREAKING THE SILENCE AWARDS recognize efforts that confront discrimination based on gender identification or sexual orientation, thus improving the campus climate for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) people at the U. Deadline for nominations: Mar. 1. For more information, download the guidelines and form at <http://www.umn.edu/glbtf/PDFs/BTSNomination%20Form.pdf> (PDF).

THE COLLABORATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLLEGE TEACHING AND LEARNING announces its 16th summer institute, "Sustaining Innovation for Greater Student Learning in a Climate of Rapid Change." The institute is an intensive residential program that provides an interactive plenary, individualized consulting, and team meeting time designed to enable groups to complete a realistic and compelling project plan in less than a week. June 7-11, St. Olaf College, Northfield. Deadline for proposals: Mar. 11. For more information, see <http://www.collab.org> or contact Marla Amborn at [amborn@collab.org](mailto:amborn@collab.org) or 651-646-6166.

THE NEW CENTER FOR BIOETHICS WEB SITE is for anyone who needs fast access to current information about organ transplants, human cloning, genetic testing, and related topics. It is designed for professionals, community members, and students who want to learn more about bioethics. For more information, see <http://www.bioethics.umn.edu/resources/update> .

GREAT CONVERSATIONS: "GENDER AND RACE IN MEDICAL TREATMENT" will address how social distinctions still govern equal access to medical treatment. Anne Taylor, professor of cardiology, associate dean of the Medical School, and director of the U's National Center for Excellence in Women's Health, will be joined by Vivian Pinn, director of the Office of Research on Women's Health, National Institutes of Health. Feb. 8, 7:30 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. For more information, see <http://www.cce.umn.edu/conversations> or call 612-624-2345.

THE KONOPKA INSTITUTE FOR BEST PRACTICES IN ADOLESCENT HEALTH received \$2.6 million from the Kellogg Foundation to fund Minnesota Youth Community Learning in 11 communities for three years. For more information, see <http://www.konopka.umn.edu> .

LEGISLATIVE NETWORK: In 1974, Minnesota spent eight cents of every dollar on higher education, compared with less than four cents today. The Legislative Network provides tools to tell state legislators to "Reverse the Trend." For more information, see <http://www.supporttheU.umn.edu> .

#### Crookston:

THE FIRST TRAINING SESSION FOR UMC PROSPECTOR, a Web-based application developed at UMC to help admissions and academic departments track contact with prospective students, was held Jan. 28. Representatives from admissions, the five departments, and "College in the High School" attended. For more information or to arrange training, contact Steve Hannah, instructional technology, at [shannah@umn.edu](mailto:shannah@umn.edu) or 218-281-8381.

#### Duluth:

RAIN GARDEN CONSTRUCTION along College Street will be the most visible project in 2005 of the campus Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan. The UMD Department of Facilities Management is developing the plan, which also includes new operational practices and opportunities for research and education. The rain garden will filter and slow parking-lot runoff, an issue being addressed on campus as well as in the city of Duluth. For more information, contact facilities management director John King, [jking@d.umn.edu](mailto:jking@d.umn.edu) or 218-726-8821.

*STANDING ON MY SISTERS' SHOULDERS*, a documentary about women who fought for change in Mississippi in the 1950s and changed history, will kick off the campus activities for Black History Month. Feb. 8, noon, 273 Kirby Student Center.

#### Morris:

"SO YOU LIKE TO HEAR THE SOUND OF YOUR OWN VOICE" is a reading event in which staff, faculty, and students can donate an hour of time to read books for students whose disabilities prevent them from reading independently. Through Feb. 25, during regular office hours, Disability Services.

#### Twin Cities:

IF YOU WILL BE AWAY FROM THE TWIN CITIES during the 2005-06 academic year and would like to rent your home to new U faculty or staff, contact the Relocation Assistance Program, [rapland@umn.edu](mailto:rapland@umn.edu) or 612-626-0775.

"STEM CELL THERAPY: HYPE OR HOPE?" will feature Janet Rowley, Blum-Riese Distinguished Service Professor in the departments of medicine, molecular genetics and cell biology, and human genetics at the U of Chicago, and a member of the President's Council on Bioethics. Feb. 2, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Coffman Union. For more information, see <http://www.lifesci.consortium.umn.edu> .

*DEVELOPING POWER: HOW WOMEN TRANSFORMED INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT* is a new book by 27 women from around the world, edited by Arvonne Fraser. Reception for Fraser and book signing Feb. 3, 4:30-6 p.m., Humphrey Center atrium. For more information, see <http://events.umn.edu/event?occurrence=382232;event=107599> .

"HISTORY MYSTERIES," on connections between archival records and local history, will feature architecture professor Lance Neckar and historian Randy Getchell on their research in U libraries and archives. Feb. 4, noon-1 p.m., 120 Andersen Library. For more information, see <http://andersen.lib.umn.edu/andersenevents.html> .

"CEDAR-RIVERSIDE: HISTORIES AND VISIONS" is an exhibition based on original and primary research by students in a public history class fall semester. Opens Feb. 4, 6 p.m., Hennepin History Museum, 2303 Third Ave. S., Minneapolis. For more information, see <http://events.umn.edu/event.xml?event=108028;occurrence=383533> .

McKNIGHT SUMMER FELLOWS PRESENTATIONS will feature Branislav Jakovljevic, theatre arts and dance, "Theatre and Event: An Interdisciplinary Perspective"; Margaret Werry, theatre arts and dance, "Performing the Tourist State"; and Tetsuya Yamada, art, "Dialog With the 'Ready-Made.'" Feb. 7, 3:30-5 p.m., Nolte Library. For more information, see <http://events.umn.edu/event?occurrence=382235;event=107601> .

"MATH BEHIND THE CURTAINS: DYNAMIC SIMULATION AT PIXAR," by senior animation scientist David Baraff, Pixar Animation Studios, will explore core physical simulation technologies of recent movies and the balancing of creative and technical needs in production. Presented by the Institute for Mathematics and Its Applications. Feb. 9, 7 p.m., B75 Amundson Hall. For more information, see <http://www.ima.umn.edu/public-lecture/2004-05/baraff> .

"SUBMITTING THE SUCCESSFUL WRITING-INTENSIVE COURSE PROPOSAL" will be presented by Pamela Flash, Center for Writing, and Laurel Carroll, Council on Liberal Education. Feb. 10, noon-1:30 p.m., 325 Coffman Union. Lunch will be served to the first 30 who register; contact [writing@umn.edu](mailto:writing@umn.edu) or 612-626-7579.

MORE EVENTS include *First Contact*, part of Science on the Screen (Feb. 2); painter and printmaker Rochelle Feinstein (Feb. 3-5); Alfred Maurer exhibition preview party at the Weisman (Feb. 4); "Stand Up and Sing," featuring CitySongs and other choirs (Feb. 5); screening of *The Edge of Each Others' Battles: The Vision of Audre Lorde* (Feb. 7); and Cafe Scientifique: Mushrooms and Medicine (Feb. 8). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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UMC FACULTY VOTED FOR UNION REPRESENTATION, 24-22 with 3 abstentions, in results tabulated Feb. 1. They will join the University Education Association (UEA), part of Education Minnesota. UEA also represents the UMD faculty. In coming weeks, UEA and the U will determine the process for negotiating terms and conditions of employment. "Your fairness and professionalism, especially on a campus that has endured so much transition, has been appreciated," UMC interim CEO Joe Massey wrote to the faculty. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/newsstory.aspx?ID=40> .

STRATEGIC POSITIONING, with a focus on five action strategies, will be on the regents' agenda Feb. 10-11. Other topics will include U Senate restructuring, academic benchmarks, analysis of student enrollment and graduate statistics and trends, and U energy policy. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2045&from=umnnews> .

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### 2. News and Features

PRESIDENT BUSH PROPOSES BUDGET: The Bush Administration's budget proposal released Monday is the tightest since President Reagan's in 1981. Major challenges for higher education include research funding in key areas and several student aid programs. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/President\\_Bush\\_proposes\\_tight\\_federal\\_budget.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/President_Bush_proposes_tight_federal_budget.html) .

CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE (CSC) UPDATE: If approved by the regents this week, civil service staff will gain representation in the University Senate. CSC chair Dorit Hafner gives a preview. Also: an update on rules revision. To read more in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Civil\\_Service\\_Committee\\_update\\_February\\_2005.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Civil_Service_Committee_update_February_2005.html) .

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#### University-wide:

THE STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY ADDRESS will be delivered by President Bruininks as part of U Founders Day activities. Feb. 24, 3 p.m., theater, Coffman Union, Minneapolis, with interactive television and telephone connections to UMC, UMD, UMM, and UMR. The speech will be followed by a question-and-answer period and a reception in the theater lobby. Disability accommodations will be provided on request; please call Coffman at 612-624-9954 by Feb. 18. For more information, see <http://events.umn.edu/event?occurrence=384111;event=108204> or <http://www.umn.edu/twincities/founders> .

REGENT SELECTION UPDATE: The Regent Candidate Advisory Council narrowed the candidate group to nine. The selection process continues with congressional district caucuses this week, a meeting of the legislature's Joint Education Committees Feb. 14, and the legislature's vote on final appointments Feb. 16. All meetings are open to the public. For more information, see <http://www.rcac.leg.mn> and <http://www.alumni.umn.edu/rcf> .

AN OPEN DISCUSSION WITH SEN. NORM COLEMAN on "Keeping American Colleges Competitive Through International Education" will address the decline of international student enrollment in the United States and Coleman's proposed bipartisan legislation to counter the trend. A panel will include international students and representatives from local colleges and universities. Feb. 11, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center. For more information, see <http://www.international.umn.edu/news/2005/coleman.html> .

THE UPLAN WELLNESS "ENERGY QUEST" PROGRAM began Feb. 7. The eight-week program provides tips and guidelines to create a daily balance between eating and activity, with tools for U employees and family members. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/eb/wellness/eqnews1.htm> .

TECHNOLOGY-ENHANCED LEARNING (TEL) GRANTS support faculty projects, especially projects that promise broad programmatic application and can improve access to U teaching resources, enhance community, and exemplify commitment to sustainable development and evaluation of TEL activities. Deadline: Feb. 15. For more information, see <http://dmc.umn.edu/grants> .

INITIATIVES IN DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY GRANTS support faculty research projects or events in artificial intelligence, distributed robotics, and vision; bioinformatics and computational biology; computer-human interactions; databases and data mining; digital design; graphics and visualization; storage architectures; networks and security; systems recognition and verification; and wireless communications and signal processing. Last year, the Digital Technology Center made 11 awards to faculty in 16 departments and seven colleges, including UMD. Deadline: Mar. 31. For more information, see <http://www.dtc.umn.edu> .

NEW U NEWS SERVICE DIRECTOR will be Daniel Wolter, effective Feb. 21. Wolter led communications for the Pawlenty administration's health care reform efforts and was previously the governor's communications director. For more information see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2039&from=umnnews> .

#### Crookston:

UMC'S VOLUNTEAM received a grant from mtvU, the television network for college students, to support an orientation event, "Meet Crookston Through Service," and events for children in the Crookston community. The network helps to fund new student initiatives every week of the school year. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/newsstory.aspx?ID=34> .

"ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS IN SUSTAINABILITY," the second seminar in a series on sustainability, will be presented by Daniel Wolpert, author, cofounder of the Minnesota Center for Contemplation and Healing, and pastor at the First Presbyterian Church, Crookston. Feb. 17, 3 p.m., Youngquist Auditorium, Northwest Research and Outreach Center. For more information, contact Dan Svedarsky, [dsvedars@mail.crk.umn.edu](mailto:dsvedars@mail.crk.umn.edu) or 218-281-8129, or see <http://www.regionalpartnerships.umn.edu/northwest> .

#### Duluth:

"THE DREAM ALIVE," a tribute and commentary to increase understanding of the continuing impact of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life and work, will feature Joe Rogers, former lieutenant governor of Colorado and the highest ranking African American state elected official. Feb. 17, 4:30-6 p.m., UMD Ballroom. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/calendar> .

#### Morris:

THE UMM DOMAIN NAME HAS CHANGED from [www.mrs.umn.edu](http://www.mrs.umn.edu) to [www.morris.umn.edu](http://www.morris.umn.edu) . The change will affect Web and e-mail addresses.

UMM HAS BEEN NAMED A "COLLEGE OF DISTINCTION" by Maryland-based Student Horizons and will be featured in a nationwide guide. Criteria included engaged students, teaching, community vibrance, and successful outcomes. For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=228> .

THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD has been given to a UMM student for the first time. Senior Isaiah Brokenleg was honored for commitment that inspires others to engage in volunteer service. For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=226> .

THE UMM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION invites alumni and friends to the annual Midwinter Event and UMM Concert Choir Reception. Meet conductor Ken Hodgson and the choir. Feb. 18, Duluth Room, Minneapolis Hilton, 1001 Marquette, Minneapolis. 5:30-8:30 p.m., hors d'oeuvres; 7 p.m., UMM update; 9 p.m., choir performance at the Minneapolis Convention Center. For more information, contact [alumni@morris.umn.edu](mailto:alumni@morris.umn.edu) or 320-589-6066. For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=229> .

#### Rochester:

"GAMBLING: PROBLEM OR SOLUTION TO STATE BUDGET DEFICIT?" is the first of two Coffee and Conversation issues forums for Rochester citizens. Sponsored by UMR and a partnership of community groups to promote citizen dialogue. For more information, see <http://www.rneighbors.org/C&C.htm> or contact Jay Hesley at 507-280-2837.

#### Twin Cities:

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY INVOLVING A STUDENT, such as death, a serious accident, or a campus demonstration, notify the following offices as soon as possible: U of M Police Department, 911 or 612-624-COPS (-2677); Office for Student Affairs, 612-624-4599; and U News Service, 612-624-6868. Guidelines are part of a new student emergency protocol. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/prepared/com\\_resources.html](http://www.umn.edu/prepared/com_resources.html) .

OPEN FORUMS ON STRATEGIC POSITIONING for faculty, staff, and students will be held Feb. 9, 2:30-4 p.m., 33 McNeal Hall, St. Paul, and Feb. 15, 3:30-5 p.m., 125 Science Classroom Building, Minneapolis. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic\\_positioning](http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic_positioning) or call contact [kruegerl@umn.edu](mailto:kruegerl@umn.edu) .

DIGITAL MEDIA CENTER (DMC) FACULTY FELLOWSHIPS provide instructors with opportunities to research the impact of digital technology on teaching and learning and to design and share new and innovative teaching and learning processes. Applicants must be faculty members or academic professional staff with primary responsibility for teaching courses. Deadline: Feb. 21. For more information, see <http://dmc.umn.edu/fellowship> .

INTERNATIONAL TAX WORKSHOPS will be held for foreign nationals on F, J, H, or L visas or green cards and with income under \$30,000. Preregistration is required, and Federal Form 8843 must be completed before attending. Tuesdays through Apr. 5, L-117 Carlson School of Management, 6-9 p.m. For more information, see <http://www.iss.umn.edu/taxes/taxwrkshp.html> .

HEALTHWORKS FAIR will provide information for students in all majors on broad opportunities for volunteer, internship, and work experiences, from the local community to abroad. Feb. 10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Great Hall, Coffman Union. Participating organizations are listed on the Web. For more information, see <http://www.healthcareers.umn.edu/hcc/healthworks/hworqlist.html> .

A PRE-VALENTINE'S DAY FEAST AT THE CAMPUS CLUB, cosponsored by the School of Nursing, will feature a Mediterranean menu. Feb. 10. Reservations required; call 612-626-7788. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/cclub> .

SUMMER DISCOVERY DAY CAMPS at the Bell Museum of Natural History provide one-week camps for children grades K-6, June 13-Sept. 2. Registration opens soon and fills quickly. For more information, see <http://www.bellmuseum.org> .

MORE EVENTS include alumnus Suresh Hettiarachchi on his personal experience in Sri Lanka during the tsunami (Feb. 9); "Math Behind the Curtains" by Pixar animator David Baraff (Feb. 9); *North Star* documentary screening and discussion with U scholars on African American history in Minnesota (Feb. 10); Chinese New Year celebration (Feb. 11); *Before the Blues*, Alonzo King's Lines Ballet at Northrop (Feb. 11); and *Mind Shapes* author Dr. Alan Kahn on the physiology of information processing (Feb. 15). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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

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

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### 1. Top Stories

THE BOARD OF REGENTS VOTED FEB. 10 TO APPROVE THE NEW U SENATE STRUCTURE. The University Senate will now include 23 elected academic professional and administrative (P&A) and 23 elected civil service staff members, as well as 155 members of the faculty senate, 50 members of the student senate, and other seats designated in the U Senate constitution, which was revised October 5, 2004. The change will be effective July 1. For more information, see "Constitution" at <http://www.umn.edu/usenate/constitution/sencon.html> .

STRATEGIC POSITIONING led discussion at regent meetings Feb. 10-11. President Bruininks and Provost Sullivan outlined five action strategies and correlating benchmarks the U will use to become one of the top three public universities in the world. "This is the right goal," said Regent Reed. "A great institution is never satisfied with the status quo." For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2056&from=umnnews> .

THE LEGISLATURE WILL VOTE TODAY TO FILL FOUR U REGENT SEATS. On Feb. 14, a joint panel recommended four names: incumbents Anthony Baraga (District 8) and Dallas Bohnsack (District 2), Steve Hunter (at large), and David Larson (District 3). U regent selection is a rare occasion for a joint convention of both houses; the vote is scheduled at noon. For more information, see <http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/hinfo/sessiondaily.asp?yearid=2005&storyid=363> .

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### 2. News and Features

NEW VP FOR RESEARCH LOOKS AHEAD: R. Timothy Mulcahy joined the U Feb. 1. He recently answered questions about Minnesota's uncommon combination of disciplines, research strengths, rankings, and his U-wide role, plus some things he likes to do away from work--fly-fishing, for one. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/New\\_VP\\_for\\_research\\_looks\\_ahead.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/New_VP_for_research_looks_ahead.html) .

U RESEARCH STARS IN A NEW TELEVISION DOCUMENTARY. *Minnesota: A History of the Land* spotlights research at places such as Cedar Creek Natural History Center, where a graduate student revolutionized the young field of ecology in the late 1930s. The coproduction of the College of Natural Resources and Twin Cities Public Television involved 28 U staff and faculty from 10 colleges and units, from Waseca to Duluth. It debuts Feb. 21-22. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Minnesota\\_A\\_History\\_of\\_the\\_Land.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Minnesota_A_History_of_the_Land.html) .

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#### University-wide:

MAROON & GOLD DAY AT THE STATE CAPITOL IS FEB. 23. Hundreds of U students, staff, and faculty members from across the state are expected to rally at the capitol to demonstrate support for the U and to urge legislators to support the U's biennial and capital requests. Rally, 1 p.m.; meetings with legislators, 1:30 p.m.; dinner/reception at Coffman Union, Great Hall, 5 p.m. **UMC:** buses depart at 7 a.m.; contact Amanda Willger, [willi382@mail.crk.umn.edu](mailto:willi382@mail.crk.umn.edu) . **UMD:** bus departure information to be announced. **UMM:** buses depart from Student Center, 9 a.m. **UMTC:** buses depart from Coffman Union (the river side) every half hour beginning at 12:30 p.m.; for more information, contact Bethany Snyder, [snvd0206@umn.edu](mailto:snvd0206@umn.edu) . For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/groots/mandaday.php> .

THE STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY ADDRESS will be part of U Founders Day activities. Feb. 24, 3 p.m., theater, Coffman Union, Minneapolis. Interactive television and telephone sites: 155 Peters Hall, St. Paul; 4 Hill Center, UMC; 410 Library, UMD; 2950 Science Auditorium, UMM; and CF202, UMR. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/twincities/founders> or <http://events.umn.edu/event?occurrence=384111;event=108204> .

DEADLINE FOR THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE IS MAR. 1. The award recognizes active or retired faculty and staff members who have provided exceptional service to the U. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/usenate/alluhonors/handbook.html#pres> .

#### Crookston:

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT will feature a program on winter birds in northwest Minnesota by UMC professor Daniel Svedarsky. Feb. 19, 1:30-5 p.m., Rydell National Wildlife Refuge, about 30 miles southeast of UMC. For more information, see <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/Rydell> or call 800-841-0172.

"EXPLORING BARRIERS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS WITH PSYCHIATRIC DISABILITIES" is a half-day workshop by interactive television featuring Barbara Blacklock and Betty Benson, UMTC Disability Services. Feb. 25, 220 Dowell Hall, 8:30-11:50 a.m. For more information, see <http://www.crk.umn.edu/campusinfo/wkbulletin/04-05/02-09-05.htm#Exploring> .

#### Duluth:

"FEAST OF NATIONS," presented by the UMD International Club, will feature food and entertainment from cultures around the world. Feb. 19, 5:30 p.m., Kirby Ballroom. \$15; \$10 for students; free for children 5 and under. For more information, see [http://www.d.umn.edu/~intlclub/new\\_site](http://www.d.umn.edu/~intlclub/new_site) .

*PROMETHEUS BOUND*, the Greek tragedy of the heavenly soul brother who stole fire from Mt. Olympus, gave it to mortals, and was bound forever to a rock, will be recreated with live music, dance, music videos, and poetry by UMD Theatre. Feb. 16-19, 7:30 p.m., Marshall Performing Arts Center. For tickets, call 218-726-8561. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/theatre> .

SCHUBERT'S *WINTERREISE* will be performed in a guest-artist concert by baritone Johan Lippens and pianist Brook Cuden, presented by the Department of Music. Feb. 20, 3 p.m., Weber Music Hall. For tickets, call 218-726-6186. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/music/events/calendar/february.html> .

#### Morris:

FOURTEEN UMM BAND MUSICIANS were accepted into the 2005 College Band Directors National Association Intercollegiate Honor Band--the largest number from any Minnesota college. The honor band will perform as part of the Minnesota Music Educators Association Mid-Winter Clinic, Feb. 19, in Minneapolis. For more information about the UMM band, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/~band> .

HYBRID VEHICLES are at work at UMM: campus police parking monitors use a Ford Escape, and two Priuses are on order, one for the Twin Cities-based admissions counselor and one as a pool vehicle.

#### Twin Cities:

THE NEW MINNESOTA POPULATION CENTER, the world's largest, will open 18,000 square feet of new offices in Willey Hall. The grand opening will include a display of books and articles, based on the center's data, and demonstrations of how databases are built and accessed. Feb. 18, 3-5 p.m., 50 Willey Hall. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2048&from=umnnews> .

THE NATIONAL SCIENCE COALITION, of which the U is a member, is featuring the Multi-Axial Subassemblage Testing (MAST) Laboratory on its Web site this week. The coalition works to expand and strengthen federal investments in university-based scientific, medical, engineering, and agricultural research. For more information, see "Sneak a Peek Inside the Labs" at <http://www.sciencecoalition.org> .

NEW LOCATION FOR THE U FEDERAL CREDIT UNION (UMFCU): The Minneapolis branch will be closed Feb. 18 while it moves to Stadium Village Mall, 825 Washington Av. S.E. New telephone number is 612-465-0400. The UMFCU provides financial services to all U faculty, staff, students, members of the alumni association, and immediate family members. For more information, see <http://www.umfcu.net> .

THE LEARNING ABROAD SPRING FAIR provides information for undergraduates and graduate students to learn about international opportunities and how they fit into academic, career, and personal plans. Today, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Willey Hall upper concourse. For more information, see <http://www.umabroad.umn.edu/news> .

THE THIRD ANNUAL SPARK FESTIVAL OF ELECTRONIC MUSIC will feature research scientist and professor of composition Philippe Manoury, U of California, San Diego, and IRCAM, Paris; DJ Spooky that Subliminal Kid, the constructed persona of conceptual artist, writer, and musician Paul D. Miller; lectures, performances, master classes, and multimedia installations. Feb. 16-20, West Bank Arts Quarter. For more information, see <http://spark.cla.umn.edu> .

"HEALING BY DESIGN: Therapeutic Health Benefits Through Landscape, Garden, and Interior Design," a lecture series, will debut with "Healing Gardens: What to Do, What Not to Do, and What We Still Don't Know," by author Claire Cooper Marcus. Sponsored by the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum and the Center for Spirituality and Healing. Feb. 17, 1-4:30 p.m. For more information, see <http://www.csh.umn.edu/csh/programs/calendar/hdreq.html> .

"OVER-READING THE HUMAN GENOME: The Threat to Privacy, Employment, Group Identity, and Responsibility," the Deinard Memorial Lecture on Law and Medicine, will be presented by Ellen Wright Clayton, professor of pediatrics and law and director of the Center for Genetics and Health Policy, Vanderbilt U. Registration is required for those who wish to receive continuing education credits. Feb. 25, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Mississippi Room, Coffman Union. For more information, see [http://www.jointdegree.umn.edu/news\\_and\\_events/events.php?id=180](http://www.jointdegree.umn.edu/news_and_events/events.php?id=180) .

MORE EVENTS include "When Words Fail, A Needle and Thread Prevail," sessions on African American quilting (Feb. 16 and 23); "Black, Bold, and Beautiful: Black Women's Hair" (Feb. 17); Russia's Moiseyev Dance Company at Northrop (Feb. 17); "A Geopolitical Detective Story: Where the Power Goes in the Year 2030" (Feb. 18); "Travelogues: Once in a Lifetime--Over Land From London to Iran," with retired U professor Robert Mevold (Feb. 20); "The U.S., Europe, and the Trans-Atlantic Political Rift" (Feb. 21); and "Emotional Intelligence: How Expanding the Way We Think About Intelligence Can Improve Our Leadership Effectiveness" (Feb. 22). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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### 2. News and Features

FACULTY AND STAFF AWARDS, APPOINTMENTS, AND NEWS: Interim co-deans for the Carlson School of Management are James Campbell and Michael Houston; Eric Weldy is new UMD associate vice chancellor for academic support and student life; U faculty are appointed to United Nations and NASULGC boards; UMC's Pamela Holsinger-Fuchs wins Minnesota Campus Compact leadership award; and more. To read the highlights in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Faculty\\_and\\_staff\\_February\\_2005.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Faculty_and_staff_February_2005.html) .

CAPA UPDATE: BENEFITS AND COMPENSATION. Nonrenewal notification and vacation policy for academic professional and administrative (P&A) staff are just two of the concerns taken up this year by the Benefits and Compensation Committee. To read the report in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/CAPA\\_benefits\\_and\\_compensation\\_update.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/CAPA_benefits_and_compensation_update.html) .

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DEADLINE FOR OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS IS MAR. 1. Awards honor faculty, staff, and members of the greater U community who have made substantial, enduring contributions to the external community that improve public life and the well-being of society. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/civic/ocsa\\_nomletter.html](http://www.umn.edu/civic/ocsa_nomletter.html) .

THE U IS ONE OF 14 INSTITUTIONAL RECIPIENTS OF THE 2005 BECKMAN SCHOLARS AWARD. The award supports six student scholarships over a two-year period for significant contributions to advance education, research training, and personal development in chemistry, biochemistry, and the biological and medical sciences. The application process will be announced soon. For more information, see <http://www.beckman-foundation.com/scholars.html> or contact Vicky Munro, [munro001@umn.edu](mailto:munro001@umn.edu) .

"CARE VS. EMPOWERMENT" is the fourth in a conference series on disability issues designed to promote collaboration among faculty and community representatives. While health professionals often view disability as an impairment of the person, those with disabilities view the problem not so much as the impairment itself but the social and physical environment that does not meet their needs. Part of the President's 21st Century Interdisciplinary Conference Series. Mar. 22, 8 a.m. - noon, Radisson Hotel Metrodome. For more information, see <http://www.hsr.umn.edu/coa> .

#### Duluth:

DANCE MUSIC FROM BRAZIL AND THE UNITED STATES by UMD Bands will be presented in a concert with Maestro Dario Sotelo, Conservatory of Music, Tatui, Brazil. Feb. 27, 7:30 p.m., Weber Music Hall. \$10; proceeds will support the band's Brazil tour. For tickets, call 218-726-8877. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/music/events/calendar/february.html> .

"HEY AMERICA, IMMIGRATION IS YOUR FUTURE," presented by Mee Moua, the first Hmong state senator in the nation (D-St. Paul), is the next presentation in the Spring Public Policy Lecture Series of the Center for Advocacy and Political Leadership. The series presents prominent leaders speaking on topics of interest to citizens and to students in the master's program of the Center. Mar. 5, 12:45 p.m., Kirby Student Center. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/cia/mapl/news.htm> .

#### Morris:

CONSTRUCTION OF THE WIND TURBINE at the West Central Research and Outreach Center has begun. The three-blade turbine, each blade 135 feet, is expected to be completed by Feb. 28. A dedication is scheduled for Apr. 22. The turbine should provide up to 50 percent of UMM's electricity.

THE CENTER FOR SMALL TOWNS IS 10 YEARS OLD. Its focus remains much the same: as part of Continuing Education and Regional Programs, it is a primary outreach unit for UMM. The center provides resources to assist small towns, local units of government, K-12 schools, and nonprofit organizations in rural, west central Minnesota communities to successfully make the transition through rapid change in rural America. For more information, see UMM Fleet Services at <http://www.morris.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=236> .

#### Rochester:

PRESIDENT BRUININKS WILL INTRODUCE STEVEN CROUCH, new dean of the Institute of Technology, to the Rochester community in meetings Feb. 25 with area technology and business leaders, including a luncheon and community reception hosted by UMR provost David Carl.

#### Twin Cities:

FOUNDERS DAY WILL CELEBRATE THE U'S 154TH BIRTHDAY. Free cake, courtesy of Cub Foods, will be served. Feb. 24, noon, Northrop plaza; 1 p.m., St. Paul Student Center. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Presidents\\_address\\_on\\_U\\_birthday.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Presidents_address_on_U_birthday.html) .

A CONSTRUCTION WORKER FOR THE NICHOLSON HALL REHABILITATION PROJECT died Feb. 17. Robin Sutter of Lakeville was an iron worker employed by Amerect, a subcontractor of McGough Construction. McGough and Amerect are working with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to complete an investigation. To read the statement from VP Kathleen O'Brien, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2061&from=umnnews> .

TWO MEN'S TENNIS COACHES WERE SUSPENDED Feb. 21 after the U filed an internal investigation report with the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). The NCAA investigation of alleged violations, none of them academic, began Feb. 22. Athletics director Joel Maturi addressed the team to express the U's support. An interim coach will be named. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2064&from=umnnews> .

UMTC GRADUATION AND RETENTION RATES CONTINUE TO RISE, according to the 2004-05 University Plan, Performance, and Accountability Report. The four-year graduation rate is up from 15.2 percent to 32.3 percent over a decade; the goal is 50 percent by 2012. The first-year retention rate for students who entered in 2003 was 86.3 percent. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Graduation\\_retention\\_rates\\_up\\_for\\_University\\_of\\_Minnesota\\_Twin\\_Cities.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Graduation_retention_rates_up_for_University_of_Minnesota_Twin_Cities.html) .

AN OPEN HOUSE ON THE PROPOSED CAMPUS FOOTBALL STADIUM will be the first public session on the environmental review process for a Gopher-only stadium. The public is invited to give input on the scope of the environmental review, including what should be studied and considered. Mar. 1, 4-7 p.m., brief presentation at 5 p.m. to be repeated at 6 p.m.; Williams Arena. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/stadium/environment.html> and <http://www.eqb.state.mn.us> .

A \$5.8 MILLION, FIVE-YEAR GRANT to investigate the link between the nervous system and cardiovascular disease was awarded by the National Institutes of Health last week to five institutions, led by the Medical School's Department of Physiology. For more information, see <http://www.ahc.umn.edu/news/releases/consortium021805.html> .

THE ROBOT ASIMO (Advanced Step in Innovative MObility), developed by Honda Motor Co., will be on campus as part of a national tour of leading engineering schools. ASIMO, which can talk, climb stairs, and dance, is designed to provide care to people with disabilities. Feb. 24 and 25, 2:30 p.m.; Feb. 26, 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. Great Hall, Coffman Union. For more information, see <http://events.umn.edu/event?occurrence=384275;event=108361> .

THE DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE (DTI) FORUM will feature 11 projects for 2004-05. Feb. 28, Digital Technology Center, 401-2 Walter Library. Poster session and continental breakfast, 9-10 a.m.; panel discussions, 10 a.m.-noon. Prospective applicants for 2005-06 are encouraged to attend. For more information, see [http://www.dtc.umn.edu/programs/dti\\_forum.php](http://www.dtc.umn.edu/programs/dti_forum.php) .

DEPARTMENT OF ART FACULTY MEMBERS Karl Bethke (printmaking), Thomas Cowette (drawing and painting), and Curtis Hoard (ceramics) are featured in *Retrospectives*, an exhibit at the Katherine Nash Gallery, Regis Center for the Arts, through Mar. 24. Reception Feb. 25, 6-8:30 p.m. For more information, see [http://artdept.umn.edu/art\\_dept/online\\_gallery.html](http://artdept.umn.edu/art_dept/online_gallery.html) and <http://events.umn.edu/event.xml?event=107155;occurrence=381561> .

"THE 9-11 COMMISSION: International Policy Considerations in Making America Safer" will be a nonpartisan town-hall meeting to discuss outcomes of the commission with Michael Hurley, senior director of policy for the 9-11 Public Discourse Project, formerly senior director of counter-terrorism policy for the 9-11 Commission. Sponsored by the U chapter of Americans for Informed Democracy. Mar. 1, 5:15-6:30 p.m., Presidents Room, Coffman Union. For more information, see <http://events.umn.edu/event?occurrence=384257;event=108357> .

MORE EVENTS include a screening of *In the Light of Reverence: Protecting America's Sacred Lands* (Feb. 23); a debate on government use of eminent domain for economic development (Feb. 24); "Over-Reading the Human Genome: The Threat to Privacy, Employment, Group Identity, and Responsibility" (Feb. 25); the 10th anniversary of "The Works" technology discovery center (Feb. 26); "Music for Martin," with Sounds of Blackness and T. Mychael Rambo (Feb. 27); "Virtue, Republicanism, and Disestablishment of Religion at the Founding," by Judge Michael McConnell, U.S. 10th Circuit Court of Appeals (Feb. 28); "Russia and China: Trends in the Former and Future Superpowers and How They Affect the U.S." (Mar. 1); and the Soweto Gospel Choir at Ted Mann Concert Hall (Mar. 1). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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KEEPING THE U'S DOORS OPEN to talented students from all walks of life is key to realigning with the land-grant legacy, President Bruininks said in the State of the University address Feb. 24. He introduced the new Founders Opportunity Scholarship for first-year, Pell grant-eligible students on all U campuses and described increased support for graduate and professional students. He urgently called for support at the legislature and set the stage for next steps in the strategic positioning process. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/State\\_of\\_the\\_U.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/State_of_the_U.html) .

BOTH THE SENATE AND HOUSE HAVE PASSED VERSIONS OF THE CAPITAL BONDING BILL. The bills now move into conference committee to work out differences before a final bill is presented to the governor. The conference committee met for the first time Mar. 1. Members are senators Langseth (DFL, Glyndon), Pappas (DFL, St. Paul), Metzzen (DFL, South St. Paul), Senjem (R, Rochester), and Dille (R, Dassel), and representatives Dorman, (chair, R, Albert Lea), McNamara (R, Hastings), Brod (R, New Prague), Hausman (DFL, St. Paul), and Murphy (DFL, Hermantown). Watch for updates on the Government Relations Web site, <http://www.umn.edu/urelate/govrel> .

BIG TEN UNIVERSITIES, including the U, called on Congress to provide research and higher education funding despite the tight federal budget. In letters sent Feb. 22 to House and Senate leaders, the chancellors and presidents said U.S. leadership in science and higher education is threatened and that steady investment is crucial to American innovation. For more information about the U's efforts in Washington, see <http://www.umn.edu/urelate/fedrel> .

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#### 2. News and Features

IMPROVEMENT SPOTLIGHT: A BIG COLLEGE PUTS ORIENTATION REGISTRATION ONLINE. It's not just signing up for summer camp...it's 4,000 students' first interaction with the college they've chosen to attend. The Twin Cities campus College of Liberal Arts (CLA) used to correspond with all of them on paper, taking at least two weeks to match each student to the right orientation session. Since 2003, online orientation registration has reduced that time to minutes for 95 percent of admitted students, and everybody's happier. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Orientation\\_registration\\_goes\\_online.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Orientation_registration_goes_online.html) .

UMN*news* IS CELEBRATING ITS FIRST ANNIVERSARY. The U's Web publication offers a wide range of news and feature stories about faculty members, students, research, and events. University Relations is giving away free pens and 100 maroon mugs. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Read\\_it\\_and\\_reap.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Read_it_and_reap.html) .

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#### 3. Campus Events and Information

##### University-wide:

GOODBYE CUF5, HELLO ENTERPRISE FINANCIAL SYSTEM (EFS). The "trailblazing" phase of the new U-wide financial system is on course. Implementation kickoff is scheduled for July. The new system will replace CUF5 over several years. Twelve teams are working on various EFS projects; four have completed their work for Phase 1. About 150 employees throughout the U are involved. Project status, downloadable presentations, and answers to questions are available on the Web. For more information, see <http://www.finsys.umn.edu> .

ENERGY QUEST: Watch for Energy Quest News, Week 5, in *Brief* next week, Mar. 9. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/eb/wellness> .

COMMUNICATORS FORUM MAROON & GOLD AWARDS recognize the role of excellent communications in supporting the U's mission and values. Several awards are made in each of four categories: print, multimedia, campaign/series, and writing. Entry deadline: Mar. 15. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/umcf/awards> .

GREAT CONVERSATION: "DESIGN OF EVERYDAY LIFE" will feature U librarian Wendy Pradt Lougee, a pioneer in the design and development of digital libraries, and Henry Petroski, professor of civil engineering and history at Duke University and author of books on the history of ordinary objects, including *The Pencil* and *The Book on the Bookshelf*. Mar. 9, 7:30 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall, Minneapolis. For more information, see <http://www.cce.umn.edu/conversations> or call 612-624-2345.

SPLIT ROCK ARTS PROGRAM REGISTRATION for summer workshops is now open. U staff may take workshops for credit at reduced rates through the Regents Scholarship and Academic Tuition Waiver. For more information, see <http://www.cce.umn.edu/splitrockarts> .

THE FRIENDS OF EASTCLIFF BOOK CLUB will discuss *West of Rehoboth*, by Alexs Pate, assistant professor of African American and African studies, UMTC. Mar. 22, Eastcliff, St. Paul. For more information, <http://www.bookstore.umn.edu/eastcliff.html> .

##### Crookston:

"SAFEGUARDING GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) DATA THROUGH METADATA," a workshop by staff from the Minnesota Land Management Information Center, was presented Feb. 28 to about 30 GIS students at UMC and representatives of northern Minnesota development and water-planning organizations.

##### Duluth:

QUICKCARE, A NEW DROP-IN CLINIC FOR FACULTY, STAFF, AND DEPENDENTS, opened Feb. 21 in the Health Services building, with an open house and official dedication of the clinic space Mar. 1. QuickCare was created by the UMD Department of Human Resources and UPlan to provide fast, easy care at a cost savings. It offers medical visits, treatments, and screenings for common ailments. The new clinic is an in-network provider for all UPlan medical program options at the U. The QuickCare staff includes Nancy Sudak, program medical director, and Susan Rhoads, nurse practitioner. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2005/February/17.html> .

"FOR-PROFIT DEVELOPMENT FUNDAMENTALS," by Campus Park developer Mark Lambert, will be presented by the Urban Studies Program and the Center for Community and Regional Research. Mar. 9, noon, K333 Kirby Student Center. Free and open to the public. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/ccrr> .

"TRAVELS IN POLAND WITH A CHEMISTRY CLASS," by chemistry professor Richard Markuszewski, will be presented by the Alworth Institute for International Studies. Mar. 3, noon, Griggs Center, Kirby Student Center. Free and open to the public.

##### Morris:

THE 2005 MIDWEST POLITICAL SCIENCE UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH CONFERENCE will be hosted at UMM, the first public institution to host the event. About 85 undergraduates, including 11 from UMM, will present and defend research papers. Wy Spano, director of UMD's master's program in advocacy and political leadership, will give the keynote address. Mar. 3-5, \$10 for the opening banquet, presentations and panels open to the public. For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=241> .

HOME-GROWN FOOD AND ENTERTAINMENT will star at Pride of the Prairie Mar. 3. Farmers market and food expo, 1-4 p.m., Oyate Hall; spring local foods dinner, 4:45-6:30 p.m., Food Services. Tickets \$10, off-campus students and children \$6, children under 5 free; available at the door or in advance, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. daily, Student Center lobby. For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=239> .

##### Rochester:

A CANCER-PREVENTION FAMILY HEALTH FAIR, cosponsored by UMR, will feature interactive displays to experience the power of the sun, explore a big mouth, listen to lungs talk, stroll through a larger-than-life colon, and more. Mar. 5, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Mayo Civil Center exhibit hall. For more information, see [http://www.r.umn.edu/14\\_Events\\_Special.htm](http://www.r.umn.edu/14_Events_Special.htm) .

##### Twin Cities:

MARCH IS DESIGNATED THE MONTH OF KINDNESS AT UMTC, encouraging people to be kind and pass it on. Events this week include a talk by Wendy Kopp, who founded Teach for America as a college student, today, 7-8 p.m., Coffman Union; and a 5K Run for Research to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Mar. 5, 1 p.m., starting at Coffman Union. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2074&from=umnnews> .

GRADUATE SCHOOL WORKSHOPS FOR DIRECTORS OF GRADUATE STUDIES will include "Use of Exit Interviews as Program Assessment Tool," Mar. 23; and "Ethics in Research, Scholarship, and Registration Education: Authorship Issues," Apr. 5; 3-5 p.m., Coffman Union. Space is limited and registration required. For more information, see <http://www.grad.umn.edu/dqs/workshops> .

NOMINATIONS FOR THE BEAUTIFUL BUILDING AWARD, to be awarded to a custodial staff member or team on Beautiful U Day, Apr. 21, are due Mar. 25. For more information, see <http://www.uservices.umn.edu/beautifulu> .

"DOCUMENTS OF TRUTH, DOCUMENTS OF SHAME" will explore how researchers in archives and special collections confront evidence of propagand, racism, and other painful history. Mar. 4, noon-1 p.m., 120 Andersen Library. For more information, see <http://andersen.lib.umn.edu/andersenevents.html> .

"WORKING FOR CHANGE WHILE RESPECTING THE PAST: ONE WOMAN'S PERSPECTIVE," by local immigration lawyer and Chicana activist Susana De Leon, will be presented as part of the University Women of Color Speaker Series. Mar. 4, 2 p.m., Basic Science and Biomedical Engineering atrium. Free and open to the public, but registration requested by Mar. 2 to [uwoc@umn.edu](mailto:uwoc@umn.edu) .

THE MINNESOTA EVALUATION STUDIES INSTITUTE (MESI) 10th annual conference will feature special education author and researcher Donna Mertens, Gaullaudet U, and world-renowned evaluator Michael Scriven, Western Michigan U. Mar. 9-11, Bloomington; "Intro to Evaluation" and "Focus Groups" workshops Mar. 7-8. For more information, see <http://education.umn.edu/EdPa/MESI> .

THE WORLD'S FIRST AND ONLY SCIENTIFIC THEORY SLAM will be hosted by Minnesota slam poet John Troyer as part of Cafe Scientific. Mar. 10, 6-8 p.m., sign-up begins at 5 p.m., Kitty Cat Klub, Dinkytown; participants must be 18 or older. For more information, see "Science and Popular Culture" at <http://www.bellmuseum.org/calendar.html> .

MINI MEDICAL SCHOOL spring topics will include neuroscience and anatomy of the brain (Mar. 28), medical devices (Apr. 4), foundations of sleep and sleep disorders (Apr. 11), ethical issues of stem cell research (Apr. 18), and the neuro exam and neurological disorder case study (Apr. 25). Each session taught by faculty experts. 6-8:30 p.m., Molecular & Cellular Biology. \$60 for the series; open to the community, high school-age and older. For more information, see <http://www.ahc.umn.edu/outreach/minimed> .

MORE EVENTS include the International Cultures Festival (Mar. 3); third annual Theatre of the Relatively Talentless (TORT), by U law students (Mar. 3-5); Latin American political theater festival (Mar. 3-6); John O'Neal's "Don't Start Me Talking or I'll Tell You Everything I Know: Sayings From the Life and Writings of Junebug Jabbo Jones" (public lecture Mar. 4, performances Mar. 5-6); 2005 Mathematics Fun Fair (Mar. 5); Hillel's 7th annual Latke-Hamentash Debate (Mar. 6); Wolfgang Ketterle Public Lecture, "The Coldest Matter in the Universe" (Mar. 7); and Pride @ Work lunch gathering (Mar. 8). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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NEW REGENTS Steven Hunter and David Larson will be sworn in by Kathleen Blatz, chief justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court, during meetings Mar. 10-11. Other topics will include consideration of a formal endorsement of the U's strategic positioning plan; acceptance of the 2004-05 U Plan, Performance, and Accountability Report before submitting it to the legislature; and a deans discussion of faculty recruitment and retention challenges. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2099&from=umnnews> .

THE U SYSTEM RANKS FIFTH NATIONALLY IN GIFTS AND NONCONTRACTUAL GRANTS RECEIVED for 2004, rising from seventh in 2003, among public institutions. It now ranks 15th among all universities, with \$245.6 million in private support. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2090&from=umnnews> .

GRADUATE ASSISTANTS FILED CARDS with the Bureau of Mediation Services requesting an election to decide whether or not they will be represented by United Electrical, Radio, and Machine Workers of America, Local 1105. The Office of Human Resources is working with the bureau and the union to determine the list of eligible voters as well as the details of the election process. A Web site will be announced next week. Updates will be posted at <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/er> .

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### 2. News and Features

CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE (CSC) UPDATE: The CSC is seeking civil service staff members for 23 new seats in the U Senate, 4 seats on the CSC, and several seats on other governance committees. Also, funds are still available for 2004-05 professional development funds. To read more in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Civil\\_Service\\_Committee\\_update\\_March\\_2005.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Civil_Service_Committee_update_March_2005.html) .

CELEBRATING WOMEN: U employees tell how they observe International Women's Day. Other Women's History Month events on U campuses include conferences, sports, and national speakers. To read more in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Womens\\_History\\_Month\\_2005.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Womens_History_Month_2005.html) .

ENERGY QUEST, WEEK 5: Highlights this week include the importance of planning ahead for healthy eating, from shopping to meal planning; tips for parents to help their children avoid becoming overweight; observations on the Atkins diet from Lisa Harnack, School of Public Health; a personalized Mayo Clinic healthy-weight pyramid; fitness indicators; and more. To read this week's update, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/eb/wellness/eqnews5.htm> .

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### 3. Campus Events and Information

#### University-wide:

MORSE-ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS for outstanding contributions to undergraduate education are Michael Dennis Browne, English, UMTC; Amy Lee, composition, General College, UMTC; Kenneth Leopold, chemistry, UMTC; Gail Peterson, psychology, UMTC; Jon Pierce, management studies, UMD; and Michael White, animal science, UMTC. They will be honored in a ceremony Apr. 25.

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO POSTBACCALAUREATE, Graduate, and Professional Education Award recipients, all UMTC, are Ragui Assaad, public affairs; Christopher Cramer, chemistry; Timothy Ebner, neuroscience; Alex Lubet, music; Carl Osborne, veterinary clinical sciences; Mary Margaret Rowan, nursing; Raj Suryanarayanan, pharmaceuticals; and Gregory Vercellotti, hematology, oncology, and transplantation. A ceremony in their honor will be Apr. 25 in conjunction with the Morse-Alumni Awards.

THE DEADLINE FOR REGENTS PROFESSORSHIP NOMINATIONS IS MAR. 15. Regents professorships are bestowed on a small number of faculty members who have contributed uniquely to the quality of the U through especially noteworthy accomplishments in teaching; research, scholarship, or creative work; and contributions to the public good. Send nominations to Regents Professor Nominating Committee, c/o Vickie Courtney, University Senate Office, 427 Morrill Hall. For more information, contact [courtney@umn.edu](mailto:courtney@umn.edu) or 612-625-4805.

THE U ACADEMY OF DISTINGUISHED TEACHERS will sponsor "Pedagogical Approaches for Engaging Students," a one-day conference open to all who are interested in teaching and learning. Apr. 25, McNamara Alumni Center. Free, but online registration is required. For more information, see <http://www.irr.umn.edu/adt/adtconference05> .

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: CAPITOL CENTENNIAL SYMPOSIUM. Faculty members and graduate students from all U campuses are invited to submit proposals for "Capitol Views: Building, Public Life, and Culture," a one-day symposium to mark the centennial of the Minnesota State Capitol building, Oct. 15, St. Paul. Presentations should expand understanding of the capitol and may be scholarly, critical, or speculative; they may include topics such as public life and space, popular culture, politics, ecological change, identity formation, and social justice. Indicate interest by Mar. 21; deadline for proposals, May 2. Sponsored by the College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture. For more information, see <http://www.cala.umn.edu/capitol> .

SPRING BREAK AND FLOATING HOLIDAY: Spring break at UMC, UMM, UMR, and UMTC is Mar. 14-18, with U offices closed for a floating holiday Mar. 18. UMD spring break is Mar. 21-25, with a floating holiday Mar. 25. To see official U calendars through 2007-08, see <http://www.umn.edu/usenate/calendars/calendarpage.html> .

"U AND YOUR ECONOMY," a workshop on retail trade analysis (RTA) reporting, a new tool to help Minnesota communities assess opportunities and foster economic and community development, will be held in five locations statewide: Marshall (Mar. 10), Owatonna (Mar. 24), Grand Rapids (Mar. 31), Crookston (Apr. 7), and St. Cloud (Apr. 14). Sponsored by the U Extension Service. For more information, see <http://www.extension.umn.edu/uandeconomy> .

#### Crookston:

A NEW 81-BED STUDENT HOUSING PROJECT AT UMC was approved by the regents last month. Construction is set to begin in May and be completed by fall 2006. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/newsstory.aspx?ID=51> .

UMC NATURAL RESOURCES HOSTED THE RIVER WATCH FORUM MAR. 2, a one-day program for more than 150 high school students from 21 schools in northwestern Minnesota and northeastern North Dakota. It was the 10th anniversary of the river-monitoring program started by citizen conservationist Wayne Goeken, who received a Distinguished Service to Conservation Award, presented by UMC campus executive officer Joe Massey. The program featured students presenting their findings, data analysis methods, and a poster contest judged by UMD water resources students. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/newsstory.aspx?ID=66> .

#### Duluth:

*STRING*, a romantic comedy about an English professor-to-be and a lawn-fertilizer specialist vying for a woman's affection, will be presented by UMD Theatre. Mar. 10-13 and 15-19, 7:30 p.m., Marshall Performing Arts Center. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/theatre> .

"ALL WOMEN'S NIGHT" AT THE UMD CLIMBING WALL will provide climbing equipment, women instructors, and a supportive environment to welcome both new and experienced climbers. Participants are advised to wear comfortable, flexible clothing. Part of Women's History Month. Mar. 10, 6-9 p.m. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/ws/main/upcomingevents.php> .

#### Morris:

THE UMM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TEACHING AWARD recipient is Pareena Lawrence, economics. She will be honored at the recognition dinner for faculty and staff Apr. 28 and will be the speaker at the student honors and awards ceremony May 13. For more information, see her faculty profile at <http://cda.morris.umn.edu/~lawrenpg> .

AT MAROON AND GOLD DAY AT THE CAPITOL Feb. 24, UMM was represented by 500 students, alumni, and staff. The group met with more than 150 legislators. Morris Campus Student Association president Bryan Fisher testified on behalf of UMM before the House Committee on Higher Education Finance.

#### Twin Cities:

THE BASIC SCIENCES AND BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING (BSBE) building will become Hasselmo Hall in honor of former U president Nils Hasselmo. A formal dedication is planned for May 6. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2092&from=umnnews> .

THE GOPHER EXPRESS WEST CONVENIENCE STORE AND POST OFFICE in the West Bank Skyway will be closed for renovation Mar. 25-Aug. 29. The post office will relocate to 310 Blegen and will sell bus passes and discount tickets. For more information, see <http://www.coffman.umn.edu> .

MAROON AND GOLD FRIDAYS encourage the U community to wear the school colors to show pride and spirit. Student alumni ambassadors have renewed the program, sponsored by the alumni association, with an online toolkit for staff and faculty to find out how offices and departments can participate. For more information, see <http://www.alumni.umn.edu/MGF> .

U YOUTH AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS SUMMER 2005 REGISTRATION is now open. Weeklong programs for children 5-15 fill quickly. For more information, see <http://www.recsports.umn.edu/youth> .

"THE CONSTITUTION, DIGITAL MEDIA, AND EXPECTATIONS OF PRIVACY" is the topic of the Silha Center's spring forum, with a panel of experts in law and computer forensics. Mar. 9, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., 402 Walter Library. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2079&from=umnnews> .

"A CELEBRATION OF BEIJING + 10" will mark International Women's Day and 10 years since the Beijing Platform for Action was adopted at the Fourth Conference on Women. Featured speakers will be Zainab Salbi, Women for Women International, and Winona LaDuke, Honor the Earth and the White Earth Land Recovery Project. The event will also include human rights workshops, local artists, film, music, dance, and displays by more than 50 cosponsoring organizations. Mar. 12, Coffman Union. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2078&from=umnnews> .

MORE EVENTS include "Design of Everyday Life" in the Great Conversations series (Mar. 9); "Archiving Memory," a three-story public art and photography installation at Andersen Library (opening reception Mar. 10; through June); "Upstream: Fly Fishing in the American West" at the Bell (opening celebration Mar. 12; through July 3); and free bagpipe lessons in the Irish style sponsored by the Student Pipe Band (Mar. 15). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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### 1. Top Stories

THE BOARD OF REGENTS UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSED THE U'S STRATEGIC POSITIONING process Mar. 11. Two committees, one for academic programming and one for administration, are scheduled to make recommendations to the president later this month in what Bruininks called a "multiyear, ongoing process." The president will forward recommendations to the regents in May, and action is expected in June. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2109&from=umnnews> and [http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic\\_positioning](http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic_positioning) .

FORMER MINNESOTA GOVERNORS Arne Carlson (R) and Wendell Anderson (DFL) testified Mar. 15 before the Senate Higher Education Budget Division to encourage increased state support for the U. Dean Robert Elde, College of Biological Sciences, also testified. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2115&from=umnnews> .

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### 2. News and Features

PLANNING FOR RETIREMENT: LIFE AFTER WORK. For recent U retiree David Johnson, retirement meant the opportunity to volunteer in lifelong interests. Whatever your dreams for the "third stage" of life, it's also important to take account of your body, mind, spirit, health care, relationships, and independence. Start exploring resources now, and if you're 55 or older, don't miss the retirement planning seminars this month. To read more in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Life\\_after\\_work.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Life_after_work.html) .

*BRIEF* READER SURVEY REPORT: Nearly 2,900 U employees took *Brief's* reader survey in November 2004, and about 700 wrote comments. The response was positive and satisfaction high among nearly 90 percent of regular readers. To read a summary of the results in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Brief\\_readers\\_reply.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Brief_readers_reply.html) .

ENERGY QUEST, WEEK 6: Highlights this week include the challenges of busy lives, long hours away from home, and fast-food convenience that contribute to massive health problems for Americans. Learn new research findings on promoting healthy food choices from Simone French, epidemiology, and how to fight "portion distortion," and get fast-food facts and tips on avoiding heart disease. To read this week's update, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/eb/wellness/eqnews6.htm> .

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### 3. Campus Events and Information

#### University-wide:

THE NEW DEAN OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL AND VICE PROVOST is Gail Dubrow, currently associate dean for academic programs at the U of Washington graduate school and professor of architecture, landscape architecture, urban design, and planning, with adjunct appointments in history and women's studies. In her new role, Dubrow will lead in advancing interdisciplinary teaching and research across the U campuses. She is expected to arrive this summer. Victor Bloomfield, professor, biochemistry, microbiology, and biophysics, has served as interim dean for two-and-a-half years. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2103&from=umnnews> .

THE U'S NEW CONSORTIUM FOR BIOINFORMATICS AND COMPUTATIONAL BIOLOGY will be funded in part with \$5 million received by the State of Minnesota from settlement of a class-action lawsuit against Microsoft Corp. The consortium comprises nine UMTC colleges and UMD and will be headquartered in the Digital Technology Center. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2105&from=umnnews> .

THE MINNESOTA CHILDREN'S SUMMIT 2005: "Smart Policies, Strong Families" for U and community leaders will focus on how policy decisions are made at all levels, from legislature to workplace, from church to community center. Part of President Bruininks's Initiative on Children, Youth, and Families. Mar. 28, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Coffman Union theater; broadcast to UMC (106 Sahlstrom Conference Center), UMD (410 Library), UMM (7 Humanities and Fine Arts), UMR (110 Science and Technology Hall), and the Southwest Research and Outreach Center, Lamberton. Registration opened Mar. 15. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2091&from=umnnews> .

"FALLOUT FROM THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT IN FRANCE," a lecture series, features "Psychoanalysis of the Middle East Conflict and New Readings of Anti-Semitism," by author and psychoanalyst Daniel Sibony, Mar. 22, 4 p.m., Weisman Art Museum. France has the largest Jewish and Muslim populations of any nation outside the Middle East. More events are scheduled Mar. 30 and Apr. 19. Sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts, UMTC; foreign languages and literatures, UMD; and more. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2102&from=umnnews> .

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: "DIVERSITY HERE AND NOW--Holistic and Sustainable Approaches to Multicultural Learning," a conference for faculty, staff, and students, will explore practical applications of current research and theory that colleges and universities can use to create proactive, holistic approaches to multicultural learning appropriate to their institutional settings. Nov. 18-19, sponsored by the Collaboration for the Advancement of College Teaching and Learning. Deadline: Apr. 15. For more information, see <http://www.collab.org> .

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH GRANTS support assistant professors who have no independent national funding and are engaged in cancer-related research including genetic mechanisms of cancer, molecular mechanism of cancer progression and metastasis, development of novel cancer therapeutic models and translational research, cancer immunology, and immunotherapy. Funding up to \$20,000. Deadline: May 2. For more information, contact [micek003@umn.edu](mailto:micek003@umn.edu) or 612-626-1926.

#### Crookston:

WORK ON THE FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR A CENTER FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT continues Mar. 22. A forum will be facilitated by Delore Zimmerman, president, CEO Praxis, Grand Forks, with overviews of departmental perspectives on sustainability from each department head, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Brown Dining Room. The third Sustainability Seminar, "Sustainable Development in Northeast Minnesota and How Do You Know How You're Doing?" will be presented by Okey Ukaga, executive director, Northeast Regional Sustainable Partnership, 3 p.m., Youngquist Auditorium. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/newsstory.aspx?ID=67> .

SPRING BREAK "PAY IT FORWARD" volunteer efforts involve several UMC students and alumni and a staff member this week. Four buses from Minnesota and North Dakota will take different routes to Washington, D.C., stopping to volunteer at homeless shelters, churches, and agencies that need assistance. UMC student Brian Peterson was an organizer.

#### Duluth:

"THE POWER OF SUGGESTION: Joseph Conrad and French Medical Occultism," by Martin Brock, English, will be presented as part of the "Third Friday" College of Liberal Arts faculty lecture series. All faculty and staff are invited; beverages and snacks will be served. Mar. 18, 3 p.m., Library rotunda. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/cla/main/3friday.php> or call 218-726-8981.

UMD GLENSHEEN HISTORIC ESTATE will host an evening of fine dining, Mar. 19, 4:30 p.m. tour, 5:30 p.m. dinner; and Palm Sunday Brunch, Mar. 20, 10 a.m. tour, 11 a.m. brunch. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/qlen/qlenda.htm> .

#### Morris:

THE 230-FOOT WIND TURBINE at the new Renewable Energy Research and Demonstration Center is now supplying electricity to UMM's Physical Education Center and Heating Plant and to the Regional Fitness Center located on campus. The Center is located at the West Central Research and Outreach Center adjacent to UMM. A formal commissioning ceremony is scheduled for Earth Day, Apr. 22. For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=245> .

THE UMM FACULTY DISTINGUISHED RESEARCH AWARD recipient is Seung-ho Joo, political science, whose research interests include Russian foreign and security policy, Russo-Korean relations, and Korean foreign relations. The award recognizes excellence in UMM faculty research and is awarded by the faculty development committee. For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/academic/poisci/fac.shtml> .

#### Twin Cities:

ARCHITECTS WERE CHOSEN FOR THE BELL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY'S NEW BUILDING on 12 acres on the southwest corner of Larpentour and Cleveland avenues near UMTC, St. Paul. Thorbeck Architects is known for its work on the Minnesota Zoo, Fort Snelling State Park Visitor Center, and Ely's International Wolf Center. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2080&from=umnnews> .

"EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT POWWOWS BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK" will be presented by the U's American Indian Elders' Council for faculty, staff, and students. Mar. 22, 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., Great Hall, Coffman Union. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2110&from=umnnews> .

McKNIGHT SUMMER FELLOWS presenting next will be Tracey Deutsch, history, "Making Change: Supermarkets and the Transformation of Consumer Society, 1919-68"; David Haley, English, "Henry Neville's Satire on Patriarchy"; and Linda Jean Kensicki, journalism and mass communication, "Framing the 'L' Word: Liberalism in the U.S. Press, 1978-2003." Mar. 23, 3:30-5 p.m., Nolte Library.

THE INAUGURAL FREEMAN LECTURE AND SYMPOSIA will feature the director of the Library of Alexandria, Egypt, and Arab reform movement leader Ismail Serageldin. Mar. 23-24, various UMTC locations. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2098&from=umnnews> .

THE 2005 WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE will feature Diane Thormodsgard, U.S. Bancorp, on "Leadership: It Takes More Than a High GPA." Mar. 25, Carlson School of Management. For more information, see <http://www.csom.umn.edu/conferences> .

"ACTION STEPS TO STRENGTHEN A WORLD-CLASS UNIVERSITY" will be the topic when President Bruininks speaks at the First Tuesday luncheon, Carlson School of Management. Apr. 5, 11:30 a.m., McNamara Alumni Center. Reduced registration fee before Mar. 24. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2094&from=umnnews> .

PEP RALLIES for Gopher teams playing tournaments at UMTC are planned for women's hockey (Mar. 18), women's basketball (Mar. 19), and men's hockey (Mar. 26). More will be held if the teams advance. For more information, see <http://www.alumni.umn.edu/gogophers> .

MORE EVENTS include the Musical Offering chamber music ensemble at the Weisman (Mar. 16); Anjali, a cultural performance and tribute to tsunami victims and survivors (Mar. 19); jazz legend Carei Thomas (Mar. 20); and Points of Pride research day, College of Veterinary Medicine (Mar. 22-23). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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THE U SCHOLARSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP DRIVE, "Promise of Tomorrow," has raised \$62 million, 41 percent of its \$150 million goal. The U of M Foundation will host a luncheon today for scholarship donors and current recipients of scholarships they have funded. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2123&from=umnnews> .

## 2. News and Features

CAPA UPDATE: All academic professional and administrative (P&A) staff are invited to attend the annual celebration of the Council of Academic Professionals and Administrators (CAPA) Apr. 18. Meet other P&A staff from across the U, learn more about CAPA, and celebrate the unit award winners, to be announced that day. To read more in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/CAPA\\_celebration\\_2005.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/CAPA_celebration_2005.html) .

ENERGY QUEST, WEEK 7: Snacks can be part of a healthy lifestyle. Seventy-five percent of adults report eating at least one snack a day, according to extension educator Sara Solberg. Get tips on building healthy snacks into your eating plan, nutrition ideas for athletes, and recipes. To read this week's update, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/eb/wellness/eqnews7.htm> .

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### University-wide:

NEW DISTINGUISHED MCKNIGHT UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS are David Andow, entomology; Nicki Crick, child development; Jeffrey Roberts, chemistry; Shashi Shekhar, computer science and engineering; and Kathryn Sikkink, political science. They will be honored by the Board of Regents in May. For more information, see [http://www.grad.umn.edu/faculty-staff/mcknight/distinguished\\_recipients.html](http://www.grad.umn.edu/faculty-staff/mcknight/distinguished_recipients.html) .

GRADUATE ASSISTANT UNIONIZATION VOTE information, including frequently asked questions and copies of messages e-mailed to graduate assistants, is now posted on the Office of Human Resources Web site. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/er> .

A STRATEGIC POSITIONING INITIATIVE brochure, "Advancing the Public Good," is being sent to all employee campus addresses this week. It is also available on the Web as a PDF document. For more information, see "Strategic Plan Brochure" at [http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic\\_positioning](http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic_positioning) .

THE U ACADEMY OF DISTINGUISHED TEACHERS one-day conference, "Pedagogical Approaches for Engaging Students," will feature presentations by UMC, UMD, UMM, and UMTC faculty members; a student panel; a keynote address by Ben Cameron, executive director of the New York-based Theater Communications Group; and lunch for all who register. Open to all who are interested in teaching and learning. Apr. 25, McNamara Alumni Center. Free, but online registration is required by Apr. 11. The conference will be followed by the 2005 Distinguished Teaching Award ceremony and reception. For more information, see <http://www.irr.umn.edu/adt/adtconference05/> .

RETIREMENT PLANNING FOR ALL STAFF: A program for civil service and bargaining unit (CSBU) staff will be offered twice. Mar. 29, 1-3 or 5-7 p.m., 210-215 Donhowe. In addition, a series presented by experts from the retirement plans and the U will cover various aspects of retirement, focusing on faculty and academic professional and administrative (P&A) staff but also of interest and open to CSBU members. Mar. 23, 30, Apr. 6, 13; 2:30-4:30 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center. To register for any or all of the programs, call 612-624-8550.

### Crookston:

CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST Minnijean Brown Trickey, who helped to make desegregation history in Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1957, will speak as part of Women's History Month and What's On Wednesdays. Mar. 30, 6 p.m. dinner (faculty members host individual students), Brown Dining Room; 8 p.m. presentation, Kiehle auditorium. To sign up for the dinner, call 218-281-8723. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/eventcal.aspx> .

GENERATIONS GETTING INVOLVED, a new leadership program of the U Extension Service, explores the different experiences, values, and attitudes of four U.S. generations: builders, boomers, busters, and millennials. Mar. 31, 9:30 a.m., Golden Link Center, Crookston, or 1:30 p.m., Pennington County Courthouse Meeting Room, Thief River Falls. For more information, including registration, call 1-888-241-0781.

### Duluth:

THE BAEUMLER-KAPLAN HOLOCAUST COMMEMORATION PROGRAM will present *The Pianist*, Mar. 29, 7 p.m., Weber Music Hall. Each movie in the series, through Apr. 18, will demonstrate a different aspect of the Holocaust and will be followed by discussion with a guest facilitator. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2005/March/14.html> .

"WOMEN AND GLOBALIZATION," by Susan Morris, political science, will be presented as part of the UMD Women's History Events Series. Mar. 30, noon, 355-357 Kirby Student Center. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/ws/main/upcomingevents.php> .

### Morris:

THE 32ND ANNUAL WORLD TOUCH CULTURAL HERITAGE WEEK, "The Year for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination," will be Mar. 28-Apr. 2. Fernando Chavez, son of farm worker activist Cesar Chavez, will provide the keynote address, Mar. 28, 7:30 p.m., Edson Auditorium, Student Center. Other events will include "Spoken Word," a lecture by poetry slammer Toron Ballard and Bao Phi (Mar. 29); a peace run (Mar. 30); Native American master ventriloquist puppeteer Buddy Big Mountain (Mar. 30); film (Mar. 31); an invitational ethnic dinner (Apr. 1); and the Circle of Nations Indian Association powwow (Apr. 2). For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=247> .

### Rochester:

UMR EMPLOYEES RECEIVED ACCOLADES for their contributions to the 2004 Olmsted County United Way Mar. 15. UMR campaign manager Jim Licari accepted the Best Overall Campaign Award, made to the organization with the highest percentage of community fund contributions, and the Commitment Award, made for a participation rate of 60 percent or higher, with a gift average of \$185.

### Twin Cities:

"TEN WAYS TO FIGHT HATE ON CAMPUS: Because Apathy Is as Dangerous as Hate," a workshop of the Southern Poverty Law Center, will be presented as part of the Month of Kindness. Mar. 23, 7:30 p.m., Mississippi Room, Coffman Union. Free; reception will follow. For more information, see <http://events.umn.edu/event?occurrence=384952;event=108612> .

GOPHERS "MARCH MADNESS": The women's hockey team advanced to the NCAA Frozen Four, Mar. 25; the No. 1 seeded men's hockey team advanced to the west regional tournament, opening Mar. 26; and the women's basketball team advanced to the Sweet Sixteen and will play Mar. 26. The men's basketball team lost in the first game of the NCAA tournament, Mar. 18. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/A\\_weekend\\_of\\_madness.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/A_weekend_of_madness.html) .

THE U CARD 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION will include replacement U Cards at the 1995 price of \$10, music, refreshments, and, for those who use U Card services during the celebration, prizes. Mar. 28-31, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., G22 Coffman Union. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/ucard> .

GRADFEST '05 student commencement services include cap and gown orders, portraits, resume evaluation, graduate school and alumni association information, financial aid exit interviews, and more. Mar. 30, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Mar. 31, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Great Hall, Coffman Union. For more information, see <http://www.bookstore.umn.edu/grad/gradfest.html> .

"CONTEMPORARY MEXICAN SEXUALITIES: Effects of Globalization, Locality, and Cultural Change," by Hector Carillo, Center for AIDS Prevention Studies, U of California-San Francisco, will present ethnographic research conducted in Guadalajara and San Diego. Mar. 25, noon, Presidents Room, Coffman Union. For more information, see <http://events.umn.edu/event?occurrence=384963;event=108626> .

"THE CAREER OF THE HISTORICAL NOVEL" will be presented by Perry Anderson, British postwar intellectual historian, U of California-Los Angeles professor, Verso books cofounder, and *New Left Review* editor. He will explore the form of the novel from the early 19th to early 21st centuries as an object of comparative historical reflection. Mar. 29, 4-6 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center. A reception will follow. For more information, see <http://events.umn.edu/event?occurrence=384781;event=108539> .

"COMPUTERS AND THE FUTURE OF MATHEMATICAL PROOF," by Thomas Hales, Mellon Professor, U of Pittsburgh, will explore why imperfect computers are so vital to the future of the perfect realm of mathematics. Sponsored by the Institute for Mathematics and Its Applications. Mar. 30, 7 p.m., 3-210 Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. For more information, see <http://www.ima.umn.edu/public-lecture/2004-05/hales> .

"HUMAN SUBJECTS PROTECTION: A PLAINTIFF'S PERSPECTIVE" will be presented by nationally recognized litigator Alan Milstein. Part of the lunch series on Societal Implications of the Life Sciences. Apr. 5, 12:15-1:30 p.m., Mississippi Room, Coffman Union. Free and open to the public but reservations are strongly recommended; lunch provided to those who register by Mar. 29. For more information, see <http://www.lifesci.consortium.umn.edu> .

ANYONE WHO PARKS ON U GROUNDS can get free help from the Motorist Assistance Program (MAP) if they have a flat tire, a car that won't start, or keys locked in the car. To read the story from *eNews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Extending\\_motorists\\_a\\_helping\\_hand.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Extending_motorists_a_helping_hand.html) .

SPRING MINI MEDICAL SCHOOL space is still available. The five-week session begins Mar. 28. For online registration, see <http://www.ahc.umn.edu/outreach/minimed> .

*GIRL CULTURE*, a photo exhibition cosponsored by the School of Public Health at the Minnesota Center for Photography, closes Mar. 27. For more information, see <http://www.girlculture.info> .

MORE EVENTS include "Supervising Student Employees" (Mar. 23); open rehearsal and discussion for *The Laramie Project* (Mar. 24); a Trans Arts Showcase to celebrate the new gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender studies minor (Mar. 25); "Copyright" on *Tech Talk*, tpt17 (Mar. 27); The Minnesota Children's Summit 2005, "Smart Policies, Strong Families" (Mar. 28); and a book signing by *Freedom of Expression* author, activist, journalist, and U of Iowa faculty member Kembrew McLeod (Mar. 29). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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### 1. Top Stories

STRATEGIC POSITIONING INITIATIVE: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Recommendations of two task forces, presented to President Bruininks for his consideration, will be posted today at noon on the strategic positioning Web site. The initiative's goal is to make the University one of the top three public research universities in the world within the next decade. Provost E. Thomas Sullivan answered questions for *UMNnews* about the U's current position among top universities and next steps. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Among\\_the\\_best\\_in\\_the\\_world.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Among_the_best_in_the_world.html) .

TCF FINANCIAL CORPORATION and UMTC officials announced a \$35 million multiyear corporate sponsorship for a new 50,000-seat campus stadium to be named TCF Bank Stadium. The agreement, announced Mar. 24, effectively kicked off the campaign to bring Gopher football back to campus, supporting efforts to attract private donations and secure a portion of state funding. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2127&from=umnnews> .

THE GOPHER WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM WON ITS SECOND CONSECUTIVE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP, besting Harvard 4-3 Mar. 26. The men's hockey team advanced to the NCAA Frozen Four, which begins Apr. 7 in Columbus, Ohio. The women's basketball team fell to Baylor U Mar. 26. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Womens\\_hockey\\_second\\_straight.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Womens_hockey_second_straight.html) .

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### 2. News and Features

FACULTY AND STAFF AWARDS, APPOINTMENTS, AND NEWS: McKnight Land-Grant Professors honored by the regents; professor emeritus Donald Baker receives U Outstanding Achievement Award for contributions in climatology; Marj Savage awarded for leadership in parent programs; vice provost appointments; teaching award recipients; and more. To read the summary in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Faculty\\_and\\_staff\\_March\\_2005.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Faculty_and_staff_March_2005.html) .

ENERGY QUEST, WEEK 8: In the final week of Energy Quest, the focus is dairy and meat. Learn how to be good to your bones and how to burn fat and lose weight with dairy. Get information about healthy vending options available through U Dining Services and about the Whole Grains 2005 conference. Remember to complete your Energy Quest log and return it for a gift certificate to U Bookstores. To read this week's update, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/eb/wellness/eqnews8.htm> .

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### 3. Campus Events and Information

#### University-wide:

THE U WILL HOST A TOWN HALL MEETING ON FEDERAL HIGHER EDUCATION ISSUES with Fourth District Rep. Betty McCollum (D-Minn.). Mar. 31, noon-1 p.m., 105 Cargill Building; sign up today by 2 p.m. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2130&from=umnnews> .

THE MINNESOTA CUP, A STATEWIDE COMPETITION TO SUPPORT BREAKTHROUGH IDEAS by state inventors and entrepreneurs, will award \$25,000 in seed capital and other start-up services; second- and third-place awards will also be made. Entrants submit a short, high-level summary of their idea or concept. Deadline for round one: May 6. The U is a primary sponsor. For more information, see <http://breakthroughideas.umn.edu> .

eSTATEMENT PROVIDES WEB-BASED ACCESS TO FINANCIAL TRANSACTION INFORMATION with U vendors, which currently include UMTC's Addressing & Mailing, Fleet Services, and Parking & Transportation Services. U Dining Services, U Bindery, and Printing Services are expected to be added soon. Staff can view transactions, download them to a spreadsheet, print a monthly statement, and request automatic e-mail statements. For more information, see <http://www.estatestatement.umn.edu> or contact Christina Ryan, Auxiliary Services, c-ryan@umn.edu or 612-624-6821.

PRESIDENT BRUININKS WILL SPEAK ON "ACTION STEPS TO STRENGTHEN A WORLD-CLASS UNIVERSITY" at the First Tuesday luncheon, Carlson School of Management. Apr. 5, 11:30 a.m., McNamara Alumni Center. \$28. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2094&from=umnnews> .

THE PRESIDENT'S INTERDISCIPLINARY ACADEMIC INITIATIVES brochure, including a schedule of conferences through September, is being sent to all employee campus addresses this week. Initiatives include arts and humanities; biocatalysis; brain function across the lifespan; children, youth, and families; environment and renewable energy; healthy foods, healthy lives; law and values in health, environment, and the life sciences; and translational research in human health. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/pres/01\\_initiatives.html](http://www.umn.edu/pres/01_initiatives.html) .

#### Crookston:

A UMC CENTENNIAL LOGO WILL BE UNVEILED at student convocation today. The program will highlight the history of the campus as a residential high school, two-year technical college, and four-year university. 10 a.m., Kiehle Auditorium. The official kickoff for the centennial will be June 24-25 at the Northwest School of Agriculture Reunion, continuing through commencement 2006. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/newsstory.aspx?ID=70> .

"THE HEARTLAND FOOD INITIATIVE: Building a Local Food Identity in Minnesota" will be presented by Karen Lehman and Trish Johnson as part of the Sustainability Seminar series. Mar. 31, 3 p.m., Youngquist Auditorium. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/newsstory.aspx?ID=71> .

#### Duluth:

A NEW CENTER FOR REGIONAL AND TRIBAL CHILD WELFARE STUDIES was announced by the Department of Social Work Mar. 18. The center will coordinate and enhance department activities related to child welfare education and research, building on activities of the Title IV-e Child Welfare Training Project. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2005/March/18-B.html> .

#### Morris:

THE 11TH ANNUAL CONCERT IN SIGN will be presented by students in beginning and intermediate sign language courses taught by Timothy Poore. Apr. 2, 1:30 p.m., Edson Auditorium. For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=249> .

THE 27TH ANNUAL JAZZ FEST will feature four women artists: Jane Bunneton, soprano saxophone and flute; Sarah Jane Clon, piano; Sherrie Maricle, drums; and Sarah Morrow, trombone. They will perform with the UMM jazz ensembles. Apr. 7-9. For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/splash/Jazz.html> .

#### Rochester:

"TAKING CARE OF YOU," a health fair, will be hosted by U nursing students along with Rochester Community and Technical College Student Health Services and Olmsted County Public Health Services. Information will include stress management, nutrition and body mass index (BMI), mental health, safe driving, fitness, and more. Mar. 31, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., University Center Rochester atrium. For more information, call student services director Kendra Weber, 507-280-2831.

#### Twin Cities:

STADIUM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY (EIS): Public review and meetings on a Scoping Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) and draft Scoping Decision Document (SDD) have begun. The two documents can be viewed during regular business hours at Wilson, Walter, and Magrath libraries on campus and at the Southeast Minneapolis Public Library; the EAW is also available online. A public scoping meeting will be held Apr. 13, 7 p.m., W300 (Club Room) Williams Arena; preceded by an open house, 5:30-7 p.m. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2128&from=umnnews> .

THE ARCHIBALD BUSH FOUNDATION GRANT FOR PROMOTING STUDENT LEARNING IN LARGE CLASSES at UMTC has been awarded to 12 course teams of faculty, instructional staff, and graduate and undergraduate students. Large-lecture courses chosen for redesign to facilitate active learning are Agro 1101, Biol 1001, CSci 1901, Dnce 1401, GC 1135, Geo 1001, Arch 3401, FSoS 3101, HMed 3001, Mktg 3001, OMS 2250, and Th 3171 and 3172. The Center for Teaching and Learning Services and the Digital Media Center are supporting the grant efforts, which will culminate with a national conference at UMTC to highlight the teams' findings. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/teachlearn/innovative> .

GOPHER GIGANET UPDATE: The cutover to the new central computing network is in the final stages, with about 46 buildings on the north end of East Bank remaining. Voice mail reminders are sent to building occupants two weeks before each scheduled cutover. All buildings are expected to be on the new network by the end of June. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/nts/networkupgrade> .

THE U GREEK COMMUNITY invites faculty and staff to join them in three efforts: (1) Donate items for care packages to send to soldiers in Iraq through Comfort for Courage, a student organization. To participate, contact Abby Weinandt, [wein0210@umn.edu](mailto:wein0210@umn.edu) , for a list of needed supplies and for supply box dropoff and pickup. (2) Participate in the second annual Youth Day, with carnival games, prizes, and treats for elementary-aged children, Apr. 2, 1-4 p.m. (3) Come to a barbeque. Apr. 3, 1-3:30 p.m., Riverbend Plaza. For more information about the events Apr. 2-3, see <http://events.umn.edu/index.xml?year=2005;month=4;day=2> .

SENIOR SEND-OFF, for undergraduate, graduate, and professional school students who will graduate in 2005, offers one-year U of M Alumni Association free memberships, a lunch buffet by D'Amico, Acme Comedy Co., and prizes including iPod minis and round-trip tickets on Sun Country. Apr. 4, noon-1:30 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. Registration is online at <http://www.alumni.umn.edu/sendoff> .

McKNIGHT SUMMER FELLOWS presentations will be given by Patricia Crain and Maria Damon, English; and Ruth-Ellen Joeres, German, Scandinavian, and Dutch. Apr. 6, 3:30-5 p.m., 125 Nolte. For more information, see <http://events.umn.edu/event?occurrence=382238;event=107604> .

THE PLAY *PRECIOUS STONES* examines the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in the "safe" yet turbulent terrain of the diaspora in 1989 Chicago. Discussion follows with playwright Jamil Khoury, Silk Road Theatre Project. Apr. 3, 5-7 p.m., Coffman Theater. Free. Sponsored by Culture Corps and others. For more information see <http://events.umn.edu/event?occurrence=384670;event=108448> .

THE 23rd ANNUAL MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL will feature more than 150 films from more than 50 countries. Apr. 1-16. For more information, see <http://www.mnfilmarts.org> .

MORE EVENTS include "Workplace Dilemmas for Black Professional Women" (Mar. 30); "third wave" feminist authors Amy Richards and Jennifer Baumgardner finale for Women's History Month (Mar. 31); "April Fools: Hoaxes, Frauds, and Tricksters," part of the U Libraries First Fridays series (Apr. 1); "Drawn to Nature" art exhibition and benefit sale for the Bell (Apr. 1-3); Classes Without Quizzes on topics from weather to tax law (Apr. 2); Hope Forum: "Discussing Rapture Theology: Models for Ethical Discourse" (Apr. 5); and U pediatrics professor Robert Fisch signing his book, *Dear Dr. Fisch: Children's Letters to a Holocaust Survivor* (Apr. 6). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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STRATEGIC POSITIONING INITIATIVE: Recommendations of two task forces, released Mar. 30, include structural changes, merging some colleges while creating new colleges for honors and design, a major new writing initiative, and refocusing administrative services. The Faculty Consultative Committee of the U Senate endorsed the need for ongoing change and is hosting several forums, which began Apr. 4, for faculty to discuss the recommendations: today, 1-3 p.m., 33 McNeal Hall, UMTC; Apr. 11, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., HFA Recital Hall, UMM. The Senate will also host discussions at its Apr. 7 and 28 meetings. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Moving\\_Forward.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Moving_Forward.html) .

A CAPITAL BONDING BILL, including \$111.7 million in state funds for the U, was passed by the legislative conference committee Apr. 5. The house and senate are expected to vote on the bill this week, and prospects for passage appear good. The state's funding share for U projects includes \$40 million, Higher Education Asset Preservation and Replacement; \$10.1 million, life sciences, UMD; \$8.7 million, recreational sports, UMD; \$5.8 million, biomass heating and football facilities, UMM; \$17.4 million, Kolthoff Hall, UMTC; \$14.5 million, education, UMTC; \$11.6 million, Academic Health Center; \$283,000, north central research and outreach, Grand Rapids; \$3.3 million, plant pathology research, UMTC. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Bonding\\_bill\\_agreement\\_reached.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Bonding_bill_agreement_reached.html) .

### 2. News and Features

IMPROVEMENT SPOTLIGHT: When the quest for quality and excellence came to higher education in the early 1990s, UMD was at the forefront. Today, one of Duluth's biggest units employs a methodology to continuously improve and stay competitive. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/UMD\\_continuous\\_improvement.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/UMD_continuous_improvement.html) .

LIFE SKILLS 1001: Lindsey Willaert is happy to have a campus job in Coffman Union; Johnna Nynas is glad to employ her. Now a pilot project is helping them document the skills and learning outcomes that Willaert gains in her campus job and is helping Nynas give better feedback. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Life\\_skills\\_1001.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Life_skills_1001.html) .

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### 3. Campus Events and Information

#### University-wide:

A COMPUTER NETWORK FAILURE Mar. 31 cut service to 22 buildings at UMTC and impacted core e-mail and authentication services for the U system. Work on the final stages of the Gopher Giganet upgrade has been suspended while the Office of Information Technology works with vendors to identify and resolve all the contributing problems and to reduce or eliminate any further outages related to the failure. Watch for updates at <http://www.umn.edu/nts/networkupgrade> .

DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR THE U ACADEMY OF DISTINGUISHED TEACHERS conference, "Pedagogical Approaches for Engaging Students," is Apr. 11. The daylong conference will feature presentations by UMC, UMD, UMM, and UMTC faculty members; a student panel; a keynote address by Ben Cameron, executive director of the New York-based Theater Communications Group; and lunch for all who register. Open to all who are interested in teaching and learning. Apr. 25, 8 a.m. - 3:15 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. Free, but online registration is required. For more information, see <http://www.irc.umn.edu/adt/adtcconference05> .

THE DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARDS CEREMONY and reception will bestow the U's highest awards for teaching excellence to 14 faculty members, who will be inducted into the Academy of Distinguished Teachers. Free, but registration is requested. Apr. 25, 3:30-6 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. For more information, see <http://www.alumni.umn.edu/distinguishedteaching> .

DAILY BUS SERVICE BETWEEN UMD AND UMTC on Jefferson Bus Lines began Mar. 31. The College Connection route connects the campuses and area residents during the academic year; stops also include St. Paul, the Twin Cities Amtrak station, and Minneapolis. 10:45 a.m., depart Coffman Union; 2:45 p.m., arrive/depart Kirby Student Center; 6:45 p.m., arrive Coffman Union. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2005/March/29.html> .

THE SPRING ISSUE OF *M* is now on the Web. The cover story looks at the U's role in the women's sports revolution since Title IX legislation in 1972. *M* is a quarterly publication for 350,000 U alumni, friends, faculty, and staff. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Publications/M\\_magazine.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Publications/M_magazine.html) .

#### Crookston:

SENIOR VP FOR SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION ROBERT JONES will meet with faculty, staff, and student leaders to discuss UMC's strategic positioning process to define the campus for the future and establish a financial and academic accountability framework. Today, 1:15-2:30 p.m., Brown Dining Room, Sahlstrom Conference Center. For more information, see [http://www.academic.umn.edu/crookston\\_strategic](http://www.academic.umn.edu/crookston_strategic) and [http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic\\_positioning](http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic_positioning) .

MINNESOTA STATE ECONOMIST Tom Stinson and U extension educators will present "U and Your Economy," a workshop for business and community leaders on long-term economic and demographic shifts to aid in strategic planning. Apr. 7, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Sahlstrom Conference Center. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/newsstory.aspx?ID=76> .

#### Duluth:

UMD CHILDREN'S PLACE, providing quality care and education for children of the UMD community ages six weeks to five years, opened Mar. 28. The new facility in 260 Kirby Plaza is operated under the direction of the College of Education and Human Service Professions in collaboration with other departments. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2005/March/24.html> .

#### Morris:

THE FIFTH ANNUAL UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM will feature oral and poster presentations from all disciplines on campus. Apr. 15. For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/urs/info.html> .

ACADEMIC CHALLENGE, a production of UMM Media Services, presents 16 teams of talented high school students. The winning team receives a trip to Washington, D.C., and scholarships to members who choose to attend UMM. Round one began Apr. 3, aired on Pioneer Public Television. For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/challenge> .

#### Rochester:

"STATE INVESTMENT IN EDUCATION: Early Childhood to Higher Education" is the second of two community issues forums sponsored by UMR and a partnership of community groups to promote citizen dialogue. Free and open to the public, Apr. 9, 8:30-10:30 a.m., Mayo High School Cafeteria, 1420 11th Ave. S.E., Rochester. For more information, see <http://www.rneighbors.org/C&C.htm> or call Jay Hesley, 507-280-2837.

#### Twin Cities:

WEST BANK ONE STOP STUDENT SERVICE CENTER, 130 WEST BANK SKYWAY, WILL CLOSE from Apr. 7 to mid-August for remodeling. Service will still be available at 200 Fraser and 130 Coffey. Students may also e-mail [helpingu@umn.edu](mailto:helpingu@umn.edu) or call 612-624-1111 or see <http://www.onestop.umn.edu> .

METRO TRANSIT FARE INCREASES AND SERVICE CHANGES for several routes have been proposed; the plan is on the Web. Parking and Transportation Services will host an information meeting with Metro Council staff. Apr. 12, noon-1:30 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, West Bank. For more information, see <http://www.metrocouncil.org/planning/transportation/2005/servicechanges.htm> .

EXCELLENCE IN MULTICULTURAL TEACHING AND LEARNING FELLOWSHIPS will support seven U educators--faculty and academic professionals--who teach undergraduate courses, prepare graduate or professional students to work professionally in diverse communities, or work with the training and development of multicultural educators. Review recent projects on the Web. Deadline: May 16. Sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Learning Services. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/teachlearn/multicultural> or contact [alexa032@umn.edu](mailto:alexa032@umn.edu) .

"THE POWER OF WATER: Envisioning Solutions to the Nation's Water Problems" will feature national water expert Henry Vaux, U of California. Part of the President's 21st Century Interdisciplinary Conference Series. Today, 3 p.m. lecture, questions, and answers; 4:30 p.m. reception; Bell Museum Auditorium. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Discussing\\_solutions\\_to\\_water\\_problems.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Discussing_solutions_to_water_problems.html) .

"EXPLORING THE ROLE OF TECHNOLOGY IN INNOVATIVE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES," a two-day symposium, will feature five speakers who will help participants frame future scenarios and plan for integrated solutions to development issues. The symposium celebrates the 25th anniversary of the Humphrey International Fellowship Program, created by Congress for mid-career professionals from developing nations and emerging democracies. Apr. 8-9; reception Apr. 8 is free and open to the public. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2129&from=umnnews> .

*THE LARAMIE PROJECT*, a play about a Wyoming community in the aftermath of the 1998 beating death of Matthew Shepard, an openly gay student, will be presented by the Department of Theatre Arts and Dance, Apr. 8-17, Rarig Center. A free symposium, "How Is It Here?" will include a keynote by the student's mother, Judy Shepard. Apr. 15, 1 p.m. registration, 2 p.m. program. For more information, see <http://www.cla.umn.edu/theatre/laramie.html> .

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH IS APRIL. The Aurora Center will sponsor the Clothesline Project to recognize survivors of violence (create T-shirts Apr. 7-8, display Apr. 26-27); Take Back the Night march and rally (Apr. 7); "The Men's Program: 1 in 4," about what men can do to help a sexual assault survivor (Apr. 11); and more. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/aurora/saam.html> .

THE NEW COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SCHOLARS PROGRAM recognizes students who integrate community involvement into their undergraduate study. It will be formally launched as part of the second annual Celebration of Community-University Partnerships, an open house for faculty, staff, and students featuring posters and displays to showcase examples of service learning, community-based research, volunteer tutoring and mentoring, student consulting, internships, and active-citizenship programs. Apr. 14, 4-6 p.m., Mississippi Room, Coffman Union. For more information, see [http://www.cclc.umn.edu/Events/Community\\_Engagement\\_Scholars\\_Program\\_Launch.html](http://www.cclc.umn.edu/Events/Community_Engagement_Scholars_Program_Launch.html) .

MORE EVENTS include a plant sale of herbs, orchids, and blooming, carnivorous, and dorm plants (Apr. 6-7); Battle of the Bands jazz and dance (Apr. 7-8); "The Gender System: What's Changing?" keynote for the 2005 Sociology Research Institute (Apr. 8-9); African Nite (Apr. 9); "Harambe" celebration of cultural diversity linking the Medical School and the community (Apr. 10); "Women Read the World" book drive by the Office for University Women in conjunction with National Library Week (Apr. 10-16); "An Unprecedented Moment in Women's Athletics" Tucker Center Distinguished Lecture, with head coaches Pam Borton, Laura Halldorson, and Mike Hebert (Apr. 11); Minnesota Royal student celebration of agriculture (Apr. 11-16); and Daniel Libeskind, lead architect of the World Trade Center site (Apr. 13). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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### 1. Top Stories

THE CAPITAL BONDING BILL, with \$112 million in projects for the U, was signed by Gov. Pawlenty Apr. 11. The U hosted a ceremonial signing at the Health Careers Center Apr. 12. The bill provides \$11.6 million to support educational facilities for the health sciences. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2171&from=umnnews> .

U DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORS ENDORSED the recommendations for strategic positioning released Mar. 30. In a letter to President Bruininks, 31 Distinguished McKnight University Professors and Regents Professors expressed strong support for the recommendations to reshape U academic programs and urged the administration to engage a diverse cross-section of the faculty and U community to implement them quickly. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Signing\\_on.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Signing_on.html) .

GRADUATE ASSISTANT UNION VOTE is Apr. 11-15. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/er/qaunion> .

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### 2. News and Features

CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE UPDATE: The 2005-06 pay plan for civil service staff is now posted, the deadline for Senate applications is Apr. 15, and more. To read the update in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Civil\\_Service\\_Committee\\_update\\_April\\_2005.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Civil_Service_Committee_update_April_2005.html) .

UMC TURNS 100. The Northwest School of Agriculture opened at Crookston in 1906, and in the next century it grew from a residential high school to become a four-year institution and pioneer in higher education aviation programs for natural resources and law enforcement. The centennial symbol was unveiled Mar. 30. To read the story from *eNews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/UMC\\_turning\\_100.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/UMC_turning_100.html) .

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### 3. Campus Events and Information

#### University-wide:

2005 JOHN TATE AWARD RECIPIENTS for excellence in undergraduate advising are Josh Borowicz, continuing education student services and advising, UMTC; Leslie Meek, psychology, UMM; Mary Ellen Shaw, General College student services, UMTC; and Gary Thomas, cultural studies and comparative literature, UMTC. They will be honored in a ceremony Apr. 29, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., following the advisers conference (below).

"DEVELOPING OURSELVES AND OUR ADVISING PRACTICE," will be the topic of the professional development conference for academic advisers and professionals preceding the Tate Awards ceremony. Session topics will include evaluating competencies in advising practice, advising through technology, the role of advising in assisting students preparing to study abroad and those who change majors, differences between academic advising and career counseling, and writing a personal mission statement. Apr. 29, Radisson Hotel Metrodome, Minneapolis, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. including awards ceremony. Free but registration is required; includes breakfast and lunch. Deadline: Apr. 18. To register, see <http://register.cce.umn.edu> and enter Event ID 177775. For more information, contact Miki Fujisawa at [mfujisawa@class.cla.umn.edu](mailto:mfujisawa@class.cla.umn.edu) or 612-625-5310.

AN EXHIBIT OF TECHNOLOGY-ENHANCED LEARNING (TEL) GRANT PROGRAM PROJECTS funded in 2004 will feature 10 UMTC and UMD recipients. Apr. 15, 2-3 p.m., President's Room, Coffman Union. For more information, see <http://dmc.umn.edu/grants/2004/awards04.shtml> .

#### Crookston:

THE MIDWEST CAMPUS COMPACT CITIZEN-SCHOLAR FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM has funded UMC T.E.A.M., a new AmeriCorps Education Award program that combines financial aid, community service participation, and cohort groups. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/newsstory.aspx?ID=78> .

A NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRANT for collaborative research on hormone extraction has been awarded to Pamela Elf, math, science, and technology, and visiting postdoctoral researcher Kylie Robert, U of Sydney. UMC undergraduates will participate in the research. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/newsstory.aspx?ID=81> .

#### Duluth:

"HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE, PAST AND PRESENT" will be presented by Holocaust survivor David Gewirtzman and Rwandan refugee and survivor Eugenie Mukeshimana as the keynote lecture in the annual UMD Baumlér-Kaplan Holocaust Commemoration Program. Apr. 18, 4:30 p.m., 200 Chemistry. Free and open to the public. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2005/April/11-A.html> .

TWEED MUSEUM OF ART PRESENTS THE UMD STUDENT ART EXHIBITION, a juried exhibition of painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, graphic design, photography, and mixed-media work by art students. Through May 8, court and balcony galleries. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/tma> or call 218-726-8222.

#### Morris:

"ADAPTING TO CHANGE: MANAGING URBANIZATION IN RURAL AMERICA" is the theme of a project funded with a \$400,000, three-year grant to UMM from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Community Outreach Partnership Center's grant will be administered by UMM's Center for Small Towns and guided by a community advisory committee of about 40 local citizens. Work will address issues surrounding housing, economic development, community organizing, and neighborhood revitalization. For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=262> .

THE THIRD ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM ON SMALL TOWNS, "Shaping Our Future," will address local and global trends, how rural communities can work to shape their futures, and how the political framework is likely to change and what it means for small towns. June 7-8. For more information, see <http://www.centerforsmalltowns.org> or call 320-589-6451.

#### Rochester:

THE FIRST-EVER APPROVED PATENT FOR UMR was confirmed to Hal Ottesen, electrical and computer engineering, for his 112th patent, "Image restoration from transformed component data." Ottesen is on the faculty of IT and the Digital Technology Center. For more information, see <http://www.dtc.umn.edu/ottesen> .

#### Twin Cities:

THE 2005 BEST DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE STUDIES (DGS) AWARD recipients are Steven Girshick, mechanical engineering; Claudia Neuhauser, ecology, evolution, and behavior; Edward Schiappa, communication studies; and Evan Skillman, astrophysics. Best DGS Assistant Award recipients are Jessica Eastman, curriculum and instruction; Sharon Kressler, geology; Julie Prince, chemical engineering and materials science; and Terence Rafferty, architecture. The Graduate School will host a celebration and awards ceremony, also recognizing outstanding teaching assistants from across the campus. May 5, 2-4 p.m., 101 Walter Library. For more information, see <http://www.grad.umn.edu/faculty-staff/recoqniton/recipients.html> .

GATES AND GOLDWATER AWARDS FOR UNDERGRADUATES: A Gates Cambridge Scholarship has been awarded to Jonathan DeRocher, chemical engineering, whose work targets water purification. It is one of 35 in the nation and the [correction: second in two years] to a U of M student. Goldwater Scholarships have been awarded to four UMTC students: Bradley Froehle, physics and math, IT; Loren Greenman, chemistry and chemical engineering, IT; Katie Lee, biochemistry and chemistry, CBS; and David Molitor, math and physics, IT. Goldwater scholarships support sophomores and juniors who intend to pursue graduate study and research careers in sciences, math, and engineering. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2149&from=umnnews> and <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2155&from=umnnews> .

GOPHER STADIUM UPDATE: A bill in support of a stadium was approved by the House higher education finance committee Apr. 4, and alumni John and Nancy Lindahl were named cochairs of a fund-raising campaign Apr. 5. Benefits of an estimated \$43 million for academic priorities from the TCF Bank corporate sponsorship will include more than \$1.6 million annually for student scholarships and programs. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/TCF\\_extra\\_benefits.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/TCF_extra_benefits.html) .

WHAT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW for the proposed stadium? Get answers to questions and submit comments at a public meeting. Today, open house begins at 5:30 p.m., presentation at 7 p.m., W300 (Club Room) Williams Arena. Draft documents also can be viewed at any time on the Web at <http://www.umn.edu/stadium> or during library hours at Wilson, Walter, and Magrath libraries on campus and the Southeast Minneapolis Public Library. Comments are welcome in writing through Apr. 27. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2128&from=umnnews> .

THE COLLEGE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION (CCE) DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD recognizes outstanding teaching or academic leadership through CCE with an honorarium of \$2,000. Deadline for nominations: May 16. For nomination materials, call 612-625-0238. For more information, contact Kay Cooper at [kcooper@cce.umn.edu](mailto:kcooper@cce.umn.edu) or 612-625-1206.

VOLUNTEER FOR BEAUTIFUL U DAY. Volunteers are still needed for storm drain marking and curb appeal cleanup. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Pitching\\_in\\_for\\_a\\_beautiful\\_U.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Pitching_in_for_a_beautiful_U.html) .

"GLOBALIZATION, MODERNITIES, AND VIOLENCE" will feature leading scholars and activities and a keynote by Naomi Klein, award-winning journalist and author of *Fences and Windows: Dispatches From the Front Lines of the Globalization Debate*. Free and open to the public; part of the President's 21st Century Interdisciplinary Conference Series. Apr. 15-16, 25 Mondale Hall and McNamara Alumni Center. For more information, see <http://www.icqc.umn.edu> .

"GOVERNING THE GLOBAL WORKPLACE" will bring together scholars and practitioners on topics including threat of relocation abroad, multinational companies, foreign direct investment, labor law in global markets, and more. Sessions are free and open to the public; part of the President's 21st Century Interdisciplinary Conference Series. Apr. 15-16, Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center. For more information, see <http://www.hhh.umn.edu/globalworkplace> .

"PUBLICATION, THE PUBLIC UNIVERSITY, AND THE PUBLIC INTEREST" will explore key issues in scholarly publishing and identify actions to shape campus policy and raise awareness of publishing and scholarly communication issues. Featuring Edward Ayers, U of Virginia; Paul Courant, U of Michigan; Siva Vaidhyanathan, cultural historian and media scholar; and a panel of U faculty facilitators. Free but registration is required; part of the President's 21st Century Interdisciplinary Conference Series. Apr. 19, Coffman Union. For more information, see <http://www.lib.umn.edu/ppp> .

"RESETTING THE CLOCKWORK: Possibilities for Healthy Employees, Retirees, Families, Businesses, and Communities," a research and policy forum, is part of the President's Initiative on Children, Youth, and Families. Apr. 22, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center. For more information, see <http://www.soc.umn.edu/clockwork> .

U OF M ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CELEBRATION deadline for early registration discount is Apr. 15. The May 10 event will feature CNN anchor and former U student Aaron Brown. For more information, see <http://www.alumni.umn.edu/annualcelebration> .

MORE EVENTS include *Crossing the Lines: Kashmir, Pakistan, India*, a film screening in solidarity with a peace march now in progress in South Asia (Apr. 13 and 16); "Bizarro, Cartoons, and Compassion," an evening with Dan Piraro (Apr. 14); "Alexander the Great: New Evidence From Afghanistan" (Apr. 15); playwright and performance artist Anna Deavere Smith presenting the Esther Freier Endowed Lecture (Apr. 15); "Love American Style: Neoliberal Citizenship in Contemporary Marriage Politics," the annual David Noble Lecture, by Lisa Duggan (Apr. 16); the School of Music's annual Bach Festival (Apr. 17, 28, and May 6); "Proposals for the Responsible Use of Racial and Ethnic Categories in Biomedical Research: Where Do We Go From Here?" (Apr. 18); editor, publisher, and analyst Stuart Rothenberg presenting the Frank Premack Memorial Award Lecture (Apr. 18); "The Struggle and Hope for Southern Africa," a Great Conversation, with Regents Professor Allan Isaacman and former first lady of Mozambique Graca Machel (Apr. 19); and U Libraries Distinguished Writer Joyce Sutphen (Apr. 20). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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### 1. Top Story

THE U'S NEW WIND TURBINE WILL BE DEDICATED on Earth Day, Apr. 22, by Gov. Pawlenty and other dignitaries. The 230-foot wind research turbine is the only U.S. public, large-scale research instrument designed to convert wind energy into hydrogen. Activities Apr. 21-22 include tours, K-12 renewable energy activities, displays of renewable energy items, a UMM Wind Walk & Run, and WCCO radio's *Good Morning Minnesota*. The turbine is part of the West Central Research and Outreach Center and is one of four renewable energy systems being developed as part of the Renewable Energy Research and Demonstration Center in Morris. For more information, see <http://energy.coafes.umn.edu> and <http://www.morris.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=263> .

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### 2. News and Features

CELEBRATING AND PROMOTING TEACHING EXCELLENCE: The U's Academy of Distinguished Teachers (ADT) will induct 14 new members at its annual awards ceremony Apr. 25, bringing the total to nearly 200 on all the U campuses and in most UMTC colleges. Founded in 1999, ADT includes recipients of the U's highest teaching awards--the Morse-Alumni Undergraduate Teaching Awards, dating back to 1965, and the Award for Contributions to Postbaccalaureate, Graduate, and Professional Education, instituted in 1999. This week in *Brief*, several members share their views on the role and value of the ADT. Space on Apr. 25 may still be available; to read the story in *UMNnews* and link to the event site, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Supporting\\_great\\_teaching.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Supporting_great_teaching.html) .

USING E-MAIL PROFESSIONALLY: E-mail is not just for convenience anymore--it's for serious business, from job offers to supervising. So why don't we use it more carefully? A group of U communicators created some guidelines to help make e-mail both professional and more effective. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Using\\_email\\_professionally.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Using_email_professionally.html) .

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### 3. Campus Events and Information

#### University-wide:

U GRADUATE ASSISTANTS VOTED 1,779 TO 1,296 AGAINST UNION REPRESENTATION by United Electrical, Radio, and Machine Workers of America. About 68% of roughly 4,500 UMD and UMTC graduate assistants voted last week. Results were announced Apr. 18. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/News\\_Releases\\_Unavailable/GA\\_vote.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/News_Releases_Unavailable/GA_vote.html) .

ENTER THE MINNESOTA CUP: U faculty, staff, and students are invited to enter the search for the next great business idea in Minnesota. New products, better ways of doing business, and new business ideas will be reviewed by a panel of outstanding Minnesota executives, investors, and entrepreneurs. The idea judged to be best will win \$25,000. Deadline for submissions: May 9. Sponsored by the U. For more information, see <http://breakthroughideas.umn.edu> .

NEW U POLICIES address employee conflict resolution, suspending education abroad due to risks, and withholding degrees because of financial obligations. Revised policies include those on medical practice plans, intercollegiate athletics, purchasing, and gifts received and given. For more information, see the U policy library at <http://www.fpd.finop.umn.edu/groups/ppd/documents/main/new.cfm> .

#### Crookston:

UMC STUDENTS HAVE WON SEVERAL AWARDS in recent weeks. Student Programming and Activities for Campus Entertainment (S.P.A.C.E.) won the Innovative Programming Award for its "UMC Cribs" program at the Northern Plains regional conference of the National Association for Campus Activities in Rochester. The Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team was named regional champion in Minneapolis and will advance to national competition in May. The Horticulture Team, accompanied by advisers Melinda McCluskey and Susan Jacobson, placed second in the Mid-America Collegiate Horticultural Society competition in Fort Collins, Colorado. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/newsstory.aspx?ID=86> (S.P.A.C.E.), <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/newsstory.aspx?ID=83> (SIFE), and <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/newsstory.aspx?ID=68> (Horticulture Team).

#### Duluth:

TWO SPRING CONCERTS will be presented by the Department of Music. The UMD University Singers and Chamber Singers will perform "Almost There!" Apr. 23, and the "All Jazz" concert will be held Apr. 26. Both events are at 7:30 p.m., Weber Music Hall. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/music> or call 218-726-8877.

#### Morris:

HISTORIAN, SCHOLAR, AND COMPOSER Bernice Johnson Reagon will reside as inaugural holder of the UMM Distinguished Visiting Professorship in the Liberal Arts, Apr. 26 to May 3. Public lectures will include "I Decided to Stand: Selected Notes From the 40-Year Journal of a Freedom Singer," Apr. 26, 7:30 p.m., Black Box Theatre, Humanities and Fine Arts; and "Lessons in Living: The African American Spiritual Tradition," Apr. 28, 7:30 p.m., First Lutheran Church, Morris. Reagon will be a guest conductor during a performance, featuring her compositions, by the UMM combined choirs under the direction of Kenneth Hodgson, May 3, 7:30 p.m., Assumption Church, Morris. She will also give guest lectures in three courses--Classical, Romantic, and 20th Century Music; U.S. History Since 1860: Civil Rights Movement; and U.S. Multicultural and Multiracial Literatures. For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=267> .

#### Twin Cities:

BEAUTIFUL U DAY: CELEBRATE THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER. Join friends and colleagues in the 8th annual celebration. Begin the day with the Wellness Walk, complete with a map of the 210 projects and events planned to celebrate the U's unique home along the Mississippi River. Free lunch on Northrop Plaza and near the St. Paul Student Center. A symposium, "A River Runs Through Us," will be presented at 100 Rapson Hall, 3:30-5:30 p.m. More activities include a renewable energy workshop, kickoff for a new rain garden, dedication of a friendship bench, unveiling of new public art for the Boynton Health Services Building and a new logo for the Bell Museum, kickoff for a storm-drain marking project, a curb appeal project, a butterfly garden, an EcoFair, Pledge Against Violence, and much more. A map and schedule are on the Web. For more information, see <http://www.buday.umn.edu> .

THE BOARD OF REGENTS will meet Apr. 21 to review and act on the naming rights agreement for the proposed TCF Bank Stadium and other business related to an on-campus stadium. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/News\\_Releases\\_Unavailable/Regents\\_Stadium\\_Vote.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/News_Releases_Unavailable/Regents_Stadium_Vote.html) .

THREE PUBLIC LECTURES TO MARK THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION II, the 1955 Supreme Court decision that called for desegregation "with all deliberate speed," will feature leading scholars speaking on "Affirmative Action in Education and Employment: What's the Story?" (May 2), "On the Nature of Prejudice: Fifty Years After Brown II" (May 3), and "Still a Long Way to Go: American Black-White Relations Today" (May 4). Each program is at 2 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center, followed by a reception. Free. For more information, see <http://www.academic.umn.edu/system/communications/brownvboard2.html> .

NILS HASSELMO HALL WILL BE FORMALLY DEDICATED May 6, 4-5:30 p.m. Events will begin with a program in the auditorium, followed by a reception in the atrium of what is now the Basic Sciences Building next to Coffman Union. Open to the public. Register by contacting Wokie Grigsby, [grig0052@umn.edu](mailto:grig0052@umn.edu) or 612-624-6868.

"CELEBRATING UNIVERSITY WOMEN" AWARDS EVENT will include opening remarks by Naomi Scheman, philosophy and women's studies, "When You Shake the Ground I'm Standing On, I Have to Keep Dancing," and presentation of Mullen, Spector, Truax, Doherty, civil service and bargaining unit, and distinguished women scholar awards. Apr. 28, 2:30-4:30 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. Registration is required. Contact [women@umn.edu](mailto:women@umn.edu) or 612-625-9837.

McKNIGHT SUMMER FELLOWS presenting next include Matthew Bribitzer-Stull, Korey Konkol, and Linda Thompson, all of the School of Music. Today, 3:30-5 p.m., 280 Ferguson Hall. For more information, see <http://events.umn.edu/event?occurrence=382239;event=107605> .

"ECOLOGY AND CONSERVATION OF THE SERENGETI: What Role Does Basic Research Play?" by Sam McNaughton, Syracuse U, will be the Kolshorn Distinguished Lecture. Apr. 26, 7 p.m., 105 Cargill Building. For more information, see <http://www.cnr.umn.edu> .

HELMETS AND HEADLIGHTS FOR BIKERS: Faculty, staff, and students can purchase a helmet and headlight set for \$20 at the pharmacy in Boynton Health Service (BHS). Items are also sold separately. The program is intended to increase bike-rider safety and is supported by BHS, Housing and Residential Life, Parking and Transportation Services, TCF, and UPlan Wellness. For more information, see <http://www.bhs.umn.edu/services/helmet-headlights.htm> .

REUSE WAREHOUSE SEALED-BID AUCTION will include a broad range of items from cooking equipment to a cement mixer. Apr. 21-22 and Apr. 25. For more information, see <http://www.reuse.umn.edu> .

"SO SIMPLE...SO EFFECTIVE," a workshop offered by Printing Services and Addressing & Mailing, can help navigate print design, production, and mailing. Choose from concurrent sessions. Apr. 27; registration required. For more information, see <http://www.printing.umn.edu> or call 612-625-9500.

CLIPS FOR A CURE will raise funds for the U Cancer Center. Mayor Rybak will shave the heads of Minneapolis police officers and fire fighters, and students will donate hair to Locks of Love, an organization that provides hair pieces to children who lose their hair due to illness. More events include a 5K walk, a drawing for a trip to Europe, and music. Apr. 22, 4-10 p.m., river-view terrace, Coffman Union.

MORE EVENTS include "From Stem Cells to Jail Cells," a lecture on issues surrounding embryo stem cell research (Apr. 20); "Traveling Postcolonial: Reading Edward Said Between English and Hebrew" (Apr. 21); a conference on "Pathways of Development: Perspectives from Developmental, Cognitive, and Affective Neuroscience" (Apr. 22); "Mirror Neurons: The Science of Empathy" in the Cafe Scientifique series (Apr. 23); CitySongs and the Metropolitan Boys Choir (Apr. 24); a conversation on trade and social security reform with Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz., and Tim Penny (Apr. 25); "An Early Thaw in the Cold War? The Austrian State Treaty of 1955" by Austrian ambassador Eva Nowotny (Apr. 25); *Nixon in China* performance and discussion with Walter Mondale (Apr. 26); and "Confidential Sources: Where Ethics and Law Collide," the Silha Center/Society of Professional Journalists forum (Apr. 27). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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BIENNIAL BUDGET REQUEST: The Minnesota House of Representatives passed a funding recommendation of \$102.3 million for the U Apr. 22. The Senate will vote on a proposal of \$121.3 million later this week. For more information, watch <http://www.umn.edu/urelate/govrel> .

STRATEGIC POSITIONING INITIATIVE UPDATE: Twenty-one members of the UMTC Deans Council supported the Mar. 30 recommendations to put the U on course to become one of the top three public research universities in the nation: deans Atwood, Baugher, Casey, Crouch, Elde, Fisher, Johnson, Klausner, Lloyd, Muscoplat, Nichols, Powell, Speedie, Stafford, and Yussen; interim deans Bloomfield, Campbell, Disch, Finnegan, and Houston; and University Libraries director Lougee. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2210&from=umnnews> .

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### 2. News and Features

AWARDS AND APPOINTMENTS: Spring is award time at the U. This month's update includes the 2005 President's Award for Outstanding Service; honorary degrees and an outstanding achievement award; Breaking the Silence Awards; faculty and staff awards at Duluth and Morris; President's Emerging Leaders; awards to U women; Distinguished Leadership Awards for Internationals; and many more. Appointments include a new director for Glensheen Historic Estate. To read the summary in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Awards\\_and\\_appointments\\_April\\_2005.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Awards_and_appointments_April_2005.html) .

COUNCIL OF ACADEMIC PROFESSIONALS AND ADMINISTRATORS (CAPA) UPDATE: 2005-06 officers and senators announced; unit-level elections are under way; College of Human Ecology (CHE) receives the 2005 Outstanding Unit Award Apr. 18. To read the update in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/CAPA\\_elections\\_and\\_award\\_2005.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/CAPA_elections_and_award_2005.html) .

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#### University-wide:

GOV. PAWLENTY WILL SPEAK on "Immediate Legislative Priorities and Their Impact for Minnesota" at the Carlson School of Management's First Tuesday luncheon, May 3, 11:30 a.m., McNamara Alumni Center. Registration is \$23 before Apr. 28 and \$28 afterwards. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2182&from=umnnews> or <http://www.csom.umn.edu/Page2066.aspx> .

WELLNESS WALKS BEGIN MAY 4. As part of the U's ongoing commitment to wellness, UPlan Wellness is sponsoring 20-minute walks this summer during work time. Beginning May 4, 1:03 p.m., and continuing on the first Wednesday of each month through September, employees are invited to take a 20-minute walk. Those who are not able to walk at that time due to work commitments or evening and night shifts can arrange with their supervisors to walk at another time. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/eb/wellness> or call 612-624-9355 or 1-888-433-9355 .

U EXTENSION SERVICE EXPERTS will answer questions about lakes, homes, forests, septic systems, and related topics at the Lake Home and Cabin Show. They will also promote the new 50-page *Lake Home and Cabin Kit*. Apr. 29-May 1, Minneapolis Convention Center. For more information about Extension, see <http://www.extension.umn.edu> .

#### Crookston:

A SEMINAR ON COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT MANAGEMENT will be presented for health management students by Kraus-Anderson Construction personnel John Davies, Bemidji office, and Tom Lenertz, health care facility construction consultant and former CEO of Riverview Health System. The focus will be on health care facility construction with applications to almost any commercial construction project. Today, 1-3:30 p.m., 215 Hill Hall.

*DEARLY DEPARTED*, a comedy by David Bottrell and Jessie Jones, will be presented by the UMC Theater Department. Apr. 27-29, 7:30 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/newsstory.aspx?ID=87> .

#### Duluth:

"THE MIDDLE AGES AT THE WORLD'S FAIR," presented by John Ganim, U of California, Riverside, will be the English department's Sixth Annual Jankofsky Medieval and Renaissance Lecture. It will feature research from Ganim's latest book, *Medievalism and Orientalism*. The event will also include an announcement of the Jankofsky Essay Contest and a wine and cheese reception. Free and open to the public. Apr. 29, 3 p.m., Tweed Museum of Art. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2005/April/13.html> .

*SWEENEY TODD*, a musical about a barber caught in the social machinery of London's rising industrial age and the ongoing struggle for justice and equality, will be presented by UMD Theatre. Apr. 28-30 and May 4-7, 7:30 p.m.; May 1, 2:30 p.m.; Marshall Performing Arts Center. For tickets, call 218-726-8561. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/theatre> .

#### Morris:

STUDENTS ENROLLED IN HISTORY OF RURAL AMERICA, taught by Stephen Gross, presented papers on the history of the West Central School of Agriculture during an Apr. 26 undergraduate research symposium funded by the Minnesota Humanities Commission in cooperation with the National Endowment for the Humanities. For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=270> .

DISTINGUISHED VISITING PROFESSOR Bernice Johnson Reagon, historian, scholar, composer, and founder of the Grammy Award-winning group Sweet Honey in the Rock, is in residence this week, with public lectures Apr. 26 and 28 and a concert May 3. For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=267> .

#### Rochester:

"GETTING INTO THE U," a presentation by UMTC admissions director Wayne Sigler, was attended by more than 40 students and their parents and guardians at the Rochester Area Alumni and Friends of the University (RAAFUM) annual meeting Apr. 20. Also at the meeting, new board members were elected to the local alumni chapter. For more information, see <http://www.alumni.umn.edu/chapter-rochester> .

#### Twin Cities:

THE BOARD OF REGENTS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE NAMING RIGHTS AGREEMENT for the proposed TCF Bank Stadium in a special meeting Apr. 21. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2211&from=umnnews> .

MINNESOTA COMPANIES FOUNDED BY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (IT) ALUMNI employ 175,000 and generate \$46 billion in annual revenue for Minnesota, according to a fall 2004 survey by Questar Inc. The survey drew more than 15,000 responses from IT's 48,000 alumni. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2223&from=umnnews> .

COMO AND 15TH AVENUES TO CLOSE FOR CONSTRUCTION: Como Avenue will close in sections, from 24th to 33rd Avenues, beginning May 1 and continuing through December. In addition, 15th Avenue S.E. between Rollins and Como will close in mid-May through July for reconstruction. For more information, including detour routes, see the City of Minneapolis Web site, <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/public-works/cip> .

PLEASANT STREET TO CLOSE MAY 20-22: Pleasant Street S.E. will be closed at Pillsbury Drive, just north of the Northrop driveway, May 20, 6 a.m., due to the Nicholson Hall rehabilitation project. It will reopen by Monday morning, May 23.

THE NEW FRESHMAN ADMISSIONS WELCOME CENTER will open in 200 Jones Hall in September. The Transfer and International Admissions Welcome Center will be in 240 Williamson Hall, current home of the Admissions Office. For more information, watch <http://admissions.tc.umn.edu> .

UMTC JOINED IBM'S ACADEMIC INITIATIVE to help students prepare for the high-tech job market, IBM and U officials announced Apr. 18. Participating schools receive free access to IBM software, discounted hardware, and other benefits. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2192&from=umnnews> .

THE NEW GRADUATE MINOR IN FAMILY POLICY, the first in the nation, will be introduced with a free public lecture by *Star Tribune* editorial writer David Hage. The new minor is offered by the College of Human Ecology in partnership with the Law School and Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs. It will begin admitting students in fall 2005. Today, 3 p.m., 22 McNeal Hall. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2219&from=umnnews> .

MOZART'S *DON GIOVANNI* will be presented by the U Opera Theatre, Apr. 28-May 1, Ted Mann Concert Hall. For tickets, call 612-624-2345; for more information, see <http://www.music.umn.edu/news/pressreleases.php> . A free symposium, "In Search of Don Giovanni: The Origins, Interpretations, and Legacy of Mozart and Da Ponte's Anti-Hero," featuring experts from the Guthrie, Eastman School of Music, Brandeis U, and Los Angeles, will be presented by the School of Music and the Center for Austrian Studies, Apr. 30, 1-5:30 p.m., Ultan Recital Hall, Ferguson Hall. For more information, see <http://events.tc.umn.edu/event.xml?occurrence=383279> .

THE SIXTH ANNUAL MACULAR DEGENERATION SYMPOSIUM will feature updates on the latest research and treatments and demonstrations of tools for people with low vision. Free and open to the public, but registration is requested. Apr. 30, 8 a.m.-noon, Earle Brown Heritage Center, Brooklyn Center. For more information, see <http://events.umn.edu/event?occurrence=385218;event=108820> .

THE DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS WILL CELEBRATE 90 YEARS, and the U Pediatrics Foundation will host the 10th annual WineFest, an event that has raised \$4.5 million toward research and services for the department. May 13-14, Historic Depot, Minneapolis. For more information, see <http://www.med.umn.edu/peds> and <http://www.thewinefest.com> .

THE 2005 QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY CONFERENCE, "Data, Quality Transformation, and the Health Care Supply Chain," will address the U.S. health-care delivery crisis and feature national experts. The annual conference of the American Statistical Institute will showcase ways in which a transformation is beginning through innovative statistical analysis and application. May 18-20, Carlson School of Management. Reduced registration fee through Apr. 30. For more information, see <http://www.amstat-online.org/sections/gp> .

MORE EVENTS include the 2005 Life Sciences Undergraduate Research Symposium (Apr. 27); Norway and Sweden's ambassadors speaking on conflict resolution (Apr. 28); Graduate School commencement (Apr. 29); MFA exhibition at the Nash (reception Apr. 29; show through May 19); "Noon at Ngayon" annual Filipino variety/cultural show (Apr. 30); Arboretum Bud Break 5K Run/Walk (May 1); former Sen. Tom Daschle (D-SD) presenting the annual Martin Olav Sabo Lecture (May 2); the Mechanical Engineering Design Show (May 3); "On the Nature of Prejudice: Fifty Years After Brown II" (May 3); and "The Body Electric," part of the Science on the Screen series at the Bell (May 4). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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### 1. Top Stories

PRESIDENT BRUININKS'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STRATEGIC POSITIONING toward making the U one of the top three public research institutions in the world will be posted on the Web this Friday, May 6, noon. The Board of Regents will review the president's recommendations at its meeting May 13 and is scheduled to take action June 10. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic\\_positioning](http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic_positioning) .

THE REGENTS WILL HOST A PUBLIC FORUM ON STRATEGIC POSITIONING to hear viewpoints and concerns of U constituents May 16, 10 a.m., McNamara Alumni Center. Individuals who wish to speak should contact the board office by May 10, noon; written information for the board must be submitted by May 13. For more information, write or call the board office: 600 McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak Street S.E., Minneapolis, MN 55455-2020, 612-625-6300. Include name, phone number, e-mail, the group represented (if any), relationship to the U, and general presentation topic.

THE U SENATE ENDORSED STRATEGIC POSITIONING 120-3 in a vote Apr. 28. The resolution provides 11 points, including an appeal for increased broad participation as the process continues, several concerns, and recommendations with an emphasis on access, diversity, and data gathering. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/usenate/usen/Resolution-final.pdf> (PDF).

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### 2. Feature

IMPROVEMENT SPOTLIGHT: How do you charter an improvement project? How can you map the process? The Office of Service and Continuous Improvement publishes a how-to column on its Web site twice a month. Columns cover these topics and more, providing insight for anyone who is a team member, manager, or leader for a transformational improvement initiative at the U. To read more, see <http://www.umn.edu/osci> .

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#### University-wide:

2005 OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD recipients are William Doherty, family social science, UMTC; Pamela Holsinger-Fuchs, student activities, UMC; Joy Janzen, extension, Aitkin County; Robert Nemeth, Lions 5M Hearing Foundation, UMTC; Larry Rudnick, physics and astronomy, UMTC; and Thomas Stinson, applied economics, UMTC, and Minnesota state economist. The awards honor faculty, staff, and greater U community members who have made substantial, enduring contributions to the external community that improve public life and the well-being of society. Recipients will be honored in a ceremony along with the Josie R. Johnson Award winners (below). May 10, 5:30 p.m., Radisson Hotel Metrodome, Minneapolis. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2246&from=umnnews> .

2005 JOSIE R. JOHNSON HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD recipients are Sam Adegoke, president of the Black Student Union and a senior in the Carlson School, UMTC, and Nan Skelton, Center for Democracy and Citizenship, UMTC. The award recognizes faculty, staff, and students who have made exceptional contributions in creating respectful and inclusive living, learning, and working environments. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2251&from=umnnews> .

THE MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM formally dedicated its new 45,000-square-foot Oswald Visitor Center, including a learning center, great hall, auditorium, and environmentally friendly operating systems, May 1. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2232&from=umnnews> .

THE PEOPLESOFT STUDENT AND HUMAN RESOURCE/PAYROLL SYSTEM was out of service Apr. 26-27 for about 27 hours. Office of Information Technology staff worked with staff across the U system to identify and fix the problem, and they have established procedures to avoid similar problems in the future. For more information, contact Scott Ruud, [ruudx010@umn.edu](mailto:ruudx010@umn.edu) or 612-626-7495.

"THE POLITICS OF DISABILITY," the final conference in a series for faculty and community members to form an agenda for ongoing collaboration related to disability issues, will address the increasingly complex and competitive policy landscape, the key factors that affect disability policy, and the likely impact of political issues. Free, but registration is required. June 2, UMTC. For more information, see <http://www.hsr.umn.edu/coa> . To register, call 612-624-1185.

THE COMMUNICATORS FORUM 2005 CONFERENCE, "Mission: Possible," will include sessions on e-newsletters, powerful presentations, new media trends, diversity, networking, and more; the Maroon & Gold Awards for excellence in communication; and opening remarks by VP Thrane. May 12, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., The Depot, Minneapolis. Reduced registration fee by May 5 includes a year of membership. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/umcf/2005conference> .

#### Crookston:

COMMENCEMENT: More than 150 students will attend the 96th commencement at Crookston. Regent Allen will bring greetings from the Board of Regents, and UMM's Chancellor Schuman will give the commencement address. May 7, 2 p.m., Lysaker Gymnasium. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/newsstory.aspx?ID=96> .

MARVIN WINDOWS AND DOORS held its fifth graduation May 3 for Northern Lights University, a unique partnership with UMC and the Northwest Technical College that enables employees to pursue degrees. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/newsstory.aspx?ID=95> .

PLANNING FOR A "GARDEN OF THE NORTH" at UMC, featuring extreme-cold-hardy flowering plants, will be launched with two meetings. Today, 6 p.m., public meeting with landscape architects; May 5, 7 p.m., presentation of concept drawings. Youngquist Auditorium. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/newsreleases.aspx> .

#### Duluth:

COMMENCEMENT: Baccalaureate ceremonies this spring will be attended by 1,100 graduating students, UMD's largest class ever. Richard Moe, president, National Trust for Historical Preservation, will speak and receive an honorary doctor of humane letters degree. May 14, noon, Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2005/April/04.html> and <http://www.d.umn.edu/commencement> .

GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT for 185 students will include Dorothy Olson, assistant director, American Indian Learning Resource Center, who will receive a doctorate in education. Carol Bock, professor and head, English, will speak. May 12, 7 p.m., Romano Gymnasium. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/commencement> .

#### Morris:

COMMENCEMENT: Regent Simmons will represent the Board of Regents and Minnesota Rep. Cy Thao, UMM class of '95 and first Hmong member of the House of Representatives, will give the keynote address. May 14, 1:30 p.m., campus mall or, in case of bad weather, in the P.E. Center gymnasium. For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=276> .

STUDENT HONORS EVENTS MAY 13: An honoring ceremony for Native American graduates will be held at 4 p.m., Oyate Hall, Student Center. The 14th annual student honors and awards ceremony will be held at 7 p.m., recital hall, Humanities and Fine Arts. For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=274> .

THE ANNUAL HONORS RECITAL will feature eight students selected by a panel of judges based on outstanding solo performances during the past academic year. May 5, 7:30 p.m., recital hall, HFA.

#### Rochester:

A GRADUATION CELEBRATION for all UMR graduates and their families will be held May 9, 5:30 p.m., by invitation.

THE 2005 MAY GATHERING FOR UMR NURSING STUDENTS, alumni, faculty, and friends, May 3, featured Ken Hepburn, associate dean of research, School of Nursing.

#### Twin Cities:

COMMENCEMENT: UMTC graduation season began with Graduate School ceremonies Apr. 29. Speakers will include former U.S. Charge d'Affairs in the Iran hostage crisis Bruce Laingen (Humphrey Institute), Sen. Norm Coleman (Law School), Medtronic senior VP Stephen Oesterle (CBS), World Health Organization consultant Joia Mukherjee (Medical School), U alum and National Public Radio journalist Michele Norris (CLA), *Minnesota Bound* host Ron Schara (CNR), and more. Sixty students from the CSOM executive master's of business administration program will fly in from China, Poland, and Austria to receive diplomas with their Minneapolis classmates. May 6-19 and June 17-18. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2228&from=umnnews> and <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2234&from=umnnews> .

A GRADUATION RECEPTION AT EASTCLIFF for students and their families will be hosted by President Bruininks and his wife, Susan Hagstrum. May 15, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3:30-5 p.m. Register by May 12. For more information, contact [urelate@umn.edu](mailto:urelate@umn.edu) or 612-624-6868.

FORMER PRESIDENT HASSELMO will attend the naming of a building in his honor May 6. Basic Sciences & Biomedical Engineering, 312 Church Street S.E., will become Nils Hasselmo Hall in honor of the professor of Scandinavian languages and literature who served as the U's 13th president 1989-97. The program and reception are open to the public. 4 p.m. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2243&from=umnnews> .

THE 2003 RENOVATION OF COFFMAN MEMORIAL UNION received the Facility Design Award of the Association of College Unions International (ACUI). The renovation, one of eight projects recognized at ACUI's annual conference in Reno, was praised for its appearance, project process, and impact. For more information, see <http://www.coffman.umn.edu/insider/acuiaward.php> .

THE COLLEGE BOWL TEAM WON ITS SECOND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP in two years in Seattle Apr. 22-24. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2221&from=umnnews> .

THE PRIDE @ WORK GROUP invites gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender staff and allies to an end-of-semester picnic. May 10, noon-1:30 p.m., Northrop Mall; in case of rain, in the cube by Starbucks, Coffman Union. For more information, contact [qworkers@umn.edu](mailto:qworkers@umn.edu) .

CNN ANCHOR and former U student Aaron Brown will deliver the keynote address at the U of M Alumni Association annual celebration and receive the U's Award of Distinction. May 10, Northrop Auditorium. For more information, see <http://www.alumni.umn.edu/annualcelebration> .

MORE EVENTS include "Still a Long Way to Go: American Black-White Relations Today" (May 4); campus Yom Hashoah commemoration (Holocaust Remembrance Day) with Dr. Robert Fisch (May 5); "Pure Peretti" in the Business of Design lecture series (May 5); the Horticulture Club's spring plant sale (May 5-8); "Beyond the Stereotype: Documenting Mothers and Motherhood" in the U Libraries First Fridays series (May 6); 2005 solar car unveiling (May 6); "Amazing Music for Amazing Kids" benefit for CitySongs with Cuban jazz performer Nachito Herrera (May 7); "Go Wild About Birds" grand opening weekend at the arboretum (May 7-8); a book-signing by John Kenneth Galbraith biographer, economist, and *Mother Jones* founder Richard Parker (May 10); and "Inside Out," the Department of Design, Housing, and Apparel senior show (through May 11). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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THE BOARD OF REGENTS WILL REVIEW PRESIDENT BRUININKS'S RECOMMENDATIONS for strategic positioning, announced May 6, at meetings this week. Bruininks proposes to implement cost-saving administrative reforms; enhance diversity, writing, and international programs; and reduce the number of UMTC colleges by three, with major changes in the academic areas of design; education and human development; and food systems, environmental science, and renewable resources. Also on the regents' agenda: a review of tuition and financial aid trends, faculty salaries, employee health care benefits, and UMD's updated five-year master plan, and recognition of Distinguished McKnight University Professors and other award winners. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2266&from=umnnews> and [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/President\\_Bruininks\\_releases\\_next\\_step\\_for\\_the\\_future\\_of\\_the\\_U.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/President_Bruininks_releases_next_step_for_the_future_of_the_U.html) .

THE U OF M ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (UMAA) National Board of Directors passed a resolution May 7 supporting the U's vision to become one of the top three public research institutions in the world. The UMMA national board represents 52,000 UMTC member alumni. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=22618&from=umnnews> .

GENERAL COLLEGE AND STRATEGIC POSITIONING: VP Jones, who served on the committee that prepared academic recommendations for the strategic positioning plan, answered questions last week related to General College (GC), including access to higher education in Minnesota, diversity at the U, the impact of the change on current GC students and student-athletes, and expanding the role of developmental education across the U. Nine students were arrested May 4 in Morrill Hall while protesting recommendations for GC. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Robert\\_Jones\\_talks\\_about\\_General\\_College.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Robert_Jones_talks_about_General_College.html) .

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A TOP-RANKED DEPARTMENT: WORK, COMMUNITY, AND FAMILY EDUCATION (WCFE) tied for first among vocational and technical graduate education programs in the most recent *U.S. News and World Report* ranking, released last month. Positioned within one of the top colleges of education in the world, its faculty includes experts on issues from career and technical education in high schools to organizational memory in corporations. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Exploring\\_the\\_frontiers\\_of\\_learning\\_and\\_work.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Exploring_the_frontiers_of_learning_and_work.html) .

CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE (CSC) UPDATE: Vote for civil service representatives to the new U Senate seats through May 20; welcome new CSC members; and give input to the Merit Task Force, to the Rules Subcommittee (now taking suggestions on telecommuting and working on call), and to the CSC (for a presentation at the regents open forum on strategic positioning). To read the update in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/CSC\\_update\\_May\\_2005.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/CSC_update_May_2005.html) .

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###### University-wide:

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS NAMED. The house and senate have both passed versions of the higher education bill, and the Higher Education Conference Committee met for the first time May 10. After reconciling differences in the bills, they will present a bill to the governor for signature. House conferees are representatives Atkins (DFL, Inver Grove Heights), Cox (R, Northfield), Eastlund (R, Isanti), Nornes (R, Fergus Falls), and Opatz (DFL, St. Cloud). Senate conferees are senators Kierlin (R, Winona), Pappas (DFL, St. Paul), Robling (R, Jordan), Solon (DFL, Duluth), and Tomassoni (DFL, Chisholm).

ACADEMY OF DISTINGUISHED TEACHERS (ADT) small grants to support teaching and learning have been awarded to Lisa Albrecht, social work, to continue development of the social justice minor; Jim Rothenberger, public health, and Leslie Schiff, microbiology, to send a small team to an upcoming conference on teaching and learning; and Patricia McCarthy Veach, educational psychology, for her project to enhance clinical supervision skills of students and supervisors in the genetic counseling and counseling psychology programs. For more information about the ADT, see <http://www.adt.umn.edu> .

KATHERINE SULLIVAN STUDY-ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS for 2005-06 are Christopher Gregory, CLA, UMTC (Japan); Sara Kloek, UMM (Ecuador); Oana Lungu, CBS, UMTC (Spain); Joseph Sand, School of Fine Arts, UMD (U.K.); Kathryn Schwaderer, UMM (Sweden); and Rebecca Vanasek, CLA, UMTC (South Africa). Sullivan scholarships provide a capstone year abroad. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2258&from=umnnews> .

*AT AMERICA'S GATES: CHINESE IMMIGRATION DURING THE EXCLUSION ERA, 1882-1943*, an award-winning book by Erika Lee, associate professor of history, UMTC, is the next selection of the Friends of Eastcliff Book Club. The book tells the story of U.S. laws that marked a permanent shift toward restriction in the nation's immigration policy. June 2, Eastcliff. Anyone can join the Friends of Eastcliff, which supports the preservation of the U president's home. For more information, see <http://www.bookstore.umn.edu/eastcliff.html> .

###### Crookston:

FACULTY AND STAFF AUTHORS of books, chapters, and papers were honored in a celebration of scholarship May 2. The work of 11 UMC faculty members and 26 staff members of the Northwest Research and Outreach Center was displayed at the UMC library through May 9. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/research> .

###### Duluth:

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONIES FOR THE \$13 MILLION SPORTS AND HEALTH CENTER ADDITION were held May 3. The two-story complex will house fitness and conditioning areas, locker rooms, offices, and a climbing wall. Students voted in April 2002 to fund a third of the costs through student fees. Target completion date is October 2006. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2005/May/01.html> .

FIVE RETIRING FACULTY MEMBERS include Bernard DeRubeis, environmental health and safety; June Kreuzkamp, education; Edmond Lundstrom, health, physical education, and recreation; Donald Steinnes, economics; and Neil Storch, history. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2005/May/03-B.html> .

###### Morris:

A GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH CAPITAL NORMAL UNIVERSITY, BEIJING, was signed by Chancellor Schuman last month to continue exploring possibilities for a student exchange. Jennifer Falzerano, UMM admissions, and Hong Yang, U China Center, joined Schuman on the China trip, which focused on exchange opportunities and UMM student recruitment.

A MINNESOTA STATE STUDENT SERVICE AWARD will be presented by Gov. Pawlenty to Paula O'Loughlin and students in her American government class for their involvement in the Kids Voting program in Morris. They were nominated by the program's community partner, Cheryl Kuhn, service-learning coordinator with the Morris Area School District. May 12.

THE CESAR CHAVEZ AWARD was presented to Multi-Ethnic Student Program director Aida Martinez and graduating senior Isaiah Brokenleg in a campus ceremony May 6. The award honors those who "embody the principles, leadership, and humanitarian qualities of the late legendary labor and civil rights leader."

###### Twin Cities:

THE 2004 EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY REPORT, with information about how UMTC students experience educational technology, is now available. For more information, see <http://dmc.umn.edu/surveys> .

A \$500 REWARD is being offered for information leading to the identification of anyone responsible for the April 17 or 18 theft of items from an exhibit in Rarig Center developed by the Coalition for a Respectful U. Twelve 24-by-36-inch foam-core boards and five other pieces, including a Declaration of Tolerance signed by more than 300, focused on the importance of being an ally to gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=22528&from=umnnews> .

THE LARGEST BOOK EVER PRINTED has been donated to U Libraries. *Bhutan: A Visual Odyssey Across the Himalayan Kingdom*, by technology pioneer Michael Hawley, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, required a roll of paper longer than a football field and more than a gallon of ink. Hawley will speak and show slides at the book's debut. May 12, Willey Hall auditorium, 4 p.m. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/A\\_book\\_no\\_backpack\\_could\\_hold.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/A_book_no_backpack_could_hold.html) .

A LANDMARK IMMIGRATION CONFERENCE, "Immigration History and the University of Minnesota: Where We've Been, Where We're Going," will include a keynote by Midwest immigration scholar Jon Gjerde; a Yiddish film festival; a celebration of the career and contributions of retiring Immigration History and Research Center director Rudolph Vecoli; and panel sessions on topics such as law, public policy and the immigrant experience, and gender and family in immigration communities. Free and open to the public. May 12-14, Elmer Andersen Library. For more information, see <http://www.jhrc.umn.edu> .

"SOCIAL SECURITY: COSTS AND CONSEQUENCES" will present five national experts. Sponsored by the Humphrey Institute Policy Forum. May 17, 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2256&from=umnnews> or <http://www.hhh.umn.edu/centers/policy-forum/calendar.html> .

"WHOLE GRAINS AND HEALTH: A GLOBAL SUMMIT" will feature Food and Drug Administration acting commissioner Lester Crawford and whole-grain researchers, manufacturers, educators, and regulators from around the world. May 18-20, Radisson Plaza Hotel, downtown Minneapolis. For more information, see <http://www.wholegrain.umn.edu/conference> .

"WHERE ARE LAW, ETHICS, AND THE LIFE SCIENCES HEADED? FRONTIER ISSUES," a conference for researchers, academics, students, policy makers, and the public, will include plenary speakers addressing issues in genetics, environmental law, neuroscience, biotechnology, and health care. May 20, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., 25 Mondale Hall. For more information, see <http://www.jointdegree.umn.edu/conferences/lawlifesci.php> .

SUMMER CAREER ENRICHMENT WORKSHOPS, sponsored by the Center for Human Resource Development, are now scheduled. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/ececp/schedule.htm> .

MORE EVENTS include Evolutionary Anthropology Laboratories open house (May 11); Women's Health Celebration 2005 (May 12); U Tourism Center showcase for National Tourism Week (May 12); "The Future of the Information Systems Academic Discipline" Gordon B. Davis symposium (May 13-14); new Lake Home and Cabin Kit, presented by Extension educators at U Bookstores (May 14); CitySongs 13th annual free spring concert (May 14); a chess lecture by grandmaster Pablo Zarnicki (May 16); and "Drugs and Delivery: Designs for This Millennium," a grand opening of the U Center for Drug Design (May 17). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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#### 1. Top Stories

IN A PUBLIC FORUM MAY 16 ON STRATEGIC POSITIONING RECOMMENDATIONS, THE REGENTS heard from nearly 40 students, faculty, staff, and community members on a range of issues. A peaceful protest of plans to end General College's existence as an independent collegiate structure was held outside the boardroom. Chair David Metzzen said he appreciated the civil and respectful tone of the hearing and that the board will take all the information into consideration when it acts at its June meetings. For more information about the regents' schedule, see <http://www.umn.edu/regents> . For more information about the proposal before the board, see [http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic\\_positioning](http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic_positioning) .

NEW SCHOOL OF NURSING DEAN is Connie White Delaney, currently professor and director of the Institute of Nursing Knowledge at the U of Iowa. Delaney, whose research focus is in the developing field of health informatics, will join the U in August with a dual faculty appointment in the School of Nursing and the Medical School. The regents approved her appointment as dean May 13. For more information, see <http://www.ahc.umn.edu/news/releases/delaney051705/home.html> .

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#### 2. News and Features

BEST DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE STUDIES (DGS) AND BEST DGS ASSISTANT AWARDS: With about 150 graduate majors at UMTC and UMD, the U relies on directors of graduate studies and DGS assistants to play an important role in attracting and keeping top student talent. The Graduate School honored eight faculty and staff members in a special event May 5. Several of them shared thoughts about highlights and challenges of their jobs. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Great\\_expectations\\_and\\_open\\_doors.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Great_expectations_and_open_doors.html) .

TEENS ON THE LOOSE: If you have a teen at home, summertime may be worry time. Here are some suggestions to help minimize stress levels at work by increasing the safety of teenagers at home. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Teens\\_on\\_the\\_loose.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Teens_on_the_loose.html) .

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#### 3. Campus Events and Information

##### University-wide:

IN MEETINGS MAY 12-13, REGENTS heard President Bruininks's proposal for strategic positioning. Reports to committees included the employee health care benefits proposal (below) and the role of the Academic Health Center in the state workforce. A report on tuition and financial aid trends showed that U tuition increases are worrisome but comparable to those at peer institutions; financial aid is increasing, and access to low-income students has not been compromised, but the U does less well in providing grant and scholarship assistance to middle-income students. A report on faculty salaries and compensation showed that the U continues to rank low in comparison to peer institutions. The regents also recognized many faculty and staff award winners from across the U. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2270&from=umnnews> and <http://www.umn.edu/regents> .

THE EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE BENEFITS presentation to the regents May 12 by an administrative working group is available for review. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/eb/uplaninfo/bor2005> .

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: An agreement was reached May 16 to set \$2.761 billion as the total higher education funding for the next biennium. Specific recommendations for the U, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, Higher Education Services Office, and Mayo Medical Foundation will be set by conference committee. If the bill passes out of the committee, it will go to the senate and house floors for a final vote. To review the U's budget request, see <http://www.umn.edu/groots/background/bb.php> .

VOTING FOR CIVIL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES TO THE U SENATE ends May 20, 4:30 p.m. To vote, see <http://cselection.umn.edu> .

*INTERNATIONALIZING UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION: Integrating Study Abroad Into the Curriculum*, a monograph of articles based on presentations at the sold-out Study Abroad Curriculum Integration Conference in April 2004, can be ordered now and will be available by the end of May. It includes information about developments over the past year. For more information, see <http://www.umabroad.umn.edu/conference/monograph.html> .

##### Duluth:

RESEARCH OF 20 FACULTY AND STAFF MEMBERS from the UMD Department of Geological Sciences, Large Lakes Observatory, and Natural Resources Research Institute will be presented at the 39th annual meeting of the North-Central Section of the Geological Society of America. About 800 geoscientists are expected to attend. May 19-20, Minneapolis. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2005/May/10.html> .

AN INTEGRATED MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS PLAN FOR THE CITY OF DULUTH e-CITY INITIATIVE was developed by five UMD marketing students. The initiative was created by Duluth mayor Herb Bergson; the team created a logo, a Web site, and brochures to position Duluth as the e-City of the North. A press conference at city hall honored the students May 16. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2005/May/13-A.html> .

THE UMD DOMAIN NAME HAS CHANGED from [www.d.umn.edu](http://www.d.umn.edu) to [www.duluth.umn.edu](http://www.duluth.umn.edu). The change will affect Web and e-mail addresses.

2004-05 FACULTY AWARD recipients are Paul Cannan, English, Jean G. Blehart Distinguished Teaching Award; Jon Pierce, management studies, Chancellor's Distinguished Research Award; and Janice Kmetz, art and design, Albert Tezla Teacher/Scholar Award. Outstanding Faculty Adviser Awards were given to Sue Damme, education; Stanley Wold, music; Doug Dunham, computer science; Shee Wong, finance; and Linda Belote, sociology/anthropology. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2005/May/03-A.html> .

##### Morris:

ABOUT A DOZEN STUDENTS WILL TRAVEL TO CHINA May 29-June 13 on the first trip of its kind for UMM students. They will help teach English and culture to Jiashan high school students at the invitation of mayor George Shen in a pilot program to build a foundation for UMM and Jiashan's relationship. For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=282> .

THE FUTURE OF SMALL TOWNS: The Third Annual Symposium on Small Towns will focus on the future--what will small towns be like 10, 20, and 50 years from now? This year, cosponsor Minnesota Public Radio will provide related radio features and an online "idea generator." For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=275> .

2005 UMM DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI are Cy Thao, '95, Minnesota state representative, and Paulette Fairbanks Molin, '66, retired educator and author. Molin was the first Ojibwe graduate of UMM. They will be honored at homecoming Oct. 21. For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=281> .

##### Rochester:

THE DEADLINE FOR THE VISUAL BASIC AND PROGRAMMING IN C++ SUMMER WORKSHOP and follow-on courses for high school students, cosponsored by UMR and IBM, is June 1. The course fee includes the summer session, textbook, software to allow students to program on a home computer, and eight face-to-face instructional classes during the school year, through May 2006. Students also have access to an online learning environment for teacher-mentor interaction between the face-to-face sessions during the school year and e-mentoring by IBM volunteers during the entire course. For more information or to register, see <http://www.r.umn.edu> .

##### Twin Cities:

FAIRVIEW-UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER WILL BE RENAMED University of Minnesota Medical Center, effective June 1. Within the medical center, the Fairview-University Children's Hospital will be renamed the University of Minnesota Children's Hospital. For more information, see [http://www.fairview-university.fairview.org/News\\_and\\_Events/c\\_123937.asp](http://www.fairview-university.fairview.org/News_and_Events/c_123937.asp) .

THE SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND THE SAINT PAUL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA (SPCO) will announce a new, unique partnership today. The agreement includes instruction, training, performance, and events. The School of Music, part of the College of Liberal Arts, was established in 1902 and enrolls more than 660 students. The SPCO is in its 46th season. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2269&from=umnnews> .

THE JURAN CENTER 2005 FELLOWS AND SCHOLAR, awarded to support research in quality-related practices, were announced at an annual event at the Carlson School of Management this month. As a Juran Scholar, U professor Susan Meyer Goldstein, operations and management science, will receive a seed grant of \$10,000 for her research on building theory for using "lean principles" in service organizations. Fellows include five doctoral candidates: Jared Harris, David Peng, and Dongli Zhang, Carlson School; Dan Steward, School of Social Work; and John Gray, U of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. For more information, see <http://www.carlsonschool.umn.edu/jurancenter> .

THE FOURTH KAROLINSKA INSTITUTE-U OF M SYMPOSIUM, "The Interface of Basic Science and Clinical Otolaryngology," will feature 12 faculty members and residents from Sweden and address topics including head and neck cancer, facial reconstruction, and cochlear implants in children. May 18-20, McNamara Alumni Center. For more information, see <http://events.tc.umn.edu/event?occurrence=386089;event=109238> or contact John Anderson, [anders00@umn.edu](mailto:anders00@umn.edu) .

THE NORTH-CENTRAL SECTION OF THE GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA CONFERENCE will include more than 400 presentations on topics including arsenic in drinking water in the upper Midwest, science in the Soudan underground mine, sustainable use of water resources, sinkholes and caves in southeastern Minnesota, good news about water quality in Roseville's Lake McCarrons, a better way to teach science to student-athletes, and more. May 18-21, Radisson Hotel Metrodome. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2265&from=umnnews> .

NORTHROP JAZZ SEASON will present Jason Moran and The Bandwagon in a world premier of *Milestone* at the new Walker Art Center. Gallery talk with the artist, May 19; performances May 20-21. For more information, see <http://www.northrop.umn.edu> .

THE SPRING RAPTOR RELEASE, established in 1974 and cosponsored this year by the College of Veterinary Medicine's Raptor Center and Ramsey County Parks and Recreation, will feature eagles, owls, hawks, and falcons. May 21, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Battle Creek Regional Park, St. Paul. For more information, see News and Events at <http://www.raptor.cvm.umn.edu> .

MORE EVENTS include "Whole Grains and Health" global summit (May 18-20); public meeting on the U's storm water management (May 19); "Where are Law, Ethics, and the Life Sciences Headed? Frontier Issues" (May 20); "The Next Big Leap," Vibha national conference (May 21-22); Public Health Institute (May 23-June 10); and Supervisory Training Cinema, "Giving and Receiving Feedback" (May 25). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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#### 1. Top Stories

HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING BILL PASSES: The higher education omnibus bill passed both houses May 20 with \$105.6 million in new funds for the U. At *Brief* publication time, Tuesday, the bill awaited Gov. Pawlenty's signature. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2282&from=umnnews> .

GENERAL COLLEGE DEAN DAVID TAYLOR has accepted a position as senior VP for academic affairs and provost at Morehouse College, Atlanta, beginning Aug. 1. Morehouse honored Taylor in 2003 with the Gandhi, King, Ireda Community Builders Prize. For more information, see [http://www.gen.umn.edu/faculty\\_staff/taylor](http://www.gen.umn.edu/faculty_staff/taylor) and senior VP and provost Sullivan's statement at <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2278&from=umnnews> .

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#### 2. News and Features

CAPA SPOTLIGHT: COLLEGE OF HUMAN ECOLOGY (CHE): The Council of Academic Professional and Administrators (CAPA) Unit Award this year went to CHE for its supportive environment for academic professional and administrative staff. It was a welcome recognition to members of the college, who've known for a long time that CHE has something special. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/No\\_surprise.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/No_surprise.html) .

AWARDS AND APPOINTMENTS: Outstanding Achievement Awards, honorary degrees, national awards in the sciences, American Lung Association's Extra Mile Award to U Fleet Services director, Communicators Forum Maroon & Gold Awards, and more. To read the monthly update in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Awards\\_and\\_appointments\\_May\\_2005.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Awards_and_appointments_May_2005.html) .

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WEIGHING IN ON STRATEGIC POSITIONING: To read the *UMNnews* account of the Board of Regents public forum on May 16, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Weighing\\_in\\_on\\_the\\_plan.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Weighing_in_on_the_plan.html) .

WELLNESS WALKS: JUNE 1, JULY 6, AUG. 3, SEPT. 7. UPlan Wellness is sponsoring 20-minute walks this summer during work time as part of the U's ongoing commitment to wellness. On the first Wednesday of each month at 1:03 p.m., employees are invited to take a walk. Those unable to walk at that time due to work commitments or evening and night shifts can arrange with their supervisors to walk at another time. The walks are dedicated to encourage wellness in U work environments. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/eb/wellness> or call 612-624-9355 or 1-888-433-9355 .

##### Crookston:

STUDENT CENTER NEARS COMPLETION: Construction of the new student center is on schedule for occupancy the first week of June. Painting, ceilings, light fixtures, cabinets, wood-paneled walls, wood trim, carpet, ceramic floor tile, and vinyl wall coverings are complete, and contractors are finishing final details and cleaning. The exterior is nearly finished, and landscaping is in progress on the north side of the building. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/special/construction04/StudentCenter.htm> .

##### Duluth:

THE NORTHEAST MINNESOTA 2004 WORKFORCE SURVEY, commissioned by the state legislature, was recently completed by the UMD Bureau of Business and Economic Research. Households in seven counties were surveyed about underemployment (31.0%), over-employment (28.9%), and mismatched skills employment (36.9%). The survey continues data collection that began in 1996. For more information, see <http://www.duluth.umn.edu/news/2005/May/11.html> .

2004-05 STAFF AWARDS include the 4th annual Linda Larson Woman of the Year: Joy Michalicek, facilities management. The Larson Award is sponsored by the UMD Commission on Women. Other Outstanding Service Award winners, announced in "Awards and appointments, April 2005" (Apr. 27), are Cheryl Anderson, Facilities Management; Matt Coleman, Psychology; Constance Johnson, Management Studies; Mahjoub Labyad, Environmental Health and Safety; Linda Marnich, Communication Science and Disorders; Mary Jean Menzel, Continuing Education; Robert Nygaard, Athletics; Linda Olcott, Facilities Management; Steve Patterson, Information Technology Systems and Services (ITSS); Joshua Richard, ITSS; Vickie Rindal, Student Life & First Year Experience; Frank Simmons, ITSS; Linda Witzke, Education; and Marie Zhuikov, Minnesota Sea Grant. For more information, see <http://www.duluth.umn.edu/news/2005/May/12.html> .

RESEARCH CRUISES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Registration is now open for "A View From the Lake," 18 three-hour cruises departing from eight ports on dates in June and July. Sponsored by Minnesota Sea Grant and U of Wisconsin Extension. Preregistration is required, on the Web at <http://www.seagrant.umn.edu/vfl> or by phone at 218-726-8106.

CLARIFICATION: THE UMD DOMAIN NAME CHANGE from [www.d.umn.edu](http://www.d.umn.edu) to [www.duluth.umn.edu](http://www.duluth.umn.edu), announced in *Brief* last week, will not eliminate use of the old addresses. The change was announced earlier on campus in the Information Technology Systems and Services newsletter and in *Currents*. For more information, see <http://www.duluth.umn.edu/itss/news/2005/05-March.html#domain> .

##### Twin Cities:

THE UMTC CAMPUS STADIUM BILL DID NOT SEE FINAL ACTION before the regular legislative session ended May 23. Broad bipartisan support increases the bill's chances in the special session that began officially May 24. The U's goal is to have the bill addressed in order to stay on track for a 2008 opening, maintain private fund-raising momentum, and realize the TCF naming rights corporate sponsorship, which is contingent on state funding. For more information as the session proceeds, see <http://www.umn.edu/stadium> .

A NEW COLLABORATION OF THE SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND THE SAINT PAUL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA, announced May 18, will include a shared director of orchestral conducting studies, a doctoral track in orchestral studies, and a weeklong contemporary composers festival. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2273&from=umnnews> .

THE U'S SOLAR CAR PLACED FIRST among 30 competitors at qualifying rounds in Topeka, Kansas, last week. In July, teams will compete in a 2,500-mile race from Austin, Texas, to Alberta, Calgary. For more information, see <http://www.americansolarchallenge.org> .

TWENTY NEW CITIZEN-SCHOLAR FELLOWSHIPS have been funded by the Midwest Campus Compact Citizen-Scholar Fellowship Program, an AmeriCorps Education Award program that combines financial aid, community service participation, and cohort groups. The fellowships will operate in three programs of the Multicultural Center for Academic Excellence (MCAE). Each fellowship requires 300 hours of services and provides 60 hours of training and a \$1,000 educational voucher. For more information about MCAE, see <http://www.mcae.umn.edu> .

"THE POLITICS OF DISABILITY," the final conference in a series for faculty and community members to form an agenda for ongoing collaboration related to disability issues, will address the increasingly complex and competitive policy landscape, the key factors that affect disability policy, and the likely impact of political issues. Deadline to register: today. June 2, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Radisson Hotel Metrodome. Free. For more information, see <http://www.hsr.umn.edu/coa> . To register, call 612-624-1185.

BOARD MEMBERS FOR THE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAM of the Central City Neighborhoods Partnership (CCNP) are needed. The program's mission is to improve neighborhood livability through restorative justice practices, in which the U participates. An open house will celebrate the program's new nonprofit status and structure and provide information. June 7, 4-7 p.m., Family and Children's Service Building, 414 S. 8th Street, lower level, Minneapolis. For more information about CCNP and the U, see "Making it right" (Dec. 15, 2004) at [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Restorative\\_justice.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Restorative_justice.html) . For more information about board positions, contact Gena Gerard at [ccnprj\\_mgr@yahoo.com](mailto:ccnprj_mgr@yahoo.com) or 612-341-1661.

ENGLISH-LANGUAGE CONVERSATION PARTNERS ARE NEEDED for international graduate students through a program of the Center for Teaching and Learning Services (CTLs). "Partners in English" matches volunteers with students one-to-one or in small groups for conversation and cultural exchange on a flexible schedule. For more information, contact Caroline Rosen at [mroz1001@umn.edu](mailto:mroz1001@umn.edu) or 612-625-3017 or see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/teachlearn> .

TRY THE CAMPUS CLUB THIS SUMMER: The refurbished Campus Club has been open for 28 months. Membership now includes a spectrum of the U community and is open to faculty, staff, students, alumni, parents, donors, departments, organizations, and companies; the key requirement is a connection to the U. Member events include monthly buffets, weekly tasting dinners, wine tastings, and always a great view. For more information, including summer hours, see <http://www.umn.edu/cclub> .

SHOWBOAT TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE: The U of M Showboat Players will present Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest* on the Minnesota Centennial Showboat. June 17-Aug. 27, Harriet Island, St. Paul. For more information, see <http://www.theatre.umn.edu> . For tickets, contact <http://www.ShowboatTheater.com> or 651-227-1100.

MORE EVENTS include the Peony Festival, a benefit for the China AIDS Orphan Fund (May 26); Association for India's Development (AID) national conference (May 28-30); "Adventures in the Promised Land: Cassini in Orbit Around Saturn," by Kaufmanis lecturer Carolyn Porco of NASA's Cassini Mission (May 31); and "At Your Service: Working With Multicultural Customers," a program of the U Tourism Center (June 1). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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#### 4. Links

University News Service: <http://www.umn.edu/urelate/newservice/home.php>

Office of the President: <http://www.umn.edu/pres>

Government Relations: <http://www.umn.edu/urelate/qovrel>

Show your support for the U. Join the Legislative Network: <http://www.supporttheU.umn.edu> .

**UMNnews** : Check out this Web-based publication with stories from and about the U. See [www.umn.edu/umnnews](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews) .

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

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

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#### 1. Top Stories

GOV. PAWLENTY SIGNED THE \$2.8 BILLION HIGHER EDUCATION BUDGET BILL May 26 at University Center Rochester (UCR). It was one of three budget bills that passed during the regular session. The U received a \$106 million increase over current funding levels. Among the top funding priorities for the U are competitive compensation for the faculty, improved student services, and investing in research initiatives at UMTC. "We're grateful to lawmakers and legislative leaders for making higher education their first budget priority," President Bruininks said. To review the U's budget request, see <http://www.umn.edu/grroots/background/bb.php> .

THE BOARD OF REGENTS WILL MEET JUNE 9-10. It is scheduled to vote on the capital budget, presented last month, and on President Bruininks's recommendations for strategic positioning to make the U one of the top three public universities in the world. Bruininks will also present the fiscal year 2006 operating budget for review; a special meeting to vote on it is scheduled for June 27. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/regents/agendas.html> .

THE REGENTS WILL HOST A PUBLIC FORUM ON THE BUDGET to hear viewpoints and concerns of U constituents June 13, 12:30 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. Individuals who wish to speak should contact the board office by June 8, 3 p.m.; written information for the board must be submitted by June 10. Participation for speakers from coordinate campuses will be arranged. For more information, write or call the board office: 600 McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak Street S.E., Minneapolis, MN 55455-2020, 612-625-6300. Include name, phone number, e-mail, group represented (if any), relationship to the U, and general presentation topic. The president's proposed budget will be available June 10 for review at <http://www.budget.umn.edu> .

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#### 2. News and Features

IMPROVEMENT SPOTLIGHT: REDUCING FACULTY PAPERWORK. Annual faculty activity reports, required for processes from tenure tracking to college planning, are notoriously cumbersome and time-consuming. Three colleges are leading the way in developing online systems to streamline the process. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Reducing\\_faculty\\_paperwork.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Reducing_faculty_paperwork.html) .

SUMMER DESTINATION: THE U NEAR YOU. U of M campuses are a major tourist destination in Minnesota, and there's no time like summer for employees to reconnect with their U campus or explore a new U location. Come on your own or with friends and family. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Summer\\_destination\\_the\\_U\\_near\\_you.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Summer_destination_the_U_near_you.html) .

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#### 3. Campus Events and Information

##### University-wide:

THE U.S. HOUSE PASSED THE STEM CELL ENHANCEMENT ACT, H.R. 810, May 24. The bill, supported by the Association of American Medical Colleges, of which the U is a member, would eliminate current restrictions on sources of embryonic stem cells for use in federally funded research. The 238-194 vote crossed party lines: in the Minnesota delegation, votes for the bill included Reps. McCollum (D), Ramstad (R), and Sabo (D); votes against, Gutknecht (R), Kennedy (R), Kline (R), Oberstar (D), and Peterson (D). It is unclear when the Senate will take the bill. President Bush has said he will veto the bill, and the margin of passage in the House was not sufficient to override a veto. For more information, see <http://www.aamc.org/newsroom/pressrel/2005/050524.htm> .

FACULTY INTERACTIVE RESEARCH PROGRAM AWARDS by the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA) will support five research projects that engage community groups or government agencies: "Utility Rates and Renewable Energy Technology," Arne Kildegaard, economics and management, UMM; "Class Size and Student Achievement in Minnesota Elementary Schools," Paul Glewwe, applied economics, UMTC; "Impacts of Bus Rapid Transit on North Minneapolis Neighborhoods," Kristine Miller, landscape architecture, UMTC; "Effectiveness of the Alternative Urban Area-wide Review as an Environmental Review and Planning Tool," Carissa Schively, Humphrey Institute for Public Affairs, UMTC; and "Barriers to and Potential for Wetland Restoration in Agricultural Watersheds," Gary Sands, biosystems and agricultural engineering, UMTC. For more information, see <http://www.cura.umn.edu/programs/FIRP/FIRP-awards.html> .

A \$2 MILLION DONATION TO THE COLLEGE OF PHARMACY for renovation of Duluth campus teaching and research laboratories was announced by Minneapolis-based Paddock Laboratories May 23. The gift will support the college's expansion to UMD and support work in greater Minnesota. For more information, see <http://www.ahc.umn.edu/news/releases/paddock052305/home.html> .

WELLNESS WALK TODAY: At 1:03 p.m., take a 20-minute walk. If you can't walk then due to work commitments or an evening or night shift, you can arrange with your supervisor to walk at another time. The walks, sponsored by UPlan Wellness, are dedicated to encourage wellness in U work environments. More walks are scheduled on the first Wednesday of each month this summer, July 6, Aug. 3, and Sept. 7. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/eb/wellness> or call 612-624-9355 or 1-888-433-9355 .

##### Crookston:

SEVEN ALUMNI WILL BE HONORED AS "TOP AGGIES" by the Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA), UMC's predecessor, at the all-school reunion June 25: Keith Chisholm, Dennis Driscoll, Glen and Marlys (Love) Finkenbinder, Lyle Kasprick, Arnold Skeie, and Merlin Skretvedt. The award is the highest recognition given by the NWSA alumni association. Recipients will also receive an award for distinguished service. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/newsstory.aspx?ID=102> .

##### Duluth:

"CHILDREN IMPACTED BY METHAMPHETAMINE USE," a colloquium scheduled for spring 2006, will be supported by a \$5,000 grant to the Center for Regional and Tribal Child Welfare Studies, Department of Social Work, from the U's Consortium on Law and Values in Health, Environment & the Life Sciences. For more information, see <http://www.duluth.umn.edu/news/2005/May/09.html> . For more information about American Indian Family Preservation Projects, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/sw/aminp/FamilyPreservationProject/AIPIndex/FamilyPreservation.htm> .

SUMMER EXHIBITIONS AT THE TWEED MUSEUM OF ART include "Strategic Dysfunction: Parables of Fabrication," narrative sculpture by Amy Youngs (implied futurism) and Amy Toscani ('50s and '60s design and decoration), through July 24; and "Aerial Perspectives: Lift Bridge Photographs," by Jan Karon, through Oct. 9. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/tma> .

##### Morris:

THE FUTURE OF SMALL TOWNS: The third annual symposium on small towns will focus on the future--what will small towns be like 10, 20, and 50 years from now? For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/splash/SmallTownSymposium.html> .

MAY SESSION PROGRAMS through June 3 range from digital imaging and U.S. courts to travel programs in Greece and Russia. For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/cepr/maysession/courses.shtml> .

THE HENJUM CREATIVE STUDY INSTITUTE, June 6-17, will provide summer enrichment for area students in grades 6-12 with courses such as acting, raku, radio broadcasting, and digital storytelling. More than 4,000 students have participated during 32 summers. For more information, see [http://www.morris.umn.edu/cepr/conferences/creative\\_study/courses.html](http://www.morris.umn.edu/cepr/conferences/creative_study/courses.html) .

##### Rochester:

THE HIGHER EDUCATION BUDGET BILL, signed at University Center Rochester (UCR) May 26, earmarked the first state funding of \$3.2 million to create a higher education plan for Rochester. Among the provisions of the bill, the special committee must specifically address the appropriateness of meeting the region's higher education requirements through an expansion of the U in Rochester. For more information, see <http://www.governor.state.mn.us> .

##### Twin Cities:

THE GRAND OPENING OF THE MCGUIRE TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH FACILITY will introduce a location where applications of new knowledge from basic science in cell biology and other fields will be explored for new treatments. June 14, noon program, tours 12:30-1:30 p.m., 2001 6th Street S.E. (between Mariucci Arena and the Center for Magnetic Resonance Research). If you plan to attend, please contact [ahccomm@umn.edu](mailto:ahccomm@umn.edu) or 612-624-9163. For more information, see Events at <http://www.ahc.umn.edu> and a description published in *M* at [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/The\\_Translational\\_Research\\_Facility.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/The_Translational_Research_Facility.html) (winter 2004).

ORIENTATION FOR THE CLASS OF 2009 will run June 8 through July 15. Sessions for students and parents will be held mostly on the East Bank. Join Orientation and First-Year Programs staff in welcoming the newest members of the U community. For more information, see <http://www.ofyp.umn.edu> .

ADD YOUR WORK TO THE "RIVER OF KNOWLEDGE": Public art has been commissioned for the new freshman admissions welcome center, which will open in Jones Hall in September. The work will include a map of the campus and a river filled with text excerpted from Twin Cities campus books, papers, and research. Word documents of text, three pages to a chapter, are preferred; images cannot be used. For more information, contact artist Barbra Nei, [neixx001@umn.edu](mailto:neixx001@umn.edu) or 612-462-0740.

SUMMER AT NORTHROP noon concerts begin today. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/umato/summer.html> .

STAFF AND DEPARTMENTAL YEAR-END PARTIES IN GOLDY'S GAMEROOM, Coffman Union, are available at reduced prices through June 30. For more information, see <http://www.coffman.umn.edu/goldys/seasonal.php> or contact Stephanie Matheson at 612-625-7707 or [gamerrooms@tcsu.umn.edu](mailto:gamerrooms@tcsu.umn.edu) .

"PANCREATIC BETA-CELL SIGNALLING IN HEALTH, OBESITY, AND DIABETES," by Marc Prentki, director, Montreal Diabetes Center, will be the 30th annual Arnold Lazarow Memorial Lecture. June 2, 3 p.m., 3-120 Molecular and Cellular Biology Building; a reception follows, 4:30, Campus Club. For more information, see <http://events.umn.edu/event?occurrence=386275;event=109345> .

"SERIAL ENTREPRENEURS SHARE A VISION FOR THE FUTURE," presented by Minnesota Cup cochairs Scott Litman and Dan Mallin, will be the topic of the Carlson School of Management's First Tuesday Luncheon. June 7, 11:30 a.m., McNamara Alumni Center. Reduced registration through June 2. For more information, see <http://www.carlsonschool.umn.edu/Page2360.aspx?ShowEvent=36378&display=Event> .

"BIOBLITZ," a contest, festival, and scientific experiment, will bring together scientists and volunteers of all ages to document as many kinds of living things as possible in a 24-hour period. Free and open to the public. June 10-11. For more information, see <http://www.bellmuseum.org/bioblitz> .

MORE EVENTS include "The In-Between," photos by Angie Buckley in the Larson Gallery (ends today); "Health Impacts of Global Food Supply Systems" (June 3); opening reception for "Maya Textiles From the Guatemalan Highlands" at the Goldstein (June 4, exhibit through Sept. 17); "Pandemic Influenza: Harbinger of Things to Come," by Michael Osterholm (June 7); a reading by Marie Myung-Ok Lee, author of *Somebody's Daughter*, about a Korean adoptee's search for her birth mother (June 8); and contemporary Chinese art at the Nash (June 14-July 28, public reception June 17). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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#### 1. Top Stories

THE BOARD OF REGENTS VOTED 11-1 LAST WEEK TO APPROVE President Bruininks's recommendations for strategic positioning to make the U one of the top three public universities in the world. In meetings June 9-10, they gave the go-ahead to one of the most significant academic and administrative realignments in U history. "With this vote of confidence, we have embraced change," Bruininks said. "Now, the real work begins in making this plan a reality." Implementation task forces will form in the next few weeks, reporting by Dec. 10, with the goal of having many changes in place by July 1, 2006. The regents also approved a \$247.7 million capital budget and named a new chair, Anthony Baraga, and vice chair, Patricia Simmons. They will hold a special meeting June 27 to vote on the fiscal year 2006 operating budget proposal. To read the stories in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/U\\_Board\\_of\\_Regents\\_approves\\_new\\_strategic\\_direction.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/U_Board_of_Regents_approves_new_strategic_direction.html) and [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Us\\_biennial\\_budget\\_state\\_funding\\_and\\_public\\_forum.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Us_biennial_budget_state_funding_and_public_forum.html) .

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Despite media speculation about a government shutdown if a budget agreement is not reached in the special session by June 30, the U would not be affected. As previously reported, the higher education bill was one of three major funding bills to pass during the regular session of the legislature. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/urelate/govrel> .

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#### 2. News and Features

CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE (CSC) UPDATE: The first civil service U senators have been named; Merit Task Force initiates groups on performance management and merit pay; staff development funds still available; and more. To read the update in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/CSC\\_update\\_June\\_2005.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/CSC_update_June_2005.html) .

HORSES JOIN UMTC POLICE DEPARTMENT: Meet Whisper and Bucky, former race horses donated by Canterbury Park Race Track, who debut on the Twin Cities campus this week. Along with officers Marianne Scheel and Jess Mendel, they completed rigorous training to become the U's first mounted patrol. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Horses\\_on\\_patrol.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Horses_on_patrol.html) .

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#### 3. Campus Events and Information

##### University-wide:

THE PRESIDENT'S EMERGING LEADERS (PEL) PROGRAM COMMENCEMENT will recognize the 25 members of the 2004-05 cohort. This year's teams focused on essential strategic questions facing the U; they will give short presentations including recommendations. Coaches, presenters, and supervisors will also be recognized. June 21, 3-5 p.m., 101 Walter Library. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/pel> .

THE 2005 BEST DISSERTATION AWARDS, announced June 9, are "The Straight State: Sexuality and American Citizenship, 1900-69," by Margot Canday, history, UMTC; "The Holocene Paleolimnology and Paleoclimatology of Lake Edward, Uganda-Congo," by James Michael Russell, ecology, evolution, and behavior, UMTC, and a research associate at the Large Lakes Observatory, UMD; "Ultra-Wideband Communications: From Concept to Reality," by Liuqing Yang, electrical engineering, UMTC; and "Decolonizing Development: Colonialism, Mayanism, and Agriculture in Belize," by Joel Wainwright, geography, UMTC. The awards, made by the Graduate School, include an honorarium of \$1,000. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2310&from=umnnews> and [http://www.grad.umn.edu/fellowships/best\\_dissertation](http://www.grad.umn.edu/fellowships/best_dissertation) .

FACULTY AND STAFF MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ENJOY SUMMER PROGRAMS offered by the College of Continuing Education (CCE), including Curiosity Camps, one-day learning escapes at UMTC; Split Rock Arts Program summer workshops and soirees at UMTC and retreats at the Cloquet Forestry Center; and Compleat Scholar and summer term courses. For more information, see <http://www.cce.umn.edu/summerprograms> .

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM include "Wild About Birds" Father's Day festivities (June 18-19) and the Norwegian men's choir Mannskoret Klang, celebrating its 100th anniversary in a concert tour (June 20). For more information, see <http://www.arboretum.umn.edu> or call 952-443-1400.

*UMNnews* NOW FEATURES AN EXPANDED FACULTY AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS PAGE, with "People" and "In Box" features and archives of monthly contributors' columns. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty\\_Staff\\_Comm.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm.html) .

##### Crookston:

THE NEW INTERIM VICE CHANCELLOR FOR STUDENT SERVICES AND ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT is Pamela Holsinger-Fuchs, previously director of student activities and service learning. She becomes one of two vice chancellors at UMC. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/newsstory.aspx?ID=106> .

UMC BEGINS A YEARLONG CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION with a reunion of the Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA), its predecessor school, in the new student center June 24-25. The centennial Web site includes a video history of the campus. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/newsstory.aspx?ID=107>, and <http://www.umcrookston.edu/centennial> .

THE HERSCHEL LYSAKER ENDOWMENT FUND to provide ongoing financial support for student-athletes was established this month to honor the legacy of the longtime coach and athletic director, whose tenure began in 1944 at the NWSA and continued until his retirement about this in 1976. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/newsstory.aspx?ID=105> .

A WORKSHOP ON COLLEGE IN HIGH SCHOOLS for 30 area high school instructors was hosted June 6 by UMC College in the Schools program director Mary Gjerness Myers. Featured speakers were College in the Schools officials Jan Erickson, UMTC, and Lynn Burbank, UMD. For more information, see [http://www.crk.umn.edu/faculty/g/mary\\_gjerness\\_myers.htm](http://www.crk.umn.edu/faculty/g/mary_gjerness_myers.htm) .

##### Duluth:

THE GREAT LAKES MARITIME RESEARCH INSTITUTE (GLMRI) was formally designated as a National Maritime Enhancement Institute for the Great Lakes at a ceremony June 4. The Institute is a joint project of UMD and the U of Wisconsin, Superior (UWS), to pursue research on marine transportation, logistics, economics, engineering, environmental planning, and port management; codirectors are UMD College of Science and Engineering dean James Riehl and UWS Transportation and Logistics Research Center director Richard Stewart. The institute becomes one of seven national maritime enhancement institutes. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2005/June/01-B.html> .

A FARMERS MARKET IS OPEN AGAIN AT UMD, Wednesdays through Sept. 28, 2-4:30 p.m., 1120 Kirby Drive (in front of Kirby Plaza). To receive an e-mail reminder, contact [shub@shubatsfruits.com](mailto:shub@shubatsfruits.com) .

##### Morris:

THE NEW DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS is Jaime Moquin, beginning full-time duties July 18. Moquin formerly served as an admissions counselor, assistant director of admissions, and associate director of admissions at Northland College in Ashland, Wisconsin. She recently completed her tenure as a K-12 academic instructor within the Winter School District in Wisconsin. For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=288> .

THE CENTER FOR SMALL TOWNS third annual symposium, "Shaping our Future," a two-day event, discussed the future of Minnesota's small towns and cities. Speakers and panels on topics such as economics, agriculture, energy, and arts and culture helped participants to imagine and develop possibilities. The symposium was cosponsored by several groups, including Minnesota Public Radio, which developed an online Idea Generator to jump-start discussion. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Envisioning\\_the\\_future\\_of\\_small\\_towns.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Envisioning_the_future_of_small_towns.html) .

##### Twin Cities:

CONSTRUCTION OF THE SCHOLARS WALK, PHASE II, is now under way through September. The completed walk will continue the paved path, now from the McNamara Alumni Center to Union Street, on to Appleby Hall. For more information about this and other construction, see <http://www.cppm.umn.edu/projects/Scholars/scholars.html> .

THE CARLSON SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT RANKS SEVENTH among 31 business schools in the study and teaching of research productivity. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2306&from=umnnews> .

VOTING FOR THE CAMPUB CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS is in progress. More information about individuals on the ballot is on the Web. Ballots are due June 21 or must be postmarked by June 20. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/cclub/BoardElections2005.htm> .

A CAMPUS CLUB ICE CREAM SOCIAL, open to nonmembers and members, will feature an ice cream bar by Chef Ritter. June 24, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Campus Club Terrace, Coffman Union, \$5. To sign up, use the online reservation form or call 612-626-7788. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/cclub/eventsIceCream2005.htm> .

"THANKS A BOATLOAD!" will honor Minnesota's response to survivors of the Dec. 26 tsunami and feature firsthand reports from American Refugee Committee (ARC) relief workers in Thailand, Indonesia, and Sri Lanka. June 16, 6:30 p.m., exhibit, music, and reception; 7:30, program. Ted Mann Concert Hall. Free, but reservations are required. For more information, see <http://www.archq.org> or call 612-872-7060.

WEIGHT WATCHERS AT WORK needs 15 people to start campus meetings in St. Paul. Interested faculty and staff members may contact Corinne Alfeld at [alfeld@umn.edu](mailto:alfeld@umn.edu) .

"GARDENING IN THE HEARTLAND: AT THE WATER'S EDGE," an international conference of the American Community Gardening Association (ACGA), will engage gardeners, community activists, and scholars on topics that range from innovative gardening instruction to issues of community and sustainability. The schedule includes more than 50 workshops, 22 tours to local community gardens and green sites, a program for children ages 7-12, and presenters including faculty from horticultural science, architecture and landscape architecture, rhetoric, and more. Aug. 11-14, West Bank. Register by July 15 for reduced rate. For more information, see <http://www.communitygarden.org> .

MORE EVENTS include "Evaluating Economic and Community Impacts of Transit Corridors" (June 15); "Show All the Children: Teaching and Learning With Illustrated African American Literature," the second Givens Conference at the Kerlan Collection (June 23); "Fresh Cut," an international juried exhibition of the American Society of Botanical Artists at the Weisman (June 25-Oct. 9); and "The Artist's Architect: Frank Gehry and the Artists of Venice Beach, 1962-78," a slide lecture by Orange County Museum of Art curator Elizabeth Armstrong (June 28). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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#### 1. Top Stories

STRATEGIC POSITIONING UPDATE: Work is now under way to shape task forces to implement the U plan to become one of the top three public research universities in the world, approved by the regents June 10. The president and provost will name senior leaders to oversee primary areas of implementation and identify an estimated 20 task forces and chairs in July. Task force members are expected to be named in August and issues and objectives for their work identified. Timelines may vary based on assignment, but most groups will carry out research, gather input, and write and submit reports by December. Task force membership will include mixes of faculty, staff, students, and representatives from outside the U, as appropriate. Updates and information will be posted on the strategic positioning Web site and in *Brief*. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Riding\\_a\\_wave\\_of\\_support.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Riding_a_wave_of_support.html) .

U LAUNCHES SEARCH FOR NEW MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS VP: As part of the strategic positioning initiative, a new position of VP for access, equity, and multicultural affairs has been created, and applications are now being accepted. As part of the president's executive leadership team, the new VP will provide systemwide leadership in programs aimed at increasing the U's ability to attract and support students from diverse cultural backgrounds and to better serve multicultural communities in the U and the state. For more information, including a link to the job description, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2314&from=umnnews> .

THE BOARD OF REGENTS APPROVED a \$2.08 BILLION U OPERATING BUDGET for fiscal year 2006 in a special meeting June 27. Tuition and fees will increase 7.5% for 2005-06. The budget, presented to the regents June 10, includes \$87.5 million in new investments to support the U's strategic positioning plan. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2327&from=umnnews> .

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#### 2. News and Features

COLLEGES WITH A CONSCIENCE: Service learning and community involvement have gained strength at U campuses. Now the latest edition of *Colleges With a Conscience*, a guidebook to 81 of the nation's most socially responsible colleges and universities, includes UMTC. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/U\\_ranked\\_among\\_most\\_socially\\_responsible\\_colleges.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/U_ranked_among_most_socially_responsible_colleges.html) .

AWARDS AND APPOINTMENTS: Fulbright student scholarships; UMD's Joe Gallian elected president of the Math Association of America; awards for regents professors Paul Quie and G. Edward Schuh; and more. To read the update in *UMNnews*, see [http://www1.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty\\_Staff\\_Comm/People/Awards\\_and\\_appointments\\_June\\_2005.html](http://www1.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/People/Awards_and_appointments_June_2005.html) .

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#### 3. Campus Events and Information

##### University-wide:

A STEM-CELL AFFILIATION AGREEMENT was signed by the U and Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium, June 16. The agreement provides for development of joint and collaborating stem cell institutes, including exchange of faculty members and students, joint research, and conferences. As announced in January, the U's Stem Cell Institute director, Catherine Verfaillie, is returning to Belgium, her home country, and will lead Leuven's new institute; a search for the U's new director will be launched later this year. For more information, see <http://www.ahc.umn.edu/news/releases/leuven061605/home.html> .

FEDERAL STUDENT AID PROGRAMS are at risk as Congress begins work on appropriation bills during one of the tightest budget years in history. The U is advocating to maintain student access to higher education through critical programs such as the Perkins Loan and TRIO programs. For more information, including ways for individuals to support U efforts, see <http://qa4.org/campaign/Fedaid> .

"MINNESOTA RESEARCH PRIORITIES FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY and Energy-Efficient Technologies," a report funded by the U's Initiative for Renewable Energy and the Environment (IREE), was the focus of a conference on clean-energy research June 23. For more information, see <http://www.iree.umn.edu> or <http://www.mn-ei.org/ea/events.html> .

##### Crookston:

NEARLY 300 ALUMNI attended one of the largest reunions ever at UMC June 24-25. The celebration of the Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA), UMC's predecessor school, included Crookston mayor Don Osborne's proclamation of the Year of UMC, dedication of Bede Ballroom in the new student center, music, dancing, a banquet, and honors for NWSA alumni. The centennial will continue with dedication of the new student center (Sept. 16), homecoming (Sept. 23-24), and many special events to celebrate 100 years of education, research, and outreach. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Crookston\\_celebrates\\_a\\_centennial.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Crookston_celebrates_a_centennial.html) .

##### Duluth:

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (MSW) STUDENT OF THE YEAR is Erik Torch, '05, named by the Minnesota chapter of the National Association of Social Workers at their annual conference this month. Torch was honored for outstanding scholarship and service to the Duluth community; he maintained a 4.00 grade point average and was an activist in efforts to eliminate homelessness in Duluth. He is currently a member of the Mayor's Citizen Action Committee to End Homelessness. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2005/June/15.html> .

"LISTEN TO THE LAKE," a five- to eight-minute radio program about Lake Superior science that covers topics such as sea lamprey control, rip currents, and the Lake Superior Beach Monitoring Program, starts today. The radio program is a joint project of Minnesota Sea Grant and KUMD. June 29, July 13, Aug. 10, Aug. 24, Sept. 7; between 8:15 and 8:45 a.m., KUMD, 103.3 FM or <http://www.kumd.org> . For more information, including archived segments, see <http://www.seagrant.umn.edu/pubs/ll> .

##### Morris:

THE 20TH ANNUAL SUMMER SCHOLARS PROGRAM will provide two college credits in two weeks for high school juniors in the top 20% of their class. The students will be introduced to college academics and life, with an emphasis on writing, critical thinking, discussion, individual and group projects, interdisciplinary perspectives, and campus life. July 10-22. For more information, see <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/serp/youth> .

THE WEST CENTRAL SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE'S 95TH ANNIVERSARY and annual reunion will include walking tours, brunch, alumni association business meeting, evening banquet, and deluxe coach ride and guided tour of the West Central Research and Outreach Center, horticulture gardens, and energy-generating wind turbine. Anyone who attended, worked, or taught at the school from 1910 to 1963 is invited. July 16, UMM. For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/alumni/alumniRelations/WCSA/allSchoolReunion.html> or 320-589-6066.

##### Rochester:

UMR'S THIRD ANNUAL CELEBRITY BIRTHDAY BASH fund-raiser was held Monday at the Rochester Art Center. This year's guest of honor was Jane Belau, local artist and volunteer, who donated her birthday to the cause of raising funds for the UMR Student Scholarship Fund. Community leaders and members of the Rochester Area Alumni and Friends of the U who attended made the musical evening a success.

##### Twin Cities:

THE INTERIM DEAN OF GENERAL COLLEGE is professor Terry Collins, beginning July 11. Collins, a General College faculty member since 1976, most recently served as director of academic affairs and curriculum in the college. He is a recipient of the Morse Alumni Undergraduate Teaching Award and the President's Award for Outstanding University Service; his teaching and research interests include literature, basic writing, disability studies, and the role of emerging technologies in higher education. Collins will assume the dean's responsibilities from David Taylor, who will become provost at Morehouse College in Atlanta. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2325&from=umnnews> .

RESEARCH ON THE PROSPECTIVE CAMPUS STADIUM SITE, beginning this week, will include soil and groundwater investigation. Soil boring, well monitoring, and trench excavations may impact some parking space in the Huron Boulevard parking lots. Work is expected to be completed in about three weeks. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/stadium> .

2005 CSBU STAFF DAY IS JULY 11: The seventh annual Twin Cities campus Civil Service and Bargaining Unit (CSBU) Staff Day will feature lunch served on Coffman Union front plaza, Minneapolis, and St. Paul Student Center terrace and patio, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Festivities will resume 6:30-8 p.m. on Coffman Union plaza. Browse information tables, meet coworkers, and (at noon) listen to the Minneapolis Pops Orchestra on Northrop Mall. To receive a gift, staff members must present their postcard coupon. If the card is not received by July 1, call Mary Austin at 612-626-9462.

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY WILL HOST AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL and open house for faculty, staff, and students. Tour Central Security's new state-of-the-art monitoring center and Emergency Management's emergency management center. Information about U safety programs will also be available. July 6, noon-2 p.m., University Office Plaza, 2221 University Avenue S.E. For more information, see <http://www.uservices.umn.edu/news.html#events> .

THE U'S CHINA EXECUTIVE MASTER'S OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA) PROGRAM has been ranked as the best joint executive MBA in China by 10 Chinese media organizations. The program, administered in the Carlson School of Management, earned the top spot based on its global faculty team, global management instruction, and strong alumni networking opportunities. The 16-month program was launched in 2001. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2323&from=umnnews> .

A CASTING CALL FOR POTENTIAL CANDIDATES FOR "THE APPRENTICE," Donald Trump's NBC TV reality show, will be open to U students and alumni. Minimum age is 21. July 7, 3-7 p.m., Executive Training Center, Carlson School of Management. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2318&from=umnnews> .

SUMMERY LUNCH SPOTS at UMTC include green spaces, nooks in the sun and shade, and scenic views. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Is\\_that\\_patch\\_of\\_grass\\_taken.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Is_that_patch_of_grass_taken.html) .

MORE EVENTS include noon concerts on Northrop plaza (June 29, July 6, 7, 11, 12); children's book artist Ilse Plume presenting "Seeds for the Creative Garden: The Farmer in the Dell" (June 29); Exploring Work Options at the U (June 30); "Upstream: Fly Fishing in the American West" at the Bell Museum (ends July 3); Northwest Airlines challenges and strategy (July 5); and Renewing Your Work Life (July 12). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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TRANSFORMING THE U: Work is under way to form some 20 task forces that will develop implementation plans for the strategic positioning recommendations approved by the Board of Regents last month. Several teams--led by senior VP and provost Tom Sullivan; senior VPs Cerra and Jones; VPs O'Brien, Mulcahy, and Brown; and executive associate VP Al Sullivan--will coordinate the task force work. The goal is for the task forces to be in place by August and, in most cases, to complete reports in December for consideration by U leaders. Nominations to serve on the task forces are being accepted through July and can be sent to [provost@umn.edu](mailto:provost@umn.edu) . A current list of the task forces is now on the strategic positioning Web site, and updates will be posted regularly. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic\\_positioning](http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic_positioning) .

THE BOARD OF REGENTS approved a new 84-bed, apartment-style residence at UMC when they met July 6. A groundbreaking for Centennial Hall will be held this summer, and the target date for completion is summer 2006. The board also approved a newly negotiated tuition reciprocity agreement between Minnesota and North Dakota, ending resident rates for North Dakota students in law, dentistry, medicine, pharmacy, and veterinary medicine, with some special provisions. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2334&from=umnnews> and <http://www.umcrockston.edu/umcnews/newsstory.aspx?ID=118> .

NEW REGENTS PROFESSOR is David Weissbrodt, professor of law and one of the nation's leading scholars of international human rights law. The designation is the highest level of recognition given to faculty members at the U and was conferred by the Board of Regents July 6. Weissbrodt joined the faculty in 1975, established the Human Rights Center and other leading resources, and has served many national and international groups. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2339&from=umnnews> .

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#### 2. News and Features

U INITIATIVES LINK LOCAL PRODUCE AND HEALTH: UMC's Local Foods Partnership and UMM's Pride of the Prairie are programs linking local produce to the health of individuals and their communities. At UMD and in many cities and towns, farmers markets are a major source of local produce. Today, a farmers market debuts at UMTC, sponsored by UPlan Wellness, Office of Human Resources. Today's market will feature 10 vendors, including two student groups, and a tote-bag giveaway. Wednesdays, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., July 13, 20, and 27; Aug. 3, 10, 17, and 24. Church Street Mall, north of Washington Avenue, Minneapolis; enjoy music on Northrop Mall July 13 and 27. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Farmers\\_market\\_on\\_U27s\\_Church\\_Street.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Farmers_market_on_U27s_Church_Street.html) .

CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE UPDATE: Departing chair Dorit Hafner provides a year-end review and introduces new chair Matt Bowers. To read the update in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty\\_Staff\\_Comm/Civil\\_Service\\_Committee/Yearend\\_CSC\\_report.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/Civil_Service_Committee/Yearend_CSC_report.html) .

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#### 3. Campus Events and Information

##### University-wide:

A U DELEGATION NOW IN CHINA led by Senior VP Jones includes 12 members from UMC, UMD, UMM, and UMTC. They attended the Beijing International Education Expo, where the U was one of six colleges to receive an award for its display. All U campuses are exploring innovative partnerships with Chinese universities. For more information, see <http://www.umcrockston.edu/umcnews/newsstory.aspx?ID=119> .

NEW U POLICIES address (1) protecting the privacy of student records and (2) participating in discussions on the U portal. Revised policies include those on endowment funds, campaigning for public office, and access to student records. All are in the U policy library. For more information, see <http://www.fpd.finop.umn.edu/groups/ppd/documents/main/new.cfm> .

GENERAL COLLEGE (GC) INVITES THE U COMMUNITY TO SAY GOOD-BYE TO DAVID TAYLOR, dean from 1989 to 2005. July 26, 4-6 p.m., program at 5 p.m.; A. I. Johnson Room, McNamara Alumni Center. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP by July 20 to [wriqh103@umn.edu](mailto:wriqh103@umn.edu) or 612-624-0430. The GC Scholarship Fund for the support of low-income students will be renamed the David V. Taylor Scholarship Fund in his honor; contributions may be sent to General College, 133 Appleby Hall.

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR OPPORTUNITIES: Departments, colleges, and campuses that will have a presence at the fair Aug. 25-Sept. 5 can be included in "Goldy's Guide to the Fair" by contacting Laura Johnson, U Relations, [ljk@umn.edu](mailto:ljk@umn.edu) . In addition, volunteers are needed to staff the U's building on Dan Patch Avenue. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Volunteer\\_for\\_the\\_state\\_fair.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Volunteer_for_the_state_fair.html) .

EASTCLIFF MAINTENANCE, now under way, includes making repairs to eliminate drainage problems affecting neighboring homes. A deteriorated tennis court will be replaced by expanded space for public functions, owing to Eastcliff's growing role as a site for U events. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Eastcliff.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Eastcliff.html) .

##### Crookston:

NORTHWEST RESEARCH AND OUTREACH FIELD DAY IS TODAY. Activities include horticulture demonstrations in wildlife and butterfly gardening, perennial plant demonstrations, Bonsai construction, turf and lawn care, and a soybean pasta production tour. For more information, see <http://www.umcrockston.edu/umcnews/newsstory.aspx?ID=117> .

UMC HOSTS THE ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD (RYLA) CAMP July 10-16, with 180 high school juniors and seniors from Minnesota, North Dakota, western Ontario, and northwestern Wisconsin who work on teambuilding and leadership skills. They are sponsored by the clubs of Rotary District 5580; Don Cavalier, Counseling and Career Services, chairs the camp.

##### Duluth:

A NEW SUPERNOVA EARLY WARNING SYSTEM, a network of astrophysicists that provide advance notice of a supernova about to appear in Earth's galaxy, was described by Alec Habig, associate professor of physics, as the featured speaker at the annual meeting of the American Astronomical Society in Minneapolis in June. Habig is a scientist for the neutrino study at the Soudan Mine Underground Laboratory, one of the worldwide sites that provide input to the system. The information will be used to send an alert about supernova light arriving on Earth in the next few hours, allowing for rapid observations of the spectacular events, which occur every few decades. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2005/June/01-A.html> .

##### Morris:

THE GATEWAY SUMMER PROGRAM to recruit, retain, and graduate talented students of color gets under way July 19. The four-week transition program includes a four-credit "umbrella" course in math, English, and computer science as well as workshops, mentoring, tutoring, and athletics. It focuses on motivating students to succeed at UMM and provides an understanding of college-level work. Faculty and staff members facilitate workshops in advising, academic skills, study abroad, career planning, and more. For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/services/msp/gateway.htm> .

##### Rochester:

THE IBM/UMR COMPUTER WORKSHOP FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS entering grades 9, 10, 11, or 12 has a few openings left in the Programming in C++ course. Each workshop includes five consecutive days of instruction Aug. 8-12 and eight sessions during the school year. For more information, see <http://www.r.umn.edu> .

##### Twin Cities:

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT DEAN YUSSEN WILL STEP DOWN June 30, 2006. He has served seven years as dean and will return to the Institute of Child Development faculty after a sabbatical. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2329&from=umnnews> .

THE CARLSON SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT'S NEXT DEAN will be Alison Davis-Blake, who will join the U in July 2006. She is currently dean of the McCombs School of Business, University of Texas, Austin; her research focus is organizational behavior. Davis-Blake is a native of Minnesota and the daughter of Carlson School professor emeritus Gordon Davis. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2331&from=umnnews> .

THE U WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM, 2005 NCAA champions, were honored at the White House July 12. For more information, see [http://www.qophersports.com/sportsNews/press\\_release.asp?news\\_id=10941&sport\\_id=whock](http://www.qophersports.com/sportsNews/press_release.asp?news_id=10941&sport_id=whock) .

THE U SOLAR CAR, BOREALIS III, with a team of 46 undergraduates, will begin the North American Solar Challenge "rayce" July 17 in Austin, Texas, traveling to Calgary, Alberta. The U's Initiative for Renewable Energy and the Environment (IREE) is one of more than 60 sponsors of the project. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2337&from=umnnews> and <http://www.umn.edu/umnsvp> .

PARKING AND BUS PASS RATES for 2005-06: Public parking rates at the U will stay the same, while contract parking rates will rise about 3% or \$1.78 per month. The off-peak parking program has changed, with adjusted standard and evening times. U-Pass (a semester bus pass for students) and Metropass (a monthly pass for U employees) will increase from \$55 to \$60. For more information, see "Hot Topics" at <http://www.parkandtrans.umn.edu> .

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NEW STUDENT CONVOCATION: Faculty and staff members are invited to volunteer for the Pride & Spirit celebration, after the convocation ceremony. Sept. 6, Coffman Union; check-in 4:45-5:15, duties end by 7:30 p.m. Register by Aug. 12. For more information, see <http://www.irr.umn.edu/ofyp/convocation05> or contact Nikki Grosz at [convo@umn.edu](mailto:convo@umn.edu) or 612-624-4486.

CULTURE CORPS supports international students who assist faculty members and departments in providing international perspectives in department or classroom activities. Projects may be initiated by students, faculty, or staff members. Deadline for fall 2005 is Aug. 26. For more information, see <http://www.iss.umn.edu/programs/culturecorps> .

MORE EVENTS include a Weight Watchers organizational meeting in St. Paul for 11 weeks starting today (July 13); noon concerts on Northrop plaza (July 13, 14, 18, 19, 21, 25, 26); "Cut and Dried: Examining Botanicals in Art and Science" gallery talk at the Weisman (July 14); Supervisory Training Cinema, "Talk Isn't Cheap" (July 15); Split Rock Soirees (July 19, 26; Aug. 2); Educational Technologists Forum meeting (July 20); Supervisory Training Labs on managing flexible work arrangements and "hidden" disabilities (July 21); Guru Puja & Celebrations (July 23); Cryo 2005 conference (July 23-27); "Spinning Straw: From Real Life to Fiction," by children's author Claudia Mills (July 25); Employee Career Enrichment on Networking at the U (July 26); and "Archiving Memory" at Andersen Library (extended through Sept. 30). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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#### 1. Top Stories

MORE THAN \$8.5 MILLION FOR 24 RENEWABLE-ENERGY PROJECTS has been awarded to 61 faculty members, 65 graduate students and postdoctoral researchers, 18 undergraduates, and 8 research scientists at U campuses and research and outreach centers around the state. The awards came through the Initiative for Renewable Energy and the Environment (IREE) to position the U as a national leader in developing renewable energy technologies. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2351&from=umnnews> .

STRATEGIC POSITIONING: President Bruininks e-mailed the faculty, staff, and students July 16 to outline the work ahead for some 20 task forces charged with helping to transform "this very good university into a great one." In addition, a list of frequently asked questions and answers was updated July 21; topics include expected changes for current and prospective students, mechanisms for input, the task force nomination process, and more. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic\\_positioning](http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic_positioning) .

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#### 2. News and Features

IMPROVEMENT SPOTLIGHT: Sending bulk e-mail in very large quantities is complicated and expensive. But a new central bulk e-mail system, created by a few units, has streamlined the process and will be available to all U offices soon. Read the story in *UMNnews* at [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty\\_Staff\\_Comm/Office\\_of\\_Service\\_and\\_Continuous\\_Improvement/The\\_promise\\_of\\_email.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/Office_of_Service_and_Continuous_Improvement/The_promise_of_email.html) .

A GREAT PLACE TO WORK: Employees stay at the U a long time. What attracts and retains a strong workforce? Four employees tell why the U is a great place for them to work. Read the story in *UMNnews* at [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty\\_Staff\\_Comm/Office\\_of\\_Human\\_Resources/A\\_great\\_place\\_to\\_work.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/Office_of_Human_Resources/A_great_place_to_work.html) .

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#### 3. Campus Events and Information

##### University-wide:

2005-06 DEADLINES FOR NOMINATIONS for the honorary degree, Outstanding Achievement Award, Award of Distinction, Alumni Service Award, and naming of buildings are Aug. 26, Sept. 16, Nov. 18, Jan. 20, Mar. 16, and Apr. 14. The nomination process is posted online. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/usenate/committees/alluhonors.html> or contact Vickie Courtney, program director, U Honors and Awards, 612-625-4805.

2005-06 TUITION RATES are now posted online.  
Crookston: <http://www.crk.umn.edu/people/services/businessaffairs/studentfees.htm> ;  
Duluth: [http://www.d.umn.edu/registrar/tuition\\_and\\_fees.html](http://www.d.umn.edu/registrar/tuition_and_fees.html) ;  
Morris: <http://www.morris.umn.edu/admissions/financialaid/tuition.html> ;  
Rochester: [http://www.r.umn.edu/07\\_student\\_services-tuition.htm#2005](http://www.r.umn.edu/07_student_services-tuition.htm#2005) ;  
Twin Cities: [http://onestop.umn.edu/onestop/Tuition\\_Billing/Tuition\\_Rates.html](http://onestop.umn.edu/onestop/Tuition_Billing/Tuition_Rates.html) .

U FACULTY WILL SPEAK ON RURAL ISSUES, from crop outlooks and renewable energy to agricultural homeland security and methamphetamine, at Farmfest, an annual outdoor event in Redwood County, Aug. 2-4. For more information, see <http://www.coafes.umn.edu/farmfest05> .

THE NEXT WELLNESS WALK will be Aug. 3, 1:03 p.m. or as arranged with your supervisor. Take a 20-minute walk, courtesy of UPlan Wellness. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/eb/wellness> or call 612-626-9355 or 1-888-433-9355.

##### Crookston:

ONLINE ENROLLMENT AT UMC HAS GROWN 60% IN FOUR YEARS, to include 35 courses and the U's first online bachelor's degree. The bachelor of applied health for part-time students and working adults currently enrolls 22 students, with 18 new students entering this fall. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/newsstory.aspx?ID=125> .

UMC'S POSTSECONDARY ENROLLMENT OPTIONS (PSEO) ONLINE PILOT PROGRAM enrolled five students from Waubun High School in northwest Minnesota this spring. The students were able to remain in their school and keep up with high school requirements and activities while earning college credit in courses taught by UMC faculty members. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/newsstory.aspx?ID=122> .

##### Duluth:

UMD WILL HAVE A STRONG PRESENCE AT THE STATE FAIR, with a booth in the Crossroads (U of M) building open daily Aug. 27-31. UMD Day at the fair, Aug. 31, will include stage performances throughout the day. All UMD alumni are invited to a reception on the UMTC campus adjoining the fairgrounds, Aug. 31, 5-7 p.m., Gabbert Raptor Center, 1920 Fitch Ave. \$10 per person. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/alumni> or contact [alumni@d.umn.edu](mailto:alumni@d.umn.edu) or 866-726-7110 (toll-free).

THE UMD ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME will induct five new members Oct. 14: hockey coach Mike Sertich, softball All-American Patty Becker, football All-Minnesotan Eric Eversley, hockey goalie Bob Mason, and NBA draft-pick Bill Mattson. The additions will bring Hall of Fame membership to 75. For more information, see [http://www.umdbulldogs.com/index.php?story\\_id=1801](http://www.umdbulldogs.com/index.php?story_id=1801) .

GLENSHEEN FOLLIES, part of Glensheen Historic Estate's centennial celebration, include turn-of-the-century music, dance, and comedy in eight shows each week. Fridays and Saturdays 1, 3, and 8 p.m.; Sundays 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Evening performances, \$12; matinees free with paid tour admission. Glensheen is open for tours daily, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/glen> or call 218-726-8921 .

##### Morris:

A PILOT PROGRAM IN JIASHAN, CHINA, included 12 UMM students, assistant professor of German Min Zhou, and admissions officer Jennifer Falzerano, May 29-June 13. They were hosted by local mayor and UMTC Mingda Leadership Institute alumnus George Shen. UMM will offer a Mandarin language course this fall--already filled--and will host Jiashan students during the 2006 Summer Scholars program. UMM representatives were also part of a U-wide delegation to China this month. For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=292> .

AN EVENING IN THE GARDEN, with music, food booths, a trade show, and family activities, will be provided during Horticulture Night, an annual event sponsored by the West Central Research and Outreach Center (WCROC). Walking tours will include a "summer celebrations" garden, water garden, shore land re-vegetation, and more; demonstrations will include landscape design tips, a monarch larva monitoring project, culinary herbs, renewable energy, and grapes. July 28, 5-9 p.m. The WCROC, part of the College of Agricultural, Food, and Environmental Sciences, is across Highway 59 from UMM. For more information, see <http://wcroc.coafes.umn.edu> .

##### Rochester:

OLMSTED COUNTY FAIR: UMR and the Rochester Area Alumni and Friends of the University of Minnesota (RAAFUM) will promote the U Aug. 1-7. A booth staffed by volunteers will provide information on academic programs available in Rochester and highlight services and RAAFUM events. Organizers estimate that more than 2,000 people per day will see the exhibit.

##### Twin Cities:

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RECOGNIZE THE CUSTODIAN, PARKING ATTENDANT, FOOD SERVICE WORKER, POLICE OFFICER, or other University Services employee who provides excellent service by nominating him or her for a Star Performer Award. Complete a nomination form online by Aug. 26. The form is simple, and the nominee will appreciate your time and thoughtfulness. For more information, see <http://www.uservices.umn.edu/starperformers.html> .

CIVIL SERVICE AND BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES may still get their 2005 Staff Day gift. Send your name and campus address to [wendy@umn.edu](mailto:wendy@umn.edu) .

RIVERBEND COMMONS STUDENT HOUSING WILL BE RENAMED MARK G. YUDOF HALL. The dedication will be held Sept. 15, 3-4:30 p.m., Club Room, Yudof Hall. For more information, see <http://events.umn.edu/event?occurrence=386747;event=109584> .

A SYMPOSIUM TO HONOR THE CAREER OF REGENTS PROFESSOR Joanne Eicher, Department of Design, Housing, and Apparel, "The Senses and Sentiments of Dress," will highlight global and cultural aspects of clothing. Sept. 16-17, McNeal Hall. For more information, see [http://dha.che.umn.edu/news\\_events/sensesandsentiments](http://dha.che.umn.edu/news_events/sensesandsentiments) or call 612-624-1240.

BEAUTIFUL U DAY 2006 WILL BE APR. 20. In scheduling events on or near that day, consider coordinating them with Beautiful U Day. Grants will be available again this year for departments and student groups; guidelines will be published in September, and short proposals are due in November. Begin planning now for a beautification, clean-up, or sustainability project. If you have questions, contact Lori-Anne Williams, 612-624-2863, or Aaron Strozinsky, 612-625-1522, or see <http://www.buday.umn.edu> .

MORE EVENTS include a farmers market (today and Wednesdays through Aug. 24); "Introduction to Botanical Painting" workshop (July 28); "The Role of Traditional Medicine in Reproductive Health" global conference (through July 28); "Resetting the Clockwork: Changing the Way We Retire" TV broadcast (July 31); Supervisory Core Retreat (Aug. 1-3); "The World Doesn't Need More Managers," with David Oreck (Aug. 2); "Assessing Your Interests and Values," employee career enrichment program (Aug. 4); 15th annual Minnesota Medical Foundation Golf Classic (Aug. 8); *Better Off: Flipping the Switch on Technology* author Eric Brende (Aug. 9); and 22 watercolors of composers by Gloria Kamen at the Andersen Library (through Sept. 12). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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#### 1. Top Stories

THE MINNESOTA STATE FAIR will promote more than 35 U colleges, campuses, and offices participating through at least six locations across the fairgrounds. An exhibit in the U building will feature UMC, UMD, UMM, and UMR, and the stage outside will showcase a wide range of experts and entertainers, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily. Campus days will be Aug. 25, UMR; Aug. 28, UMTC (Maroon and Gold Day); Aug. 31, UMD; Sept. 2, UMC; and Sept. 5, UMM. Volunteers are still needed to greet visitors and distribute backpacks during stage hours; contact Laura Johnson at [lkj@umn.edu](mailto:lkj@umn.edu) . Aug. 25-Sept. 5, Dan Patch Ave. and Underwood St. Discount fair tickets are available from UMC and UMTC bookstores for \$7. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/statefair> .

GROUNDBREAKING FOR "HABITAT FOR BIOLOGISTS" at Itasca Biological Station was held July 28. The project aims to improve housing facilities for the station and 12 laboratories used by students, faculty, and science teachers. A new cabin for women students will replace one demolished last fall. The College of Biological Sciences continues to raise funds for the project. For more information see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2359&from=umnnews> .

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#### 2. News and Features

THE ENTERPRISE FINANCIAL SYSTEM (EFS) PROJECT MOVED AUG. 3 to Court International, 2550 University Ave. W., Suite 201N, St. Paul, MN 55114, 612-626-5500. The project, which has completed 18 months of planning, will implement a new, Web-based PeopleSoft financial system to replace CUF5 over the next two years. Read the story in *UMNnews* at [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Goodbye\\_CUF5\\_hello\\_EFS.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Goodbye_CUF5_hello_EFS.html) .

CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE UPDATE: The 2005-06 committee convened for the first time at a planning retreat July 27. Also, the Rules Subcommittee will continue revisions of "on call" definitions at its next meeting. Read the update in *UMNnews* at [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty\\_Staff\\_Comm/Civil\\_Service\\_Committee/Welcome\\_200506\\_CSC\\_members.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/Civil_Service_Committee/Welcome_200506_CSC_members.html) .

AWARDS, APPOINTMENTS, AND NEWS: Mary Jo Kreitzer appointed to the American Academy of Nursing, UMC's Dan Svedarsky will lead the Wildlife Society, Murray Award for UMM's Eric Klinger, Geoffrey Maruyama appointed interim associate VP of multicultural and academic affairs, UMM Chancellor Schuman's new book released, and more. Read the summary in *UMNnews* at [http://www1.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty\\_Staff\\_Comm/People/Awards\\_and\\_appointments\\_July\\_2005.html](http://www1.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/People/Awards_and_appointments_July_2005.html) .

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#### 3. Campus Events and Information

##### University-wide:

OPEN ENROLLMENT PREVIEW SESSIONS ON NEW UPLAN MEDICAL OPTIONS FOR 2006 will be sponsored by Employee Benefits Aug. 23-Sept. 30, noon-1 p.m. Everyone will need to make an online selection during open enrollment this fall. Plan options for Medica will be the new low-cost plans throughout the state. Representatives from Medica, HealthPartners, and RxAmerica will attend to answer questions. UMTC sessions will be: St. Paul Student Center, theater, Aug. 23 and Sept. 16; 2-650 Moos Health Science Tower, Aug. 30; Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center, Sept. 6 and 21; Johnson Great Room, McNamara Alumni Center, Sept. 9; theater, Coffman Union, Sept. 23 and 30. One session, 2-3 p.m., will be held at 1300 South Cafe, West Bank Office Building, Aug. 25. An interactive TV session for all the campuses will be held Sept. 13, noon-1 p.m., with limited seating in 215 Donhowe, UMTC. Sessions at UMC, UMD, and UMM are being scheduled. For more information, watch <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/eb> .

ONLINE DEGREE APPLICATION is now available for students with at least 90 credits and those admitted to an undergraduate certificate program to apply for their degree or certificate online. For more information, see <http://onestop.umn.edu/onestop/graduating.html> or contact Vickie Roberts, [v-robe1@umn.edu](mailto:v-robe1@umn.edu) , or Emily Holt, [eholt@umn.edu](mailto:eholt@umn.edu) , Office of Enrolled Student Services.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS UPDATE: The most recent issue of the Legislative Update included a summary of the 2005 Minnesota Legislature's session, a preview of the 2006 capital bonding request, and a federal issues update. For more information, see "Network News" at <http://www.umn.edu/groots/takeaction.php> .

THE GRANT-IN-AID OF RESEARCH, ARTISTRY, AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM promotes scholarly and artistic activities of faculty and graduate students and fosters academic excellence at the U. Deadline: Sept. 19 for the period Jan. 1, 2006-June 30, 2007. For more information, see <http://www.grad.umn.edu/faculty-staff/funding/dean/gia> or contact the Graduate School, Research Support Services, at 612-625-2356.

THE MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM invites faculty and staff to visit this summer. The "Wild About Birds" sunflower picnic for all ages (free with paid admission) and "Herbs, Etc." for adults will be Aug. 13. For more information, see <http://www.arboretum.umn.edu/calendar/august.htm> and <http://www.arboretum.umn.edu/education/adult/classes/august.htm> or call 952-443-1400.

##### Crookston:

THE UMC BOOKSTORE IN THE NEW STUDENT CENTER WILL HOST AN OPEN HOUSE to showcase an expanded selection of books, computer supplies, clothing, and gifts during Crookston's Ox Cart Days. Guest authors Jerry Abraham, *Voices From Minnesota*, and Eric Bergeson, *Off the Farm*, will discuss and sign books. Aug. 19, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., 2900 University Ave. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/newsstory.aspx?ID=136> .

UMC SUMMER START hosted 55 first-year, transfer, and post-secondary educational options (PSEO) students July 31-Aug. 4. It was the largest group in the program's four years. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/newsstory.aspx?ID=134> .

CLASSES BEGIN AUG. 30, and new student orientation will be held Aug. 27-29. For more information, see [http://www.umcrookston.edu/fye/03\\_Orientation.htm](http://www.umcrookston.edu/fye/03_Orientation.htm) .

CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS for UMC faculty members, who voted to be represented by University Education Association, will begin Aug. 11. The UMC Human Resources Web page will provide updates. For more information, see <http://hr.umcrookston.edu/negotiations.htm> .

DEDICATION OF THE NEW STUDENT CENTER WILL BE SEPT. 30. Stop by to see *Solar Storm*, a new lighting sculpture by Patrick Wilson. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/info/tours/buildings/studentcenter> .

##### Duluth:

MINNESOTA SEA GRANT IS CELEBRATING ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY on Lake Superior, the largest freshwater lake in the world. One of 30 Sea Grant programs at universities on U.S. marine and freshwater coasts, the program at UMD provides funds and programs throughout the U system and other state universities. Its agenda focuses on Lake Superior exploration, marine life, and maintaining freshwater resources, and it has been instrumental in developing a teaching agenda for students and faculty in the Duluth community. The new acting director is Jeff Gunderson, who has been with the program for 26 years. Former director Carl Richards is now director of the Midcontinent Ecology Division, Environmental Protection Agency, Duluth. For more information about Minnesota Sea Grant, see <http://www.seagrants.umn.edu> .

U.S. POET LAUREATE Ted Kooser will read, speak, and sign books Aug. 13-14 during the Duluth Writers Workshop, "In Praise of the Book." His appearance is among several literary events open to the public. Aug. 11-16, various campus locations. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/goto/writers> .

THE GLENSHEEN FOLLIES schedule, announced in *Brief* July 27, is revised: Fridays and Saturdays 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m.; Sundays 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/glen> or call 218-726-8921.

##### Morris:

UM-MORRIS DAY AT THE STATE FAIR will include Funky Gumbo, the UMM jazz combo, on the U stage 10 a.m.-3 p.m., and Mike Reese, West Central Research and Outreach Center, talking about the new wind turbine and renewable energy projects in Morris. Sept. 5. For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=297> .

OPENING FACULTY/STAFF CONVOCATION will be Aug. 19, Humanities and Fine Arts Recital Hall, 3 p.m. The convocation provides administrators with an opportunity to update the campus community and share their vision for the upcoming academic year. New student orientation is Aug. 25-28, and classes begin Aug. 29.

##### Rochester:

NEW COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH ASSISTANT is Erin Ahnen, former Olmsted County 4-H program coordinator, Extension Service. She holds a B.A. in English from Winona State U and a B.S. in agricultural education from Montana State U. For more information, see [http://www.r.umn.edu/01\\_about-staff\\_directory.htm](http://www.r.umn.edu/01_about-staff_directory.htm) .

##### Twin Cities:

THE GOPHER EXPRESS WEST CONVENIENCE STORE AND POSTAL STATION REOPENS AUG. 15. The renovated store in the West Bank Skyway has new floors, paint, lights, and products, including ice cream, frozen meals, and coffee. A grand reopening celebration will be held at the beginning of fall semester. For more information, see <http://www.coffman.umn.edu/gopherexpresswest> .

PUBLIC NOTICE: THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT for the proposed 50,000-seat, open-air Gopher stadium on the East Bank is being prepared. The Final Scoping Decision Document and response to comments are available on the Web. For more information see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2355&from=umnnews> and <http://www.umn.edu/stadium> .

NEW SCHOOL OF NURSING DEAN Connie Delaney will speak on health informatics as part of three upcoming presentations sponsored by the Academic Health Center; other topics will include simulations and knowledge management. Aug. 11, 9-11 a.m., 488 Children's Rehabilitation Center. For more information, see <http://www.ahc.umn.edu/calendar> .

A NEW STUDENT AFFAIRS BOOK CLUB for staff and faculty will provide a forum for discussing student development and success. The first selection will be *Helping College Students Succeed: A Model for Effective Intervention*, by Glenn Hirsch (2001). Book discounts are available. Discussion Oct. 6, noon-1:30 p.m. U Bookstore, Coffman Union. For more information, see <http://www.osa.umn.edu/osaprograms/osabookclub.html> .

THE CAMPUS CLUB offers members a steak and lobster dinner on the terrace (Aug. 12), the New Wine Club with no meetings or dues, and free iced tea for Wellness Walkers (Sept. 7). Test memberships are available. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/cclub/CCUpdate20050801.htm> .

THE INAUGURAL BILL CRUMLEY MEMORIAL GOLF CLASSIC will benefit a memorial trust fund in honor of longtime U Athletics staff member Bill Crumley, who died in June. Sept. 7-8, Madden's Resort, Brainerd. For more information, call Sunnie Estey, 800-247-1040, ext. 5953.

MORE EVENTS include the UPlan Wellness farmers market (today and Wednesdays through Aug. 24); "Gardening in the Heartland: At the Water's Edge," the 26th annual conference of the American Community Gardening Association (Aug. 11-14); U of M Marching Band television documentary on TPT (Aug. 11, 14, and 20); Life Sciences Summer Undergraduate Research Program poster session (Aug. 12); Rock Hound Basics for Kids at the Bell (Aug. 13); "The Work-Life Balancing Act" (Aug. 16); Supervisory Training Cinema: "It's a Dog's World" (Aug. 17); Supervisory Training Lab: Supervising Student Employees (Aug. 18); Bike-In at the Bell, with outdoor music and film (Aug. 20); MnTAP student interns present results of pollution-prevention projects (Aug. 24); and new TA orientation (Aug. 30). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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#### 1. Top Stories

THE NEW CROOKSTON CHANCELLOR will be Charles Casey, dean of the University of Minnesota Extension Service for more than six years, former regent, veterinarian, and northwest Minnesota resident. Beverly Durgan will become the new dean and director of extension; she has served as associate dean for research and outreach in the College of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences. Upon approval by the regents, the appointments will be effective Sept. 12. Joe Massey, who has served as interim CEO at Crookston, will become senior vice chancellor for academic affairs and dean. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2373&from=umnnews> .

TRANSFORMING THE U: Charge letters were sent in mid-August to team leaders who will oversee the work of repositioning the U. Chairs and cochairs of more than 30 task forces will be named soon and meet for the first time Sept. 16. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Team\\_leaders\\_prepare\\_task\\_force\\_groundwork.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Team_leaders_prepare_task_force_groundwork.html) .

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#### 2. News and Features

BOOSTING U ENROLLMENT IN NORTHWEST MINNESOTA: As classes began at the Crookston campus yesterday, enrollment was just slightly down despite the end of two programs. But if Pamela Holsinger-Fuchs has her way, enrollment will soon be on the rise. The new interim vice chancellor has created a to-do list of nearly 20 strategies for boosting enrollment to dovetail with UMC's strategic positioning process. Read the story in *UMNnews* at [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Boosting\\_UMC\\_enrollment.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Boosting_UMC_enrollment.html) .

U TALENT CONNECTION, a new Office of Human Resources program, is now up and running as a bridge to connect hiring units and employees within the U system who may be affected by major changes in coming months. Read the story in *UMNnews* at [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty\\_Staff\\_Comm/Office\\_of\\_Human\\_Resources/Retaining\\_talented\\_U\\_staff.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/Office_of_Human_Resources/Retaining_talented_U_staff.html) .

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#### University-wide:

FIVE McKNIGHT PRESIDENTIAL FELLOWS were named Aug. 23: Claudia Schmidt-Dannert, biology, molecular biology, and biophysics; Michael Goldman, sociology; Fernando Porte-Agel, civil engineering; Krishnan Mahesh, aerospace engineering and mechanics; and Theodore Schoen, music, UMD. The award is made each year to the most promising faculty members who were granted tenure and promoted to associate professor; it includes research-related financial support. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2384&from=umnnews> .

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS AND NOMINATIONS: Systemwide program director, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender (GLBT) Programs Office. Application review began Aug. 22 and will continue until the position is filled. For more information, see <http://www.oma.umn.edu/jobposting.html> .

THE 21ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON POLICY ANALYSIS will feature keynote speaker Ember Reichgott Junge and experts on tax policy and its effect on Minnesota. Oct. 19, Continuing Education and Conference Center. Reduced registration through Oct. 5. For more information, see <http://www.cce.umn.edu/policyanalysis> .

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR UPDATE: An exhibit in the U building features UMC, UMD, UMM, and UMR; the stage outside showcases a wide range of experts, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily; and "A Gopher's Guide to the Minnesota State Fair" identifies where to find U exhibits around the grounds. A new shade pavilion southeast of the Grandstand, created by U architecture students, is attracting attention. Remaining campus days are today, UMD; Sept. 2, UMC; and Sept. 5, UMM. Through Sept. 5, Dan Patch Ave. and Underwood St. Discount fair tickets are available from U Bookstores, UMC and UMTC, \$7. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/statefair> .

#### Crookston:

UMC RANKED AMONG THE TOP THREE public Midwest comprehensive colleges that offer bachelor's degrees in the *U.S. News and World Report* "America's Best Colleges," 2006 edition. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/newsstory.aspx?ID=150> .

GARDEN OF THE NORTH planning continues this week, incorporating UMC in a community endeavor that will highlight the meandering Red Lake River and feature the northern hub of a prairie passage that extends to Texas. Aug. 31-Sept. 1, 7 p.m. Sessions open to the public. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/newsstory.aspx?ID=152> .

UMC IS A PARTNER SCHOOL WITH UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD in a new college center to train and educate 10,000-15,000 employees across the nation over the next 10-15 years. The first participants are expected to begin at UMC within a year. The consortium includes 18 postsecondary institutions. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/newsstory.aspx?ID=149> .

#### Duluth:

UMD RANKED NINTH among top Midwestern public universities in the 2006 *U.S. News and World Report* "America's Best Colleges." The Department of Chemical Engineering ranked fifth in the nation for best undergraduate chemical engineering program, public and private; the Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering placed seventh. UMD also ranked 44th among all Midwest universities with master's programs, public and private. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2005/August/19.html> .

UMD AT THE FAIR TODAY: Presentations include Department of Music voice students in "Musical Magic," from opera to show tunes; "Wicked Rocks," with part of the world's largest collection of Lake Superior agates and a Minnehaha Falls artifact; and a demonstration of dinosaur "bone prep process." For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2005/August/16.html> .

#### Morris:

UMM RANKED IN THE TOP FIVE public liberal arts colleges in the nation in the 2006 *U.S. News and World Report* "America's Best Colleges" for the fifth straight year. In addition, the 2005 *Fiske Guide* ranked UMM as one of three "best college bargains" in the nation, and *The Princeton Review* included UMM among 158 best schools in the Midwest. For more information, <http://www.morris.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=303> (*U.S. News*) and <http://www.morris.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=298> (*Fiske Guide*) .

MORRIS CHANCELLOR Sam Schuman announced that he will retire June 30, 2006. He has served for 11 years in which UMM has achieved national historic district status as well as high national rank, NCAA Division III status, and national leadership in innovative energy use. He will spend the coming year engaged in the strategic positioning process. For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=301> .

#### Twin Cities:

PUBLIC NOTICE: UMTC ACCREDITATION. Public comment is invited for the UMTC comprehensive accreditation review by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, now in progress. The campus has been continuously accredited since 1913 and was last reviewed in 1996. An evaluation visit will be made Oct. 31-Nov. 2. The public is invited to submit written comments about substantive matters related to the quality of the institution and its academic programs. Comments must be signed and submitted by Oct. 1 to: Public Comment on the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, The Higher Education Learning Commission, 30 N. LaSalle St., Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60602-2504, or to [info@hlcommission.org](mailto:info@hlcommission.org) . A comment form is on the Higher Learning Commission Web site at <http://www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org> . For more information, contact John Ziegenhagen, [zieqe006@umn.edu](mailto:zieqe006@umn.edu) or 612-626-8711.

REOPENING CEREMONIES FOR HISTORIC JONES HALL will be held on the first day of classes. The rehabilitated Jones will be home for the new admissions freshman welcome center and College of Liberal Arts language center. Sept. 6, noon ribbon-cutting, tours 12:15-1 p.m., 27 Pleasant St. S.E., Minneapolis. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2395&from=umnnews> .

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY (IAS) INAUGURAL CELEBRATION will unveil a platform for scholars and artists to explore ideas and issues, together and from many perspectives, as part of the President's Initiative on the Arts and Humanities. Activities throughout the year will include the University Symposium, the "Thursdays at Four" series, a residential fellows program, and research collaboratives. The campus and public are invited for an evening of music and refreshments. Sept. 9, 7-9 p.m., Nolte Center, first floor. For more information, see <http://www.ias.umn.edu> .

FACULTY MEMBERS INTERESTED IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION are invited to join a campuswide discussion group to carry out and support cross-disciplinary research. Sponsored by the Center for Entrepreneurial Studies, Carlson School of Management. For more information, contact Sharon Hansen, [shansen@csom.umn.edu](mailto:shansen@csom.umn.edu) or 612-624-0226.

DEADLINE EXTENDED, STAR PERFORMER AWARDS: Recognize a custodian, parking attendant, food service worker, police officer, or other University Services employee who provides excellent service, by nominating him or her for a Star Performer Award. Deadline: Sept. 9. Complete an easy nomination form at <http://www.uservices.umn.edu/starperformers.html> .

LAST CALL TO PICK UP STAFF DAY GIFTS: Civil service and bargaining unit employees may still get their 2005 gift. Contact [wendy@umn.edu](mailto:wendy@umn.edu) .

SATURDAY SCHOLARS is a morning of conversation, informal learning, and great food for faculty, staff, alumni, and friends. Mini-class topics include leaving no child behind in math, blogging, lessons from Lao immigrant students on changing the discourse of urban dysfunction, the evolution of school discipline programs in Minnesota, a report on a birth-to-adulthood study, framing female athletics, and childhood obesity. Sponsored by the College of Education and Human Development Alumni Society. Sept. 17, Coffman Union; register by Sept. 7. For more information, see <http://education.umn.edu/alum/Saturday.html> .

"SENSES AND SENTIMENTS OF DRESS," a symposium honoring the career of Regents Professor Joanne Eicher, will be Sept. 16-17. Deadline to register: Sept. 1. For more information, see [http://dha.che.umn.edu/news\\_events/sensesandsentiments](http://dha.che.umn.edu/news_events/sensesandsentiments) .

MARKET EXTENDED ON TUESDAYS: Cornercopia, the student farm in St. Paul, will continue to sell fresh produce in Minneapolis through September. Tuesdays, 12:30-2:30 p.m., Church Street pedestrian mall near Lind Hall. For more information, contact [umsosf@umn.edu](mailto:umsosf@umn.edu) .

MORE EVENTS include Weight Watchers at Work (Aug. 31-Sept. 1); second annual U Light Up the Night block party (Sept. 1); Commuter Connection kickoff (Sept. 3); New Student Convocation (Sept. 6); 11th annual transportation fair (Sept. 6, Minneapolis, and Sept. 7, St. Paul); and Science on the Screen: *The Birdpeople* (Sept. 7). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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#### 1. Top Stories

HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF: U campuses are working to assist victims of last week's Gulf Coast disaster. "As the Mississippi headwaters state, we have a special connection and obligation to assist those in the delta region," said President Bruininks. Medical personnel from the Academic Health Center were on standby Tuesday. Emergency admissions procedures are being finalized, and the first students have been admitted at UMD and UMTC. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/U\\_opens\\_arms.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/U_opens_arms.html) .

BOARD OF REGENTS WILL MEET SEPT. 8-9. Bruininks will give an update on the initiative to transform the U; information will be posted on the Web by 2 p.m. Sept. 9. Other agenda items include the first look at the U's proposed 2006 capital request and a report on an initiative to realize the U's vision, with a focus on financial strategies. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2413&from=umnnews> and [http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic\\_positioning](http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic_positioning) .

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#### 2. News and Features

TAKE TIME TO BE ACTIVE: Start off the new academic year with health. The U-wide fall wellness campaign is an easy way to log 2,005 minutes of activity this fall. Watch for materials to arrive by campus mail next week. Read the story in *UMNnews* at [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty\\_Staff\\_Comm/Office\\_of\\_Human\\_Resources/Take\\_time\\_to\\_be\\_active.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/Office_of_Human_Resources/Take_time_to_be_active.html) .

HISTORIC JONES HALL REOPENS: In a ribbon-cutting ceremony just past noon on the first day of classes, the three-story 1901 Italian Renaissance masterpiece officially became UMTC's "front door," home to the freshman admissions welcome center and the Language Center--and a witness to the power of capital bonding. Read the story in *UMNnews* at [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Quantum\\_leap.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Quantum_leap.html) .

AWARDS AND APPOINTMENTS: U staff members win international awards for online learning resources, Kathryn Draeger is named statewide director for the U's Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships (RSDP), Jasjit Singh Ahluwalia becomes AHC's first director of clinical sciences, Christine Mahoney is the new UMM communications director, Lin Nelson-Mayson is the new Goldstein Museum of Design director, and more. To read the summary in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty\\_Staff\\_Comm/People/Awards\\_and\\_appointments\\_August\\_2005.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/People/Awards_and_appointments_August_2005.html) .

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##### University-wide:

THE U NEWS SERVICE LAUNCHED "UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA MOMENT," a daily one- to two-minute radio feature available free to radio stations statewide, Sept. 6. It highlights U experts commenting on topical, informational, and educational issues in a news-style report. Features this week include fall lawn care, kids and after-school time, and anxiety and alcohol. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2406&from=umnnews> .

THE NATIONAL SCIENCE COALITION, of which the U is a member, is featuring U neurology professor Karen Ashe and her team on its Web site this week as "Researcher in the News." Ashe's team reversed memory loss in mice, a breakthrough with implications for Alzheimer's disease research. For more information, see <http://www.sciencecoalition.org> .

OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE (OLLI) CELEBRATES 10 YEARS: The College of Continuing Education's "health club of the mind"--formerly ElderLearning Institute--celebrates a decade today with a gala luncheon. 2-5 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. From Transylvania to the Yucatan and biking to book clubs, OLLI offers classes, interest groups, and travel opportunities for older adults, many led by current and retired U faculty members. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2401&from=umnnews> .

UNIVERSITY STORES' 19th annual open house will showcase new products and more than 50 U-wide contract vendors, departments, and office-supply manufacturer representatives. Sept. 14, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (lunch 11 a.m.-1 p.m.), Radisson Hotel Metrodome, UMTC.

THE YUDOF HALL DEDICATION CEREMONY, renaming Riverbend Commons student housing in Minneapolis in honor of the U's 14th president, 1997-2002, will be attended by Mark and Judy Yudof, U leaders and students, and former governor Arne Carlson. Sept. 15, 3 p.m. For more information, see <http://events.umn.edu/event?occurrence=386747;event=109584> .

SOUTHERN RESEARCH AND OUTREACH CENTER fourth annual open house, hosted by several U units, will feature activities for children and adults, birds from the Raptor Center, farm animals, the U's insect collection (ranked eighth largest in North America), wagon rides, health screenings, a flex-fuel vehicle, and a free picnic supper. The emphasis this year will be "healthy foods, healthy lives," building on the theme of enhancing the value of the rural landscape. Sept. 15, 4-8 p.m. (supper 5-7 p.m.), Hwy. 14 and Co. Rd. 57, west edge of Waseca. For more information, see <http://sroc.coafes.umn.edu> or call 507-835-3620.

AN EXHIBIT OF BOTANICAL ART AND A GARDENING SCHOOL are two upcoming programs at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. "Transfer of Knowledge: The Art of Botanical Illustration, 1491-1980" brings together three collections. Free opening reception and gallery talk, Sept. 14, 6-8 p.m.; register by Sept. 9 by contacting [r-isaac@umn.edu](mailto:r-isaac@umn.edu) or 952-443-1405. The Gardening School will feature seasonal classes in a series held on four consecutive Saturdays; the first class, beginning Sept. 17, will include tree and shrub selection, apples for Minnesota gardens, fall planting for spring color, and growing grapes. For more information, see <http://www.arboretum.umn.edu> .

##### Crookston:

THE NEW ADMISSIONS DIRECTOR will be Rick Eber, who has directed admissions at several colleges, most recently Sheldon Jackson College, Sitka, Alaska. He will arrive Oct. 3. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/newsstory.aspx?ID=156> .

A CENTENNIAL-YEAR TIME CAPSULE recognizing UMC and the Northwest School of Agriculture will be dedicated in the Prairie Room of the new student center, where it will be placed with a brass marker. Sept. 9, noon. The Student Center will be dedicated Sept. 30. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/newsstory.aspx?ID=155> .

##### Duluth:

THE STUDY IN ENGLAND PROGRAM, celebrating its 25th year, will enroll 26 students in 2005-06 at the U of Birmingham Selly Oak campus, 110 miles north of London, in courses taught by UMD and British faculty members. Participants' majors range from graphic design and history to biochemistry and elementary education; through the program they earn a foreign studies minor. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2005/August/23.html> .

##### Morris:

ACCLAIMED GUITARIST AND SONGWRITER Loudon Wainwright III will open the 2005-06 Performing Arts Series. Sept. 10, 7:30 p.m., Edson Auditorium. For ticket information, contact <http://www.morris.umn.edu/stuorgs/CAC/Arts> or 320-589-6080.

"RESTORE THE ROAR" is the theme of the second annual Cougar Fest, Sept. 17. Free admission to pregame activities and concessions, 11:30 a.m., followed by Cougar football vs. Westminster College, 1 p.m. At halftime, "Who's Got the Power of the U?" tug o' war. For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=296> .

##### Rochester:

NEW UMR STAFF MEMBERS are Ann Bottorff, Digital Technology Center, and Melody Johnson, nursing program. Bottorff was previously an administrative technician overseeing payroll between Manpower and IBM Corp. Johnson was a principal administrative specialist in the Minnesota Child Welfare Training System in Albert Lea. For more information, see <http://www.r.umn.edu> .

##### Twin Cities:

HELP CELEBRATE 75 YEARS OF UNIVERSITY THEATRE AND 20 YEARS OF U DANCE THEATRE during the 2005-06 main stage season at Rarig Center. Faculty-and-staff \$44 subscriptions include five shows: *The Madwoman of Chailot*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Dance Revolutions*, *Las Meninas*, and *Cabaret*. *The Madwoman*, directed by alumnus Raye Birk, opens Oct. 14. To subscribe, call 612-624-2345. For more information, see <http://theatre.umn.edu> .

"NEXT WAVE," *Science* magazine's weekly online publication, featured the U's Department of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology & Biophysics as a model department for postdoctoral education and training in its August issue. "Next Wave" focuses on early career investigator issues. For more information, see <http://nextwave.sciencemag.org/pdn/index.shtml> .

"TEACHING WITH WRITING ONLINE" panel discussion will feature faculty members and instructors from rhetoric, English, scientific and technical communication, and microbiology. Sept. 14, noon-1:30 p.m., 325 Coffman Union. Register online at <http://writing.umn.edu/register.htm> (free lunch for the first 30 who respond). A schedule of fall semester workshops is posted. For more information, see <http://writing.umn.edu/home/events.htm> .

BLOOD DONORS AND VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for the U's fourth annual blood drive, Sept. 15. Organizers hope to enlist 240 people to give blood and 40 volunteers to work at registration and canteen areas. Volunteers must commit to at least one hour. 7 a.m.-5 p.m., Coffman Union. Appointments may be scheduled online. For more information, see <http://www.givelife.org> or call 651-291-3293.

THE RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM will sponsor "Conducting a Job Search in the Twin Cities" for spouses and partners of recently relocated U employees to help identify potential employers, conduct informational interviews, make contacts through networking, and write effective resumes. Sept. 22, 9 a.m.-noon, 317-318 Donhowe Building. Register by Sept. 16. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/chrd> or contact [chrd@umn.edu](mailto:chrd@umn.edu) or 612-626-0774.

CAMPUS CLUB TEST MEMBERSHIPS FOR WEST BANK employees, which extend through October, are now available. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/cclub/TestMembership2005.htm> .

MORE EVENTS include the West Bank Skyway reopening "Beach Blast" (Sept. 7); "How Can the U.S. and Europe Find Common Ground?" (Sept. 8); Institute for Advanced Study inaugural celebration (Sept. 9); Funk at the Fred (Sept. 9); "West! Frank Gehry and the Artists of Venice Beach, 1962-1978" at the Weisman (through Sept. 11); *Lunar Park* author Bret Easton Ellis (Sept. 12); "Mining Neutrinos on Minnesota's Iron Range: A Virtual Tour," part of Cafe Scientifique, Varsity Theater (Sept. 13); and "Living After Cancer" for survivors and families (preregister for Sept. 17 event). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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RECORD-BREAKING GIFTS TO THE U: Gift-giving to the U of M Foundation (UMF) and the Minnesota Medical Foundation (MMF) broke records in the past fiscal year. UMF received gifts and pledges totaling \$180 million from 92,741 donors--51,145 of them alumni donors--for a 24% increase in giving compared to the previous year. The MMF raised a record \$78.3 million from 22,738 donors, 35% more than the previous record of \$57.9 million raised in 2000. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2407&from=umnnews> (UMF) and <http://www.ahc.umn.edu/news/releases/mmf090605/home.html> (MMF).

THE BOARD OF REGENTS approved a tuition waiver for students who have already paid tuition at institutions closed by Hurricane Katrina; as of Tuesday, an estimated 50 students had been admitted to U campuses under emergency guidelines, and many other relief efforts were under way. In other business, the regents approved Charles Casey as UMC chancellor and Beverly Durgan as dean and director of the U of M Extension Service. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Regents\\_pass\\_tuition\\_waiver\\_for\\_hurricaneimpacted\\_.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Regents_pass_tuition_waiver_for_hurricaneimpacted_.html) .

#### 2. News and Features

IMPROVEMENT SPOTLIGHT: CLASSROOM SPACE. Last year, the President's Emerging Leaders program set a team to work on the challenge of putting UMTC's 50,000 students in 24,000 existing classroom seats. Their recommendations are now on the way to implementation. Read the story in *UMNnews* at [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty\\_Staff\\_Comm/Office\\_of\\_Service\\_and\\_Continuous\\_Improvement/Emerging\\_leaders\\_take\\_on\\_space.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/Office_of_Service_and_Continuous_Improvement/Emerging_leaders_take_on_space.html) .

THE CHEMISTRY IS RIGHT: TWO PROFESSORS WIN TOP NATIONAL AWARDS. UMTC chemists George Barany and Donald Truhlar both won awards last week from the American Chemical Society, the largest professional society in the world. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/The\\_chemistry\\_is\\_right3A\\_Two\\_professors\\_win\\_top\\_na.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/The_chemistry_is_right3A_Two_professors_win_top_na.html) .

CAPA UPDATE: The Council of Academic Professionals and Administrators (CAPA) kicked off the 2005-06 year with a retreat and training for new senators, Aug. 26. Read the update in *UMNnews* at [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty\\_Staff\\_Comm/CAPA/Up\\_and\\_running\\_for\\_200506.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/CAPA/Up_and_running_for_200506.html) .

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#### 3. Campus Events and Information

##### University-wide:

TRANSFORMING THE U. Chairs and members of more than 30 task forces, charged with developing strategic positioning recommendations to make the U one of the top three public research institutions, will convene for the first time Sept. 16. Names of task force chairs are now posted on the Web. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/transforming\\_the\\_u](http://www.umn.edu/transforming_the_u) .

U.S. CONSTITUTION DAY, Sept. 16, will be observed U-wide in a two-hour, Web-cast program, hosted by the Law School. "In Order to Form a More Perfect Union: Constitution Day 2005" will feature members of the Law School faculty speaking on a variety of issues, including the nomination of Judge John Roberts to serve as the next chief justice of the Supreme Court. 12:15-2:15 p.m., Mondale Hall; available live on the Web. For more information, see <http://www.law.umn.edu/constitutionallaw/> .

POLICY ON EDUCATION ABROAD: All students who participate in education abroad sponsored or endorsed by the U must complete a release and waiver and get the U-approved international health insurance. Colleges, departments, and individual faculty and staff members who lead programs abroad must ensure that all students complete these requirements. The policy was approved by the regents in 2004, and implementation was completed this summer. For more information, see <http://www.umabroad.umn.edu/healthSafety> . Students who wish to go for academic purposes to a country on the U.S. State Department travel-warning list must receive prior approval from the Education Abroad Suspension Committee. For more information, see [http://www.international.umn.edu/travel\\_warning](http://www.international.umn.edu/travel_warning) .

NOMINATIONS FOR MCKNIGHT LAND-GRANT PROFESSORSHIPS are invited by the Graduate School and the provost's office. The program provides two-year awards to junior faculty through an annual competition with the aim of strengthening the faculty for the future. Deadline: Sept. 30. For more information, see <http://www.grad.umn.edu/faculty-staff/mcknight> .

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: A conference on "Building a Learning-Centered Institution" will be sponsored by the Collaboration for the Advancement of College Teaching and Learning, of which UMC, UMM, and UMTC are members. Feb. 17-18, 2006, Bloomington, MN. Deadline for proposals: Sept. 21. For more information, see <http://www.collab.org> .

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH GRANTS support assistant professors engaged in cancer-related research who have no independent national funding. Grants up to \$20,000. Application deadline: Oct. 17. For more information, contact LeAnn Micek at [micek003@umn.edu](mailto:micek003@umn.edu) or 612-626-1926.

##### Crookston:

COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH FUNDED BY THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION will allow UMC and U of North Dakota to adapt problem-solving labs (PSLs), developed at UMTC, for introductory physics courses. UMC's long-term goal is to integrate video-based PSLs into study modules for K-12 teacher training and for distance learning. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/newsstory.aspx?ID=158> .

DEDICATION OF THE NEW STUDENT CENTER, a 36,600-square-foot meeting place in the heart of UMC, will include U and community dignitaries and students. The center contains restored elements from the Northwest School of Agriculture as well as a new Northern Lights-inspired sculpture, *Solar Storm*. Sept. 30, 1:30 p.m., Bede Ballroom; more events into the evening. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/newsstory.aspx?ID=161> and <http://www.umcrookston.edu/info/tours/buildings/StudentCenter> .

##### Duluth:

GRAND OPENING EVENTS FOR THE JAMES I. SWENSON SCIENCE BUILDING, Sept. 13-16, will culminate with a public dedication ceremony Sept. 16, 11 a.m. The new \$33 million building, designed by Carol Ross Barney, is named for UMD alumnus Jim Swenson, '59, whose donation, along with state bonding, was used to create the 110,000-square-foot brick, stone, and metal structure with teaching and research wings where first- and second-year chemistry, biochemistry, and biology students will be trained. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2005/September/12-A.html> .

##### Morris:

UMM IS A RECIPIENT OF A 2005 GREEN POWER LEADERSHIP AWARD for the campus's commitment to renewable energy. Student association board members nominated UMM. The award will be presented at the 10th national Green Power Marketing Conference in Austin, Texas, Oct. 24-26. For more information, see <http://www.eere.energy.gov/greenpower/conference/tenth.html> .

CAFE SCIENTIFIQUE DEBUTS IN MORRIS. Geology professor Keith Brugger will discuss the geologic record of climate change and its effect on ecosystems and civilization, in the first Cafe Scientifique in Morris. The monthly series aims to bring expert-led discussions on provocative science topics into coffee shops, pubs, and restaurants around the state. Sept. 27, 6 p.m., Common Cup Coffeehouse, Morris. A partnership between the Bell Museum of Natural History and UMM will sponsor cafes this year on topics from alternative energy and duck hunting to antibiotics and organic foods. For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=309> .

##### Twin Cities:

NEW UPLAN MEDICAL OPTIONS AND BASE PLAN INFORMATION SESSIONS continue: St. Paul (Sept. 16), West Bank (Sept. 21), and East Bank (Sept. 23 and 30). For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/eb/uplan/openenroll/forums.html> .

THE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT FAIR for students, faculty, and staff will feature the largest campus gathering of local nonprofits with information about volunteering, internships, and other ways to get involved in the Twin Cities. Sept. 21, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Great Hall, Coffman Union. For more information, see <http://www.cclc.umn.edu/CIF> .

THE CIVIL SERVICE AND BARGAINING UNIT (CSBU) WOMEN'S STEERING COMMITTEE and the Office of University Women will sponsor "Discovering Our University Treasures: The Weisman Art Museum" as part of the Thought-Provoking Thursdays series. Museum director and chief curator Lyndel King will speak. Sept. 22, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Weisman Art Museum. To register, contact [women@umn.edu](mailto:women@umn.edu) or 612-625-9837.

A PAN-AFRICAN BUFFET, with regional specialties from Cote d'Ivoire, Senegal, and Cape Malay will be hosted by International Agricultural Programs and the Department of African American and African Studies. Reservations are required. Sept. 22, 5:30-8 p.m., Campus Club. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/cclub/ThursdayDinners.htm> or call 612-626-7788.

"TOUCH DOWN ON CAMPUS" FACULTY AND STAFF APPRECIATION DAYS will be Sept. 17 and 24 at Coffman Union before the game, with discount prices on tickets for end-zone reserved seats. For more information, see <http://gophersports.com/events/touchdown.asp> .

HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES, Sept. 17-25, will include a Friday free lunch and pep fest and evening dedication of the Alumni Wall of Honor next to the McNamara Alumni Center (Sept. 23), and Saturday breakfast at the Sports Pavilion, parade, and football game vs. Purdue (Sept. 24). For more information, see <http://www.sao.umn.edu/events/homecoming> .

"WOMEN WHO SOAR MAKE HISTORY," the U Women of Color fall welcome, will feature White Earth Band of Ojibwe member Peggy Flanagan, the first Native American elected, in 2004, to the Minneapolis School Board. Sept. 27, 2-3:30 p.m., Hasselmo Hall (next to Coffman Union). Registration requested. For more information, contact [uwoc@umn.edu](mailto:uwoc@umn.edu) or 612-625-1105.

THE MINI MEDICAL SCHOOL fall series will focus on the building blocks of medicine: basic anatomy, biochemistry, histology, physiology, microbiology, and pharmacology. Registration is now open; \$60 for the five classes. Monday evenings, Oct. 10-Nov. 7, 6-8:30 p.m. For more information, see <http://www.ahc.umn.edu/outreach/minimed> .

THE ANNUAL ETIQUETTE DINNER, hosted by the alumni association, helps current U undergrad and graduate students learn how to handle any dining situation professionally. Oct. 18, 5:30-7:30 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. Registration required by Oct. 6; seats fill quickly. For more information, see <http://www.alumni.umn.edu/etiquette> .

MORE EVENTS include Richard Weisman signing his book, *Picasso to Pop*, at the Weisman (today); U blood drive and Hurricane Katrina disaster relief collection (Sept. 15); Yudof Hall dedication (Sept. 15); "Building on Hmong Women's Assets" national conference (Sept. 16-17); the American Indian Cultural House fall feast and open house (Sept. 17); "Do Obesity Prevention Interventions Cause Eating Disorders?" (Sept. 19); the historic Waldseemueller globe gores map at Wilson Library (through Sept. 20); Learning Abroad Fair (Sept. 21); and "Boundary Crossings: Temporal Dialogues in Finnish Landscape Photography" at the Nash (through Oct. 6). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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#### 1. Top Stories

TASK FORCES BEGIN WORK OF TRANSFORMING THE U. What began more than a year ago as a grand idea to transform the U into one of the top three public universities in the world is now officially beginning to take shape. Members and chairs of 34 task forces convened in St. Paul Sept. 16. Read the story in *UMNnews* at [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Rolling\\_up\\_the\\_sleeves.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Rolling_up_the_sleeves.html) .

THE ALUMNI WALL OF HONOR will be unveiled and dedicated at UMTC Sept. 23. The sculpture contains names of more than 1,000 Outstanding Achievement Award-winning alumni and an artistic interpretation of the stars overhead on the night of the U's founding in 1851. The public is invited to the unveiling and complimentary lunch at noon and a ceremony at 9 p.m. Gateway Plaza; McNamara Alumni Center in case of rain. For more information, see <http://www.alumni.umn.edu/dedication> and <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2449&from=umnnews> .

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#### 2. News and Features

ELDER CARE, provided by a quarter of U.S. households, is the topic of a U work-life initiative this year. An eight-month series begins with "Family Caregiving Strategies" Oct. 4, noon-1 p.m., to kick off National Work and Family Month at the U. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty\\_Staff\\_Comm/Office\\_of\\_Human\\_Resources/Eldercare\\_initative.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/Office_of_Human_Resources/Eldercare_initative.html) .

UMD'S NEW SWENSON SCIENCE BUILDING opening ceremony and tours were attended by more than 300 faculty and staff members, students, community members, and dignitaries including renowned architect Carol Ross Barney Sept. 16. Chancellor Martin and donors James and Susan Swenson, whose family foundation has given \$10 million to UMD, spoke of the great impact that the research and teaching to be done in the building will make on the world. Read the story in *UMNnews* at [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/UMD\\_dedicates\\_Swenson\\_Science\\_Building.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/UMD_dedicates_Swenson_Science_Building.html) .

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#### 3. Campus Events and Information

##### University-wide:

SIXTEEN HORACE T. MORSE-U OF M ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARD WINNERS from past years will be inducted this week into the Academy of Distinguished Teachers: Calvin Alexander, IT; C. Eugene Allen, International Programs; Eugene Borgida, CLA; Laura Duckett, Nursing; James Farr, CLA; John Freeman, CLA; Joan Garfield, CEHD; Marti Hope Gonzales, CLA; Patrick Hanna, Pharmacy; Alan Hooper, CBS; Chris Paola, IT; Paul Rosenblatt, CHE; Ronald Sawchuck, Pharmacy; Roger Schroeder, CSOM; W. Phillips Shively, CLA; and Cheryl Zimmerman, Pharmacy. A luncheon ceremony will be held Sept. 22. For more information about the academy, see <http://www.adt.umn.edu> .

MILEAGE ALLOWANCE RATE INCREASE: Due to fuel price increases, the U.S. Internal Revenue Service announced an increase in business and moving-expense mileage reimbursement rates, effective Sept. 1. Based on the announcement, the U increased its mileage reimbursement rates from 40.5 to 48.5 cents per mile when personal vehicles are used on approved U business and from 15 to 22 cents per mile for moving expenses. "Policies and Procedures" are on the Travel Services Web site. For more information, see <http://www.fpd.finop.umn.edu/groups/ppd/documents/policy/Travel.cfm> .

THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE (CSC) meets today at the Crookston campus in honor of UMC's centennial. The CSC holds one meeting a year away from UMTC. The group will tour the campus before the business meeting; the full agenda is on the Web. All civil service staff members are welcome to join a CSC subcommittee and don't have to be on the CSC to do so. Check the CSC Web site for subcommittees, meeting dates, and times. More participation gives units and colleges the opportunity to bring comments and concerns directly to the CSC. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/csc> .

THE NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGE HEALTH ASSOCIATION annual conference, "Innovations in College Health: Clinical Care, Communication, and Public Health," will feature Steven Miles, Michael Osterholm, and other national health leaders. It is designed for health professionals, college health administrators and counseling staff, student affairs staff, and students. Oct. 26-28, UMTC. Registration discount through Sept. 30. For more information, see <http://www.acha.org/nccha> .

"UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA MOMENT," the new daily one- to two-minute radio feature available free to radio stations statewide, highlights U experts. Features this week include the Minnesota health impact fee and smoking, ambiguous loss, why this summer in Minnesota was so warm, work and family, and John's Disease. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2443&from=umnnews> .

##### Crookston:

HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES, Sept. 19-24, will include an athletic hall of fame and outstanding-alumni recognition event (Sept. 23) and a parade, football game vs. Wayne State, and banquet to honor faculty and staff (Sept. 24). For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/newsstory.aspx?ID=159> .

DIVERSITY AND MULTICULTURAL WEEK, Sept. 26-29, will include lunch seminars, "Working With Native American Tribes and Students" (Sept. 26), "Preparing to Work in a Global Market" (Sept. 27), "Toward an Authentic Dialogue on Diversity" (Sept. 28), and "Appreciating Differences" (Sept. 29). Music, book displays, ethnic foods, and exhibits will also be featured. The theme is "Living, Managing, and Working in a Diverse and Global Environment." For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/newsstory.aspx?ID=164> .

##### Duluth:

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MUSIC Theodore Schoen, a professor of woodwinds who specializes in clarinet and saxophone as well as music technology, has received a McKnight Presidential Fellow Award. Schoen performs with the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra and has played and toured with orchestras around the country and abroad as well as with world-renowned musicians from Ray Charles to the Moody Blues. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2005/September/06.html> and <http://www.d.umn.edu/music/faculty> .

##### Morris:

SUPER SCIENCE SATURDAY is an annual opportunity for young women to learn and have fun with science and math. Oct. 1, 9 a.m.-noon, fifth and sixth grade; 1-4 p.m., seventh and eighth grade; Science Building. For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=310> .

##### Rochester:

UMR PRESENTS "SIGNATURE SERIES: The Best in Technology Management." The series of eight one-day seminars is drawn from the core of the Management of Technology master's degree program at the U's Center for Technological Leadership. Topics and operations are guided by an industry advisory group to provide exposure to the most up-to-date theory and practice. Sessions are held over two four-day periods, Sept. 26-29 and Oct. 17-20, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. daily, Rochester. For more information, see [http://www.r.umn.edu/Signature\\_Series\\_2005.htm](http://www.r.umn.edu/Signature_Series_2005.htm) .

##### Twin Cities:

UMTC WILL SPONSOR A VETERANS TRANSITION CENTER to help reduce the high dropout rate of veterans returning to school. The center is a program of Comfort for Courage, a student-led, nonprofit, nonpartisan effort founded in 2004 to support U.S. armed services. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2446&from=umnnews> .

UNIVERSITY DINING SERVICES CATERING will present new menu items at open houses: today, Sept. 22, and Sept. 29, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Sept. 27-28, 3-5 p.m.; five campus locations. Updated event/catering and delivery guides are now available. The catering/event guide includes expanded buffet menus, refined hors d'oeuvres selections, and extensive afternoon snacks. The delivery guide includes Java City Coffees, Einstein Bros. Bagels, Bene Pizza, and Subway. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/dining/catering.html> or call 612-624-7173.

PLAGIARISM will be discussed by a panel of instructors who assign writing. Sept. 23, noon-1:30 p.m., 280 Ferguson Hall. Free event for the first 30 who register. For more information, see <http://writing.umn.edu/home/events.htm> .

"REFLECTIONS OF CONTEMPORARY WOMEN LEADERS" will include discussions with state senator Mee Moua (Sept. 29), YMCA senior VP Patricia Lynch (Oct. 6), Cargill senior program officer Toni Green (Oct. 20), Hennepin County attorney Amy Klobuchar (Oct. 27), and HealthPartners executive VP and chief marketing officer Andrea Walsh (Nov. 3). Presented by the young women leaders of YMCA, 1801 University Ave. S.E. Deadline to register for first event or the entire series: Sept. 26. For more information, call 612-676-7717.

THE AWARD-WINNING BALLET FOLKLORICO from the U of Colima, Mexico, is visiting Minnesota with support from a College of Human Ecology initiative to promote closer ties with Mexico and greater engagement with Minnesota's Hispanic community. Final performance Sept. 23, 7 p.m., Northrop Auditorium. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2441&from=umnnews> .

BIRTHDAY PARTIES AT THE ST. PAUL GYM for ages 4 to 100 include three hours of activities. For more information, see <http://www.recports.umn.edu/youth> or call Todd Tratz, 612-625-2242.

HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES this week are posted on student activities and alumni Web sites. For more information, see <http://www.sao.umn.edu/events/homecoming> and <http://www.alumni.umn.edu/homecoming> .

MORE EVENTS include visiting artist Linda Yablonsky from the School of Visual Arts, New York (Sept. 22); "Making Freedom's Mark: The Voting Rights Act of 1965" exhibit opening (Sept. 23); fall raptor release (Sept. 24); "Splendor Among the Leaves" fall tour of Cedar Creek Natural History Area (Sept. 25); "The Immigrant's Bootstraps and Other Fables: White Ethnic Revival and Post-Civil Rights America," an American studies colloquium by Matthew Jacobson, Yale U (Sept. 26); and a book-signing by Anne Ipsen, former U professor and Danish author of *Karen From the Mill* (Sept. 27). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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THE FIRST ASSOCIATE VP FOR PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT is Victor Bloomfield, professor, Department of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology, and Biophysics. The position in the Office of the VP for System Administration was established as a result of the president's Council on Public Engagement (COPE) initiative. Bloomfield will provide leadership for and advance the U's civic contributions and involvement. Recently interim dean of the Graduate School and vice provost for research, Bloomfield was a founding member of COPE and served on its steering and assessment committees. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2459&from=umnnews> .

GOVERNOR PAWLENTY HAS APPOINTED SENIOR VP for system administration Robert Jones to the Midwestern Higher Education Commission, a nonprofit regional organization established by interstate compact and devoted to achieving greater cost effectiveness in higher education. For more information, see <http://www.mhhec.org/aboutmhhec.html> and <http://academic.umn.edu/system> .

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#### 2. News and Features

INVENTING THE FUTURE: From a new variety of maple tree to a diagnostic test for bacteria that cause a cancer-like disease, licensed technologies resulted in nearly \$48 million in royalties in fiscal year 2005. More than 100 U inventors were honored Sept. 20. Read the story in *UMNnews* at [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Inventing\\_the\\_future.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Inventing_the_future.html) .

TEACHING SMARTER: Faculty members systemwide are designing, trying out, and measuring the effectiveness of new teaching and technology strategies with the support of a three-year Archibald Bush Foundation grant. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Teaching\\_smarter.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Teaching_smarter.html) .

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##### University-wide:

TAKE TIME TO BE ACTIVE: Even short bursts of physical activity can benefit health and well-being. Log 2,005 minutes in motion during fall semester through "Take Time," a UPlan Wellness program in collaboration with the School of Public Health and (at UMTC) the Department of Recreational Sports. Information is arriving in campus mailboxes by this week. For more information, see <http://www.taketime.umn.edu> .

UPDATE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION for the *2005-06 Student-Staff Directory* by Oct. 7. On the Employee Self-Service Web site, click on "Update Personal Information" and use the menu bar at the top of the page. For more information, see <http://hrss.umn.edu> .

TECHNOLOGY-ENHANCED LEARNING (TEL) SEMINARS this semester will include "Effecting Programmatic Change With Learning Technologies" (Oct. 5), "Using Technology to Improve Educational Access" (Nov. 2), and "Using Technology to Shape and Support Learning Communities" (Dec. 7). The sessions will be held at UMTC and Webcast for other U locations. For more information, see <http://dmc.umn.edu/series/fall05.shtml> two weeks before each session.

THE SUCCESSFUL MANAGER'S LEADERSHIP PROGRAM for U managers debuts this fall. The five-day course is tailored to provide critical leadership training within the context of the U culture and community. Sponsored by the Office of Human Resources, College of Continuing Education, and Personnel Decision International. Register by Oct. 11. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/chrd> .

THE INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS INSTITUTE, Center for Transportation Studies, was awarded \$16 million over five years for transportation research, including a system to reduce crashes involving teens. The institute is one of 33 U.S. Department of Transportation-funded university transportation centers in the nation. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Getting\\_smarter\\_at\\_getting\\_safer.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Getting_smarter_at_getting_safer.html) .

THE NATIONAL SCIENCE COALITION, of which the U is a member, is featuring the U's Institute for Mathematics and its Applications (IMA) on its Web site this week. The IMA received a \$19.5 million grant from the National Science Foundation in July, making it the top-funded math institute in the nation. For more information, click on "Sneak a Peak Inside the Labs" at <http://www.sciencecoalition.org> .

21ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON POLICY ANALYSIS discount registration ends Oct. 5. Oct. 19, Continuing Education and Conference Center, St. Paul. For more information, see <http://www.cce.umn.edu/policyanalysis> .

##### Crookston:

DEDICATION OF THE NEW STUDENT CENTER will include a campus and community picnic, formal ceremony with U dignitaries and architects, tours, dedications of public art and a student-run coffee shop, and live music in the evening. Open to the public. Sept. 30. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/newsstory.aspx?ID=161> .

##### Duluth:

RAIN GARDEN GRAND OPENING DEMONSTRATION AND TOURS will introduce the community to a new garden designed to protect Oregon Creek and Lake Superior from pollution carried by rainwater running off the largest campus parking lot. It provides a model at UMD for stormwater education for the entire community and is the largest demonstration rain garden in the Twin Ports region. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2005/September/23.html> .

##### Morris:

A REPRISE OF A 1960 LECTURE, "SIRENS SING TO ME," and a 2005 sequel, "Conquering Thanatos," will be presented by Henry Parker, Cunningham Distinguished Scholar/Professor, U of Tennessee-Martin, and Ford Foundation Fellow. He will also give a first-year experience presentation, "Making College Success Inevitable." Parker served on the UMM humanities faculty, 1961-65, and was UMM's first black professor. Public lecture Sept. 29, 2:30 p.m., Cougar Room, Student Center. For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=322> .

##### Twin Cities:

COMMUNITY FUND DRIVE 2005 DATES ARE OCT. 1-31, and the goal is \$1.2 million. The theme is "Minnesota Charities Count on U." Watch for individual packets to arrive this week. The UMTC committee works with seven federations that include health, education, environment, arts, and more; faculty and staff select the groups to which they wish to give. This year, as one of many options, employees are asked to give "above and beyond" to hurricane relief efforts. Students are able to give by stopping at a table in Coffman Union, Oct. 3, 11, 19, and 27; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/cfd> .

HELP GRADE UMTC: The Twin Cities campus will undergo an accreditation review Oct. 31-Nov. 2 by a team from the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. You are invited to submit comments related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs to this regional accrediting agency by Oct. 8, online at <http://www.ncahlc.org/wrapped/thirdparty.php> , by e-mail at [info@hlcommission.org](mailto:info@hlcommission.org) , or by letter to Public Comment on the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, Higher Learning Commission, 30 N. LaSalle St., Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60602-2504. All comments must be signed and will not be treated as confidential.

ACCREDITATION SELF-STUDY REPORT: "Transforming the University Through Strategic Planning and Action" has been prepared for the 2005-06 comprehensive evaluation of UMTC (above) and is available online. For more information, see <http://www.academic.umn.edu/accreditation> .

"NEW LESSONS LEARNED: Using Student Evaluations and Teaching Portfolios Successfully" will feature Peter Seldin, author of *The Teaching Portfolio: A Practical Guide to Improved Performance and Promotion/Tenure Decisions*. He will talk about how evaluation of teaching has changed at land-grant institutions over the past 30 years. Faculty, instructional staff, and graduate students are invited to this free mini-conference. Oct. 11, noon-3 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. Sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Learning Services and the Provost's Council for Enhancing Student Learning. For more information, see <http://www.teaching.umn.edu> or call 612-625-3041.

"ASSISTING STUDENTS IN DISTRESS" is a new Web-based resource for U staff and faculty, with information on how to help students experiencing distress due to depression, tragedy, academic issues, disability issues, international student concerns, and other tough issues. It is a joint effort of Boynton Health Service, International Student and Scholar Services, University Counseling and Consulting Services, Disability Services, the Aurora Center, Student Judicial Affairs, and the Office for Student Academic Integrity. For more information, see <http://www.ucs.umn.edu/help> .

GOPHER STADIUM UPDATE: The earliest football could return to campus has been pushed back to fall 2009, and estimated stadium costs have risen. Meanwhile, Best Buy announced \$2.5 million in support for a new stadium, and U alumni, students, and officials presented a petition this month with nearly 3,000 signatures urging the governor to call a special session to secure state support. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/stadium> .

U COMMUNICATORS FORUM FALL 2005 KICKOFF will launch the forum's 20th year with a networking event featuring intercultural communications expert Barbara Kappler, refreshments, and opportunities to get involved. Sept. 30, 3 p.m., Great Hall, Coffman Union. Register today by contacting Santiago Fernandez-Gimenez, [ferna010@umn.edu](mailto:ferna010@umn.edu) . For more information about the forum, see <http://www.umn.edu/umcf> .

COALITION FOR A RESPECTFUL U is an open group of students, faculty, staff, administrators, and community members committed to a safe and inclusive campus climate for all students, employees, and visitors. Next meeting: Oct. 3, noon-1:30 p.m., 525 Science Classroom Building. For more information, contact residential life coordinator Grant Anderson at [ande4174@umn.edu](mailto:ande4174@umn.edu) or 612-626-5490.

ARTS CRAWL IN THE ARTS QUARTER will celebrate the opening of Exercises: Drawings by Merce Cunningham at the Nash Gallery, performances of Cunningham's Inlets 2 at the Barker Center for Dance, opening night of *The Madwoman of Chailot* at Rarig Center, and School of Music ensemble performances at Regis Center. Oct. 14, 6-8:30 p.m., West Bank. For more information, see <http://www.artsquarter.umn.edu> .

THE 5TH BIENNIAL COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY FORUM and open house will include a keynote by Minnesota's chief information officer, Gopal Khanna, and exhibits, recruitment, and panel discussions. Oct. 7, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., EE/CS and McNamara Alumni Center. For more information, see <http://www.cs.umn.edu/industry/open-house> .

THE 12TH ANNUAL MIDWEST MICROBIAL PATHOGENESIS CONFERENCE will be hosted by the Department of Microbiology. Oct. 14-16, Coffman Union and Holiday Inn Metrodome. For more information, see <http://www.microbiology.med.umn.edu/microbiology/seminars/mmpc.html> .

MINI VET SCHOOL II will be offered six Tuesday evenings beginning Oct. 11, 6:30-8:30 p.m., College of Veterinary Medicine. For more information, see <http://www.cvm.umn.edu/outreach> .

LATINO HERITAGE MONTH is being celebrated by La Raza Student Cultural Center through Oct. 14. For more information, see <http://www.la-raza.info/events.php> .

MORE EVENTS include "I Want to Study and Do Research in Germany" by the director of DAAD (today); "The Problem of Authority," by Joseph Raz for the John Dewey Lecture in the Philosophy of Law (Sept. 29); "Toward an Intelligent Understanding of the Intelligent Design Hypothesis," by *Darwin's Black Box* author Michael Behe (Sept. 30); "The Work/Life Balancing Act" (Oct. 3); "Basics of Database Searching: PubMed" (Oct. 4); and *Beating Prostate Cancer Without Surgery* author James Priest, M.D. (Oct. 5). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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#### 1. Top Stories

MORE THAN 51,000 ALUMNI GIVE TO THE U. Nationwide, universities report an alumni-giving growth rate of about 3 to 4 percent a year. Between 2002 and 2005, the University of Minnesota experienced a 20 percent growth. For more information, see [http://www1.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/More\\_than\\_512C000\\_alumni\\_give\\_to\\_the\\_U.html](http://www1.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/More_than_512C000_alumni_give_to_the_U.html) .

NEW ONLINE CLASS TO CURB STUDENT DRINKING. The U is offering the First Year Seminar for Parents: Alcohol Use on Campus in an effort to decrease high-risk drinking behaviors among students. "This class gives us one more way to reach students," says Marjorie Savage, Parent Program director. A recent U survey shows that 45.1 percent of undergraduates at the U engage in high-risk drinking. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2482&from=umnnews> .

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#### 2. News and Features

CROOKSTON STUDENT CENTER OPENS. The 80-year-old Bede Hall on the Crookston campus was demolished on March 1, 2004. Today, its replacement--revamped with a bookstore, post office, coffee shop, study lounges, and light sculpture--stands as the campus's new Student Center. Read the story in *UMNnews* at [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/UMC\\_opens\\_new\\_student\\_center.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/UMC_opens_new_student_center.html) .

AWARDS AND APPOINTMENTS: U staff Ann Pflaum and Lois Hendrickson won Hats Off awards from UMAA. The University's first associate vice president for public engagement is Victor Bloomfield. Sue Diekman has been named director of the Vital Aging Network, College of Continuing Education. St. Paul Public Schools superintendent Patricia Harvey will become the Carmen Starkson Campbell Visiting Endowed Chair in Urban Education in the College of Education and Human Development and a University Distinguished Fellow. Rick Eber is Crookston campus's new director of admissions. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty\\_Staff\\_Comm/People/Awards\\_and\\_appointments\\_September\\_2005.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/People/Awards_and_appointments_September_2005.html) .

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##### University-wide:

NEW U POLICIES on conflict of interest, long-term investing of departmental cash balances, emergency preparedness, and managing energy supplies and use. Revised policies on care of animals and reporting issues of misconduct. All available at the U policy library. For more information, see <http://www.fpd.finop.umn.edu/groups/ppd/documents/main/new.cfm> .

BEAUTIFUL U DAY GRANTS are available for departments and student groups on all campuses for Beautiful U Day projects related to clean up, beautification, and sustainability. Application forms due Dec. 2. Beautiful U Day is April 20, 2006. For more information, see <http://www.buday.umn.edu> .

TO COMMEMORATE THE GRADUATE SCHOOL'S CENTENNIAL, the 2005 Guy Stanton Ford Memorial Lecture will be given by "Thomas Jefferson," portrayed by humanities scholar and U alumnus Clay Jenkinson. A press conference will be held in Ted Mann Concert Hall after the lecture. Free and open to the public. Oct. 12, 10:15 a.m. For more information, see <http://www.grad.umn.edu/news/ford/index.html> .

"IMAGINING THE FUTURE OF GRADUATE EDUCATION," a symposium presented by the Graduate School in celebration of its centennial, will focus on three key themes intended for conversation and action in the centennial year and beyond: diversity in graduate education, reimagining the Ph.D., and fostering interdisciplinarity. Oct. 18, 3-4:45 p.m., Coffman Union Theater, UMTC, and by interactive TV at 173 Kirby Plaza, UMD. For more information and to RSVP, see <http://www.grad.umn.edu/centennial/> .

THE U AND PARTNERS HAVE CREATED "New to America," a Web site that provides higher-education information and resources for immigrants and refugees relocating in Minnesota. The online resource center is part of the ISEEK Web-based education and career gateway developed by a partnership among the U, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, and the state. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2467&from=umnnews> .

U.S. INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK 2005 WILL BE NOV. 14-18. Departments, colleges, and groups are encouraged to plan activities and events that highlight international education at the U. For more information, see <http://www.international.umn.edu/IEweek> .

"UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA MOMENT," the U's daily one- to two-minute radio feature now available free to radio stations statewide, highlights U experts. Features this week include breast cancer and hybrid vehicles. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2481&from=umnnews> .

##### Crookston:

A "GREEN TOURISM" DESTINATION BROCHURE FOR NORTHWESTERN MINNESOTA is being developed by the U's Northwest Regional Sustainable Development Partnership, Northwest Regional Development Commission, Renewing the Countryside, and tourism organizations. Green tourism emphasizes places that provide locally grown food and locally made products and attractions such as canoe routes, hiking and biking trails, wildlife viewing areas, and art events. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/newsstory.aspx?ID=167> .

##### Duluth:

UMD Homecoming is Oct. 6-7. Highlights include: Oct. 6, hockey game (UMD vs. Bemidji), 7 p.m., DECC; Oct. 7, Tailgate party starts at 11 a.m., UMD stadium parking lot, followed by Homecoming Football Game (UMD vs. University of Nebraska-Omaha) at 1 p.m.; All-Alumni Bulldog Bonfire Celebration with complementary picnic supper and live music at 5 p.m., Bayfront Festival Park; and Men's Hockey Game (UMD vs. Bemidji) 7:07 p.m., DECC. The UMD class of '55 will also celebrate its 50th reunion with a full schedule of activities on both days. For more information, call 218-726-7164 or see <http://www.d.umn.edu/alumni> .

##### Morris:

A team of UMM staff, students, and faculty (and friends) won the National Dodgeball League's Dodgeball World Championship Sept. 23-25 in Las Vegas. The team, the only one from Minnesota, included Adam Sullivan (student), Randi Peterson (women's head basketball coach), Amy Van Arkle (friend), Aaron Thompson (men's assistant basketball coach), Lori Sylvester (Aaron's sister), Chris Butler (English), and Nate Oakland (women's assistant basketball coach). Twenty-two teams from across the nation competed. UMM beat a team from Alaska for the championship. For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=329> .

John Turner, an environmental and legal consultant from the United Kingdom, will discuss ways in which the European Union and other countries are working with the Kyoto Protocol and renewable energy during a public lecture Oct. 11, 7 p.m., Science Auditorium. For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=325> .

Professor Marshall Eakin of Vanderbilt University will deliver the 21st annual O. Truman Driggs Distinguished Lecture, "Does Latin America Have a Common History?" on Oct. 11, 7:30 p.m., HFA Recital Hall. For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=319> .

##### Twin Cities:

MINUTECLINIC AT COFFMAN UNION is open with new hours (8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.) in the Commuter Services Area. The \$5 copay per visit for UPlan members is waived through December 2005. MinuteClinic, staffed by a nurse practitioner, is open to U students, employees, and their dependents; no appointment necessary. For more information, visit <http://www.minuteclinic.com> .

STUDENT AFFAIRS BOOK CLUB will host its first discussion Oct. 6, noon-1:30 p.m., University Bookstores, Coffman Union. The book is *Helping College Students Succeed: A Model for Effective Intervention* by Glenn Hirsch, associate director of University Counseling & Consulting Services. For more information, see <http://www.osa.umn.edu/osaprograms/osabookclub.html> .

2005-06 NORTHPROP DANCE SEASON will open with the Houston Ballet. Oct. 8, 8 p.m. at Northrop Auditorium. For faculty and staff discounts, call 612-624-2345 or visit 105 Northrop.

NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY LUNCH. Oct. 11, noon-1 p.m., D'Amico & Sons, McNamara Alumni Center. Join GLBTA employees for lunch and celebrate being out at the U. For more information, e-mail [Pride@Work](mailto:Pride@Work) at [gworkers@umn.edu](mailto:gworkers@umn.edu) .

INNOVATION RESEARCHERS ON CAMPUS (iRoc) KICKOFF EVENT. Oct. 11, noon-2 p.m. 3-180 Electrical Engineering/Computer Science building. Keynote speaker Arthur Harkins, faculty director of innovation studies graduate certificate program. For more information, see <http://iroc.umn.edu> .

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL DAY will feature more than 100 national graduate and professional school programs for students seeking advanced programs. Workshops on applying and funding will be held. Faculty and staff are encouraged to attend. Oct. 12, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Great Hall, Coffman Union. For more information, see <http://www.cclc.umn.edu/GSD> .

FIRST WEST BANK ARTS QUARTER CRAWL will be Oct. 14. A variety of theater, dance, art, and music events begin at 6 p.m., including an exhibition of drawings by Merce Cunningham, a showing of Cunningham's choreography, and the University Theatre's 75th anniversary season opening performance of *The Madwoman of Chaillot*. For more information, see [http://artsquarter.umn.edu/events/art\\_crawl.html](http://artsquarter.umn.edu/events/art_crawl.html) .

SOCIAL JUSTICE LEADERSHIP RETREATS each give 64 students, assisted by 16 faculty and staff facilitators, the opportunity to explore issues of identity, privilege, oppression, social justice, and campus climate through storytelling, large- and small-group activities, and reflection. Facilitator and participant applications are on the Web. Nov. 4-6 and Jan. 14-16, Camp Friendship, Annandale, MN. For more information, see <http://www.housing.umn.edu/events/socialjustice> .

FALL FEST: "EXPLORING U" will feature live eagles, hawks, owls, and falcons at the Raptor Center; tours of the dairy barn, display garden, and galleries; live music and a performance by the Chang Mi Korean Dance and Drum Group; and brunch for 50 cents from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Activities and displays for the whole family are free and open to the public. Oct. 9, noon-3 p.m., St. Paul. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/twincities/fallfest> .

MORE EVENTS include Science on the Screen: *October Sky* (today); National Depression Screening Day (Oct. 6); readings by poet Ed-Bok Lee and writer Shawn Wong (Oct. 7); opening reception for *Mind Over Matter, Body Under Design* (Oct. 8); Navratri 2005 (Oct. 9); "New Lessons Learned: Using Student Evaluations and Teaching Portfolios Successfully" (Oct. 11); Cafe Scientifique's "Ant Architecture with Walter Tschinkel" (Oct. 11), and David L. Boren Fellowship for graduate study abroad information session (Oct. 12). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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THE BOARD OF REGENTS, in meetings Oct. 6-7, heard a report from executive associate VP Sullivan on developing a set of metrics to assess the U's progress toward becoming one of the top three public research universities in the world. They also previewed the 2006 capital bonding request, including funds to expand and improve research and field stations statewide, and heard a report on the UMTC freshman class, of which nearly 74% were in the top 25% of their high school class. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Metrics\\_and\\_measurements.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Metrics_and_measurements.html) .

U RESEARCHERS USE STEM CELLS TO KILL CANCER CELLS: For the first time, stem cell researchers at the U have coaxed human stem cells to create cancer-killing cells in the laboratory, paving the way for new cancer treatments. For more information, see [http://www1.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/U\\_researchers\\_use\\_human\\_embryonic\\_stem\\_cells\\_to\\_kill\\_cancer\\_cells\\_in\\_the\\_lab.html](http://www1.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/U_researchers_use_human_embryonic_stem_cells_to_kill_cancer_cells_in_the_lab.html) .

SCHOLARSHIP DRIVE UPDATE: After two years of fund-raising as part of the U's largest scholarship drive ever, the number of students systemwide receiving scholarships and graduate fellowships through the U has increased from 4,865 in 2002-03 to 5,908 in 2004-05, and the average award amount has also risen. October is Scholarship Month--a time to raise awareness about the value of scholarships in making education affordable and in attracting and retaining talented students. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2475&from=umnnews> .

#### 2. News and Features

THE UNIVERSITY SENATE CONVENED with civil service and academic professional and administrative (P&A) staff for the first time Sept. 29. President Bruininks opened the meeting by introducing the new senators to a hearty round of applause. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Expanded\\_U\\_Senate.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Expanded_U_Senate.html) .

TEACHING THROUGH CHANGE: Members of the Academy of Distinguished Teachers (ADT) attending the annual retreat Oct. 7-9 focused on change--pedagogies for a changing U and for changing students, telling the U story during times of change, responding to changing expectations, and assessment. They heard from teachers of first-year seminars, colleagues engaged in undergraduate and graduate research, and administrators. Read the story in *UMNnews* at [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Teaching\\_through\\_change.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Teaching_through_change.html) .

Feature stories are published daily in *UMNnews* at <http://www.umn.edu/umnnews> .

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##### University-wide:

TRANSFORMING THE U: The task forces now engaged in strategic positioning are casting a wide net to gather information and views from faculty, staff, students, and stakeholders throughout Minnesota and beyond to make the process as inclusive and productive as possible. They plan to use a variety of ways to gather information from the U community and the public, including focus groups, interviews, forums, and e-mail requests. Public forum events are being posted on the Transforming the U Web site. Events include town meetings hosted by the task forces on undergraduate reform for writing and student support with academic advisers (Oct. 14) and with career development staff (Oct. 17), and two open forums facilitated by the diversity task force (Oct. 25 and Nov. 11). More events will be added. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic\\_positioning](http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic_positioning) .

"PLACE-BASED LEARNING STRATEGIES," a yearlong series of public forums exploring the intersection of learning and the place in which it happens, presented by the Council on Public Engagement, will begin with "Educating the Creative Mavericks." Oct. 13, 1:30-4:30 p.m., reception to follow, Regis Center for Art, In-FLUX space. For more information, see <http://events.umn.edu/event?occurrence=389391;event=110775> .

PUBLIC FORUMS FEATURING THE FOUR FINALISTS for the director of systemwide gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender programs will be held Oct. 17-20, 4-5 p.m., 215 Donhowe Building, UMTC, with videoconference connections available at UMC, UMD, UMM, and UMR. The position description, a detailed schedule, and brief biographies of the candidates are on the Web. For more information, see <http://www.oma.umn.edu> or call the Office for Multicultural and Academic Affairs, 612-624-0594.

THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH REQUESTS INPUT AND IDEAS about how to streamline research-related processes. Faculty, staff, and graduate students are invited to respond. For more information, see <http://www.research.umn.edu> .

FRIENDS OF EASTCLIFF BOOK CLUB will discuss *Ambiguous Loss: Learning to Live With Unresolved Grief*, by UMTC family social science professor Pauline Boss. Oct. 20, Eastcliff. Anyone may join Friends of Eastcliff. Memberships support the preservation and maintenance of the historic home of the U president and gathering place for the U community. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2499&from=umnnews> .

##### Crookston:

A SUSTAINABLE-DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE, "Global Priorities and Local Applications," will examine the interdependencies of ecological, economic, and social imperatives and will focus on actions "as though we plan to stay." Featured presenters will include Fred Kirschenmann, director of the Aldo Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture at Iowa State U, and U regent emeritus and former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Robert Bergland. Overview presentations and case studies of how various college campuses have implemented sustainability principles will be presented by participants from the Crookston and Red River corridor communities, Winnipeg, U professors and leaders, and more. Oct. 24-25, Student Center, UMC. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/newsstory.aspx?ID=172> .

GROUND BREAKING FOR CENTENNIAL HALL, an 84-bed residence hall at UMC, was carried out by 14 U and community dignitaries Sept. 30. It is expected to open in summer 2006. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/newsstory.aspx?ID=171> .

##### Duluth:

CHANCELLOR MARTIN has been elected chair of the NCAA Division II Presidents Council. Her term will run through January 2007. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2005/October/03-B.html> .

*PATHWAYS TO UNDERSTANDING: Raising Children With Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder*, a filmed seminar, will premier in a screening hosted by the College of Education and Human Service Professions. The film was developed by UMD associate professor of theater Bill Payne in conjunction with John and Holiday Hays, founders of Hayskids Foundation and adoptive parents of 10 children with the disorder. Oct. 12, 7 p.m., preceded by a reception at 6:15 p.m. Open to the public. For more information, contact Casey Lacore at [clacore@d.umn.edu](mailto:clacore@d.umn.edu) or 218-726-7125, or see <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2005/October/05.html> .

COMPOSER AND MUSICIAN MARVIN HAMLISCH will perform for the year's first Ovation Guest Artist Concerts series, presented by the Department of Music. Oct. 18, 7:30 p.m., Weber Music Hall. For reservations, call 218-726-8561. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/music/events> .

##### Morris:

"VIVA LAS MORRIS!" will be the theme for UMM homecoming Oct. 20-23. Highlights include a reception for distinguished alumni hosted by the Multi-Ethnic Student Program, the UMM Alumni Association annual meeting and award banquet, UMM's Big Jazz Band at the Fall Ball at Lakeside Ballroom in Glenwood (Oct. 21); a ceremony to rename UMM's historic social science building in honor of former chancellor Jack Imholte, the Cougar Quad Run, a parade, tailgate party, Cougar football vs. Crown College, a postgame alumni celebration (Oct. 22); and a brunch and homecoming band and choir concert (Oct. 23). For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=336> .

##### Twin Cities:

THE SEARCH FOR A NEW DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CEHD) is beginning. For more information, including a position description and updates, see <http://www.education.umn.edu/employment/dean.html> .

FACULTY SUMMER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS AND MCKNIGHT SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS for the Arts and Humanities for summer 2006 are provided through the Office of the Dean of the Graduate School and the Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost. Deadline: Nov. 2. For more information, see <http://www.grad.umn.edu/faculty-staff/funding/dean/fsr> .

NATIONAL SECURITY EDUCATION PROGRAM (NSEP) David L. Boren Graduate Fellowship director Liz Veatch will be on campus to discuss fellowship opportunities in countries whose cultures and languages are less frequently studied. \$12,000 per semester for up to two semesters. Oct. 12, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. or by appointment, 110 Heller Hall. For more information, see <http://nsep.aed.org> or contact Meaka Henningson, [meaka@umn.edu](mailto:meaka@umn.edu) .

WORKING MOMS NETWORK AT THE U: A group of U employees with children is forming to meet monthly to share work-life balance concerns and strategies as part of the WorkLife Effectiveness Program, facilitated by Norma Juarbe Franceshini. Today, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., 140 Nolte Center. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/worklife> or call 612-625-3531.

TRAINING FOR GLOBAL UNDERSTANDING WORKSHOPS for faculty and staff provide specific strategies to develop supportive environments for the U's international and multicultural communities in meetings, classrooms, and service settings. Topics will include "Communicating Across Cultures" (Oct. 18), "Creating a Supportive Environment" (Oct. 25), "Hmong Culture Seminar" (Nov. 2), "Around the World in 120 Minutes" (Nov. 8), and "South Asian Community Seminar" (Nov. 16). Register online at <http://www.iss.umn.edu> . For more information, call 612-626-7100.

DONATIONS TO PROVIDE GIFT CARDS for about 70 students at UMTC, displaced by Hurricane Katrina, are being sought by the Office for Student Affairs. Cards to a variety of stores would allow students to buy clothing, food, hygiene products, and other necessities. The goal is \$100 per gift card. Donations will be acknowledged with a receipt but are not tax deductible. Send checks payable to Amelious Whyte to the Office for Student Affairs, 110 Morrill Hall. For more information, contact him at [awhyte@umn.edu](mailto:awhyte@umn.edu) or 612-624-2678.

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION RECOGNIZED TOP ALUMNI, FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENT volunteers during the Alumni Leadership Summit Oct. 7-8. Chapters, programs, and volunteers of CLA, CHE, COAFES, CBS, CNR, Veterinary Medicine, Pharmacy, Public Health, and IT received awards, as well as the Rochester, St. Croix Valley, and Southwest Florida chapters. For more information, see <http://www.alumni.umn.edu/5Oct20054> .

THE CROWN PRINCE OF NORWAY will visit UMTC as part of a three-day visit to Minnesota celebrating Norway's centennial anniversary program in the United States. A presentation on "Opportunities and Challenges in the High North: Energy Resources and the Environment" will be made by Norway's ambassador, Knut Vollebaek. Oct. 19, 10-11 a.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center. For more information, see [http://www.hhh.umn.edu/news/headlines/headlines2005/hhh\\_events.html](http://www.hhh.umn.edu/news/headlines/headlines2005/hhh_events.html) .

MORE EVENTS include Graduate and Professional School Day (today); "Thomas Jefferson" giving the Guy Stanton Ford Lecture for the Graduate School centennial (today); Conference on Brain, Language, and Cognition (Oct. 13); National Coming Out Day Luncheon (Oct. 14); Arts Crawl in the Arts Quarter (Oct. 14); "Capitol Views: Building, Public Life, and Culture," a symposium celebrating the Minnesota state capital's centennial year (Oct. 15); Norman Borlaug World Food Prize Day food and fund drive (Oct. 16); "Leadership and the Fiscal Future of the United States" (Oct. 17); "Changing Energy Policy to Benefit the Environment and Human Health" (Oct. 18); and Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Philip Levine (Oct. 19). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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#### 1. Top Stories

THE U WILL HOST ONE OF FIVE REGIONAL FORUMS of the Lincoln Commission on study abroad Oct. 25. The commission, created by U.S. Congress in 2004, will present in December a set of recommendations to expand U.S. participation in study abroad, including a major funding request for fellowships. The U was chosen because of its national leadership in study abroad and international programs. Vice provost Craig Swan will open the conference, President Bruininks will speak, and associate VP Gene Allen will deliver the keynote address. 9 a.m.-3 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. For more information, see <http://www.lincolncommission.org/events.html> .

MINNESOTA NEWS NETWORK will begin distributing via satellite "U of M Moment" to 80 affiliates statewide. U of M Moment, which debuted Sept. 6, highlights U experts on a broad range of issues in 90-second, news-style radio reports. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2505&from=umnnews> .

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#### 2. Features

PEOPLE WITH BIG HEARTS: How does a unit achieve a 90% participation rate in annual giving? A team leader for 13 years tells how. At the end of the second week, the UMTC 2005 Community Fund Drive reported a total of \$402,306 and participation of 10.07%. The goal is \$1.2 million with 40% participation. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/People\\_with\\_big\\_hearts.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/People_with_big_hearts.html) .

U RESEARCHERS WIN IG NOBEL PRIZE: In 2003, a U professor of chemical engineering and materials science and a former student filled a pool with goop to find out how it would affect swimming speeds and found--not much. This month Ed Cussler and Brian Gettelfinger joined the ranks of scientists whose work tickles the funny bone while making a serious scientific point. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Swimming\\_in\\_goop\\_nets\\_researchers\\_an\\_Ig\\_Nobel\\_Prize.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Swimming_in_goop_nets_researchers_an_Ig_Nobel_Prize.html) .

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##### University-wide:

MORRIS CHANCELLOR SEARCH: The search for the next UMM chancellor has begun. The committee will be chaired by Nancy Carpenter, UMM associate professor of science and math. Bids are being accepted for a national search firm to be retained to help recruit the best possible pool of candidates. For more information, watch the VP for System Administration Web site, <http://www.academic.umn.edu/system> .

TRANSFORMING THE U: A one-stop, e-mail feedback mechanism to provide feedback to selected task forces is now available on the Web. Also, the PreK-12 task force will hold an open forum for members of the U community to talk about the role the U should play in preK-12 education in Minnesota. Oct. 25, 2-3:30 p.m., President's Room, Coffman Union, UMTC. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic\\_positioning](http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic_positioning) .

"COLLABORATION ON A VISION: HOW PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT CAN BUILD A BETTER UNIVERSITY" is the title of a public forum on public engagement as a path to top-three status and unique excellence for the U. Keynote speaker: Gail Dubrow, Graduate School dean, with a panel of U professors and leaders. A reception will follow. Oct. 31, 2-4:30 p.m., Johnson Room, McNamara Alumni Center, UMTC. For more information, see <http://events.umn.edu/index.xml?year=2005;month=10;day=31> or call 612-625-7849.

A TUCKER CENTER PANEL DISCUSSION, "Protecting Title IX From Emerging Threats: What's Fact vs. Fiction Got to Do With It?" will examine recent developments to reverse unprecedented progress and achievements since the passage of Title IX, including legal issues, myths, misrepresentations, and specific strategies to safeguard Title IX. Oct. 24, 7 p.m., Mississippi Room, Coffman Union, UMTC. For more information, see <http://www.tuckercenter.org> .

DOMESTIC MEAL RATE ALLOWANCE CHANGE: Effective Oct. 1, the Government Services Administration raised the rate for domestic meals. Rates vary by county and city. In U policies, see Traveling on University Business 3.8.3 and follow the "Domestic Travel" link to the GSA Web site for the rates. For more information, see <http://www.fpd.finop.umn.edu/groups/ppd/documents/policy/Travel.cfm#450> .

BEAUTIFUL U DAY, APRIL 20, 2006, will be the first time that all U campuses will participate in the event, creating a statewide celebration. Grants are available to departments and student groups to serve as start-up funds for cleanup, beautification, and sustainability activities. U departments and registered student groups are eligible to apply. UMTC information sessions will be Oct. 24, 3-4:30 p.m., 101 Walter Library, and Oct. 25, 10:30-11:30 a.m., 220 Skok Hall. Applicants on other campuses should e-mail [buday@umn.edu](mailto:buday@umn.edu) or call 612-624-2863. For specific guidelines and more information, see <http://www.buday.umn.edu> .

NEW "EVEN MOTHER NATURE LOVES MAROON AND GOLD" POSTERS AND NOTECARDS are now available. Order online or pick up a free poster at one of several UMTC locations. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/urelate/05\\_mktg\\_mothernature.html](http://www.umn.edu/urelate/05_mktg_mothernature.html) .

##### Duluth:

THE UMD STUDY IN ENGLAND PROGRAM CELEBRATES ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY with former participants, faculty members, and guests at a welcome reception and art exhibit at the Tweed Museum Oct. 21, and a dinner and program at the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center (DECC) Oct. 22. Cost for weekend activities: \$40. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/ieo/SIE.htm> or <http://www.d.umn.edu/ieo/englandnextyear.htm> or call 218-726-6673 or 877-755-4200.

UMD THEATRE OPENS its season with Tony Award-winning Broadway hit musical *Kiss Me, Kate*. Oct. 20-22 and 26-29, 7:30 p.m.; Oct. 23, 2 p.m.; Marshall Performing Arts Center. For tickets, call 218-726-8561. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/theatre> .

THE CENTER FOR ADVOCACY AND POLITICAL LEADERSHIP (MAPL) will host its first public policy lecture of the academic year, featuring Arthur Rolnick, senior VP for research, Federal Reserve Bank, Minneapolis. Oct. 22, noon, Griggs Center. Each lecture is about 40 minutes, with a half hour devoted to audience questions. Open to the public. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/~mapl/www> .

##### Morris:

A BENEFIT FOR HURRICANE VICTIMS OCT. 10 RAISED NEARLY \$20,000. The event at Morris Area Elementary School, initiated by Best Western Prairie Inn manager Rod Searle, was planned and coordinated by UMM students, staff, and faculty along with Stevens County organizations, businesses, and individuals. In addition, performances by the UMM jazz group raised more than \$800 for UMM alumna, musician, and Katrina victim Nancy Burtchaell, '88.

UMM RANKED THIRD NATIONALLY among all public liberal arts colleges in the first annual *Washington Monthly College Guide*, which "asks what colleges are doing for their country." For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=339> .

A BOOK SIGNING by Chancellor Schuman, *Old Main: Small Colleges in the 21st Century*, and alumnus Kent Meyers, *The Work of Wolves*, will be held Oct. 24, 3:30 p.m., McGinnis Room, Briggs Library. Meyers will also give a presentation at 7:30 p.m., Humanities and Fine Arts Recital Hall. Sponsored by Briggs Library Associates and the UMM Alumni Association. For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=340> .

##### Twin Cities:

TODAY IS STUDENT PARENT DAY, increasing the visibility of the successful women and men with children who are or were U parents while students. U student parents will be matched with 40 teen parents from a St. Paul alternative school to discuss selecting a college major and career. Noon-2:30 p.m., Northrop Mall. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2525&from=umnnews> .

THE NEW CENTER FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND MICROBIOLOGY TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH will host an open house to introduce the collaboration of the Medical School's departments of medicine, pediatrics, and microbiology and showcase the 20,000-square-foot lab space. Oct. 20, 4-5:30 p.m., McGuire Translational Research Facility, 2001 6th Ave. S.E. For more information, see <http://www.med.umn.edu/news/cidmrt101805> .

*SHATTERING THE SILENCES: THE CASE FOR MINORITY FACULTY* will be the first of the Film Friday series this academic year--a look at higher education through the eyes of eight pioneering scholars of African American, Asian American, Latino, and Native American descent. Bring your lunch; dessert and beverages provided. Oct. 21, noon-1:15 p.m., 101 Walter Library. Space is limited; register no later than Oct. 20. For more information, contact Felecia Franklin at [frank055@umn.edu](mailto:frank055@umn.edu) or 612-624-9547.

STUDENT AFFAIRS BOOK CLUB: Richard Kadison, M.D., Harvard U's chief of mental health services, will discuss his book, *College of the Overwhelmed: The Campus Mental Health Crisis and What to Do About It*. Oct. 24, 1:30 p.m., University Bookstore, Coffman Union. For more information, see <http://www.bookstore.umn.edu/genref/authors.html> .

"THE SOUL OF INFORMATICS: HUMANIZING HEALTH CARE," by School of Nursing dean Connie White Delaney, will be the 14th Andrea Printy Memorial Lecture, featuring a panel response and reception. Nov. 3, 4:30 p.m. registration, 5 p.m. lecture. Register by Oct. 27. For more information, see <http://www.nursing.umn.edu> .

FÖRMER PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON will headline the 25th anniversary celebration of the Distinguished Carlson Lecture Series. Free and open to the public, but tickets are required. Nov. 5, 5 p.m., Northrop Auditorium. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2503&from=umnnews> or call 612-625-5002.

SEE HOW YOUR BENEFITS STACK UP at the Employee Health and Benefits Fairs, an opportunity to visit with representatives from various insurance and investment companies and learn more about medical, dental, life, disability, retirement, and other benefits. Nov. 1, Coffman Union, and Nov. 2, North Star Ballroom; both are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/eb/event> .

MORE EVENTS include Wellstone Action director and *Politics the Wellstone Way* author Jeff Blodgett (today); "Out of Time: Theorizations of Culture and the Political," a conference including film (Oct. 20-22); "Cool Chemistry: From Cosmetics to Crime Scenes," a workshop for girls by the Chemistry Chapter of Women in Science and Engineering (Oct. 22); "Dear Dr. Fisch," a multimedia program featuring U pediatrician and Holocaust survivor Robert Fisch (Oct. 23); "Elastic, Plastic, Fantastic: Karen tei Yamashita's Paradigm-Busting Extraordinary Fictions" (Oct. 24); "Lessons From Thirty-Five Years of the Same-Sex Marriage Debate," by William Eskridge, Jr., Yale U, in the William Lockhart Lecture (Oct. 25), and "Midlife Career Development" (Oct. 26). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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NORWAY'S GIFT OF \$750,000, announced Oct. 19, will create an endowed faculty chair in the fields of renewable energy and microbial genomics. The U and the Norwegian U of Life Sciences share research and education interests in ecosystem sciences, renewable energy, and the role microbes play in producing drugs and other products more efficiently. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Norway\\_gives\\_University\\_endowed\\_chair.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Norway_gives_University_endowed_chair.html) .

THE U WILL PARTICIPATE IN A WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON HELPING AMERICA'S YOUTH, hosted by First Lady Laura Bush. Michael Resnick, U professor of pediatrics and director of research on adolescent health in the Medical School, will be a presenter. Oct. 27, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., campus video conference locations and on the Web. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/University\\_of\\_Minnesota\\_professor\\_to\\_kick\\_off\\_White\\_House\\_conference\\_on\\_youth.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/University_of_Minnesota_professor_to_kick_off_White_House_conference_on_youth.html) .

TRANSFORMING THE U: Task forces formed to make recommendations on how the U can become one of the top three public research institutions in the world are actively seeking campus and community input.

- Diversity: Public forums to gather community feedback on how to reaffirm and deepen the U's commitment to diversity are being hosted by the Systemwide Academic Task Force on Diversity. The first was Oct. 25; the second will be Nov. 1, 2-4 p.m., 665 (Board of Regents Room) McNamara Alumni Center, UMTC. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2547&from=umnnews> .
- Writing: The Writing Task Force has created a blog to promote conversations about writing. It's designed especially for students and others who can't attend meetings, and it will be maintained by rhetoric grad students, who will also analyze the feedback. For more information, see <http://blog.lib.umn.edu/archives/renda003/writing/030050.html> .
- COAFES and CNR: "A Dylanesque look at what lies ahead for two colleges," from the COAFES electronic newsletter, invokes poetry to help prepare for coming change.

For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic\\_positioning](http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic_positioning) and [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Wanted3A\\_input\\_for\\_transforming\\_the\\_U.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Wanted3A_input_for_transforming_the_U.html) .

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HEALTH BENEFITS OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR ALL FACULTY AND STAFF, NOV. 1-30. New medical plans. Expanded networks. A new prescription-drug program. New family rate structures. Cash benefits for participating in UPlan Wellness programs. These are key changes in U employee health benefits for 2006. Enrollment in medical and dental plans is required to have coverage. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty\\_Staff\\_Comm/Office\\_of\\_Human\\_Resources/Open\\_enrollment\\_2005.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/Office_of_Human_Resources/Open_enrollment_2005.html) .

IMPROVEMENT SPOTLIGHT: TEACHING PH.D.'S HOW TO TEACH. Historically, doctoral students were expected to simply know how to teach because they were great students. But new programs are producing better future faculty members and delivering better undergraduate education. PACE--the Program for the Advancement of Classroom Excellence--is a Carlson School of Management initiative showing outstanding results. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty\\_Staff\\_Comm/Office\\_of\\_Service\\_and\\_Continuous\\_Improvement/Teaching\\_PhDs\\_how\\_to\\_teach.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/Office_of_Service_and_Continuous_Improvement/Teaching_PhDs_how_to_teach.html) .

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##### University-wide:

A FORUM ON PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AS A PATH TO TOP-THREE STATUS and unique excellence for the U--"Collaboration on a Vision: How Public Engagement Can Build a Better University"--will feature Graduate School dean Gail Dubrow as the keynote speaker, with a panel of U professors and leaders. A reception will follow. Oct. 31, 2-4:30 p.m., Johnson Room, McNamara Alumni Center, UMTC. For more information, see [http://academic.umn.edu/public\\_engagement](http://academic.umn.edu/public_engagement) .

CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE (CSC) UPDATE: Present Bruininks and VP Brown will attend the next CSC meeting. All civil service staff are welcome to attend; meetings are open to the public. Oct. 27, 9 a.m.-noon, 101 Walter Library, UMTC. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/csc/agenda/AGENDA.htm> .

GOV. PAWLENTY IS AMONG 27 GOVERNORS who signed a letter to President Bush Oct. 18 to urge him to ensure that federal funding for university-based research remains a top national priority. For more information, see <http://www.sciencecoalition.org> .

NOMINATIONS FOR DISTINGUISHED MCKNIGHT UNIVERSITY PROFESSORSHIPS are invited by the Graduate School and provost's office. Recipients receive grants of \$100,000 over five years and the title Distinguished McKnight University Professor. Departments are invited to nominate outstanding, recently promoted full professors for this mid-career award. Deadline: Dec. 15. For more information, see <http://www.grad.umn.edu/faculty-staff/mcknight> .

GUIDELINES FOR THE HORACE T. MORSE-U OF M ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARD for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Education and the Award for Outstanding Contributions to Postbaccalaureate, Graduate, and Professional Education for 2005-06 are now available. Nomination dossiers must be forwarded from the dean's office. Deadline: Jan. 26, 2006. For more information, see <http://academic.umn.edu/provost/awards/aoce.html> .

GUIDELINES FOR THE JOHN TATE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN UNDERGRADUATE ADVISING for 2005-06 are also available. Nomination dossiers must be forwarded from the dean's office. Deadline: Jan. 26, 2006. For more information, see <http://academic.umn.edu/provost/tate/forms.html> .

BOARD OF REGENTS CHAIR Anthony Baraga announced he is taking a leave of absence from the chair position, and vice chair Patricia Simmons has assumed his duties, from Oct. 19 to Jan. 1. Baraga's leave allows him to attend to his wife's health-related issues. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2538&from=umnnews> .

##### Crookston:

A NEW ENGLISH-AS-A-SECOND-LANGUAGE (ESL) CENTER debuted Oct. 25 when classes began for five new students from Korea, who plan to seek degrees when their ESL preparation is complete. As many as 15 students are expected beginning in January. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/newsstory.aspx?ID=179> .

##### Duluth:

CAFE SCIENTIFIQUE DEBUTS IN DULUTH, sponsored by UMD and the Bell Museum of Natural History, UMTC. UMD McKnight Professor Vicki Hansen, geological sciences, will talk about her research and lead a multimedia tour of Venus, complete with 3-D glasses to view photos from NASA's Magellan mission. Oct. 27, 6 p.m., Pizza Luce Restaurant, 11 E. Superior Street. Free and open to the public. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2005/October/13.html> .

##### Morris:

A STUDENT DIED ACCIDENTALLY OCT. 22 on the football field when a goal post fell after the homecoming game against Crown College. Richard Rose of Benton City, Washington, was a junior, athlete, and student coach. "The campus community is deeply saddened," said Chancellor Schuman. "He will be greatly missed." It was the last game on Cougar Field before construction begins on a joint field with the Morris Area High School.

##### Rochester:

"SUCCESSFUL STRATEGIES FOR PROFESSIONAL INTERPRETERS AND TRANSLATORS," a conference for beginners to experienced practitioners, will emphasize sound business practices to improve quality services in the work setting. Experts will include U lecturer Laurence Bogoslaw. Oct. 29, 9 a.m.-noon, Leighton Lecture Hall, 5-104 Gonda Building, Mayo Clinic (west entrance, Third Ave.). For more information, see [http://www.r.umn.edu/05\\_proq\\_noncredit.htm](http://www.r.umn.edu/05_proq_noncredit.htm) or contact [barb.vroman@roch.edu](mailto:barb.vroman@roch.edu) or 507-280-2832.

##### Twin Cities:

THE AURORA CENTER FOR ADVOCACY AND EDUCATION was awarded nearly \$300,000 from the Grants to Reduce Violent Crimes Against Women on Campus, a program of the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2535&from=umnnews> .

SCHOLARSHIP AMERICA AWARDED AN \$18,000 GRANT to the Office of Student Finance to assist students affected by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Eligible U students (1) previously attended institutions now closed in declared disaster areas and (2) have suffered financial hardships as a result. Funds will be used to supplement their financial aid packages. Contributions are from USA Funds, Sallie Mae Fund, and Triad Corporate Services. For more information, contact Julie Selander, [goode021@umn.edu](mailto:goode021@umn.edu) .

OPEN FORUMS ON ACCREDITATION: Faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend one of six open forums with the peer evaluation team from the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The purpose is to provide an opportunity for direct discussion on the quality of the U and its academic programs. Light snacks and beverages will be provided. Nov. 1. At the St. Paul Student Center: staff, 9-9:45 a.m., room 202; students, 10-10:45 a.m., room 202; faculty, staff, students, and the general public, 11-11:45 a.m., Minnesota Commons Room. At Coffman Union: staff, 2:45-3:30 p.m., room 324; students, 2:45-3:30 p.m., room 319; faculty, staff, students, and the general public, 3:45-4:30 p.m., room 324. For more information, see <http://events.umn.edu/event?occurrence=389822;event=111003> .

THE INSTITUTE ON COMMUNITY INTEGRATION (ICI) WILL MARK ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY. The ICI is a national center that improves community services and social supports for people with disabilities and their families. Oct. 27, 5:30-7:30 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2531&from=umnnews> .

CELEBRATION FOR THE NEW SOCIAL JUSTICE MINOR will include refreshments for faculty, staff, and students. Oct. 28, 1-3 p.m., Peters Hall atrium. Register by contacting Peggy Pond, [ppond@che.umn.edu](mailto:ppond@che.umn.edu) or 612-624-3700. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2502&from=umnnews> .

FACULTY/STAFF APPRECIATION DAY AT THE LAST HOME GAME OF THE WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM will provide free admission with a University I.D. Oct. 28, 7 p.m., Robbie Stadium. For more information, call 612-624-8080 or 1-800-U-GOPHER.

THE ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (APSIA) graduate school opportunities forum will feature representatives of the top U.S. programs in international affairs. Nov. 1, 5-7 p.m., Humphrey Center. For more information, see <http://events.umn.edu/event?occurrence=389848;event=111020> .

"MONTH OF MERCE," honoring influential American choreographer Merce Cunningham, includes a lecture, "How to Watch a Cunningham Concert: Eight Entry Points and Three Exit Strategies," by Bonnie Brooks, Columbia College (Nov. 1); a conversation between Cunningham and Sage Cowles at the Walker (Nov. 2); presentation of an honorary degree (Nov. 3); a performance by the Merce Cunningham Dance Company at Northrop (Nov. 4); and an exhibition (through Nov. 10). For more information, see <http://www.artsquarter.umn.edu> .

MORE EVENTS include "Movements in Stillness: New Dances Inspired by Russia's Age of Elegance," by James Sewell Ballet members (today); "A Philosopher Looks at Genocide," by NYU professor and author Paul Boghossian (Oct. 27); "Poverty, Statistics, and Development in Africa," by Ben Kiregyra (Oct. 28); "Oddities and Curiosities of Nature" exhibit at the Bell (through Oct. 30); University Libraries Halloween book sale (Oct. 31); "The Past, Present, and Future of GLBT Benefits," a Pride@Work event (Nov. 1); and "The Ethical Brain," by neuroscience professor and author Michael Gazzanigo (Nov. 2). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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THE U IS PREPARED TO TAKE THE LEAD IN ROCHESTER, expanding its presence through a health sciences center for allied health programs and creating a Rochester branch of a new office of academic-corporate relations. President Bruininks talked about plans with the Rochester Higher Education Development Committee Oct. 28. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2564&from=umnnews> .

THE NEW SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH DEAN will be John Finnegan, who has served as interim dean for the past year. Finnegan joined the faculty in 1986 and is a national expert on public health and mass media. Senior VP Cerra recommended Finnegan to the Board of Regents, which is expected to take action when it meets Nov. 10-11. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2556&from=umnnews> .

#### 2. Features

DESIGNING A COLLEGE: A nine-member task force has begun work on a plan for a new college of design, gathering five programs from the College of Human Ecology--graphic design, apparel design, retail merchandising, interior design, and housing studies--together with programs now offered in the College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture. Open forums are in progress through Nov. 3. Read the story in *UMNnews* at [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Designing\\_a\\_college.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Designing_a_college.html) .

DIGITAL DOORWAY TO THE U. MyU is providing customized Web doorways for each incoming UMTC class, for people at UMD and the extension service, and for faculty and staff. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/The\\_digital\\_doorway\\_to\\_the\\_U.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/The_digital_doorway_to_the_U.html) .

AWARDS AND APPOINTMENTS: UMTC professors Anne Pusey and Kamil Ugurbil were elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; UMD dean of science and engineering James Riehl received a U of Wroclaw, Poland, gold medal for 15 years of collaboration; UMTC Disability Services director Bobbi Cordano received a state Access Award; UMM has named a building for professor and former chancellor Jack Imholte; UMC named Torch and Shield Award recipients; new grassroots legislative coordinator is Amy Reasoner; and more. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty\\_Staff\\_Comm/People/Awards\\_and\\_appointments\\_October\\_2005.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/People/Awards_and_appointments_October_2005.html) .

Feature stories are published daily in *UMNnews* at <http://www.umn.edu/umnnews> .

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##### Transforming the U:

TOWN HALL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD BY THE ACADEMIC TASK FORCES ON GRADUATE REFORM for student support and for discipline evolution. All U faculty members and graduate and professional students are invited to attend to express their views. Nov. 10, 303 Coffman Union, UMTC. For faculty members: 2:30-3:30 p.m.; for students: 5-6 p.m. Town hall meetings with UMD faculty are being scheduled. For more information, see <http://events.tc.umn.edu/event.xml?occurrence=389854> and <http://events.umn.edu/event?occurrence=389853;event=111023> .

CONSULTATION SESSIONS during the next two weeks include focused discussions with students on diversity (Nov. 3), a student forum on undergraduate reform (Nov. 8), and a discussion on faculty culture with the Academy of Distinguished Teachers (Nov. 10). For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic\\_positioning/events.php](http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic_positioning/events.php) .

##### University-wide:

FOUR FINALISTS FOR VP FOR ACCESS, EQUITY, AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS will give public forums Nov. 9, 17, 21, and 28, Radisson University Hotel, UMTC. Candidate profiles and details are on the Web. For more information, see <http://www.academic.umn.edu/system/vpsearch> .

SYSTEMWIDE ACCESS to *The Chronicle of Higher Education* is now available to U faculty, staff, and students through University Libraries. For more information, see <http://www.lib.umn.edu/site/chronicle.phtml> .

DEAN SEARCH, COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CEHD), UMTC: The search for the next dean of CEHD is under way, with a goal of hiring by July 1. The new dean will head a college including the current CEHD, General College, and two departments from the College of Human Ecology. The search chair is J. Brian Atwood, dean, Humphrey Institute for Public Affairs. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2566&from=umnnews> .

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2006 DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP AWARD FOR INTERNATIONALS are invited by the Office of International Programs. The award honors leadership by international alumni, former students, and friends of the U to highlight outstanding contributions in many different countries as a result of their association with the U. Deadline: Feb. 1, 2006. For more information, see <http://www.international.umn.edu/awards/leader/leader.html> .

HOME NETWORKING IS THE FIRST TOPIC ON *TECH TALK*, opening its fourth season Nov. 6. The U-produced show about technology in everyday life is hosted by Susan McKinnell, with guest experts and demonstrations on topics that will include blogs, digital cameras, portable computing devices, and more. Sundays, 9 p.m., TPT Minnesota channel 17. For more information, see <http://techtalk.umn.edu/schedule> .

##### Crookston:

LEGISLATORS FROM THE MINNESOTA CAPITAL INVESTMENT COMMITTEE stopped at UMC Oct. 18 to visit with campus leaders and see the new student center. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/newsstory.aspx?ID=178> .

THE MENTORING AND CARING PROGRAM RECEIVED A DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD from the Minnesota Social Services Association Sept. 30 for collaborative work with Polk County Social Services. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/services/servicelearning> .

##### Duluth:

CENTER FOR REGIONAL AND TRIBAL CHILD WELFARE, School of Social Work, received a one-year, \$770,000 contract from the Minnesota Department of Human Services to teach master of social work students to work in the field of public child welfare. The center aims to promote the development of culturally competent social workers, practitioners, and leaders to serve at-risk children and their families through county and tribal agencies, with a focus on northern Minnesota. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2005/October/20.html> .

"LIFE AND HIV IN TANZANIA" will be presented by John Kowalczyk, assistant professor of community health education and public health, who spent seven weeks in Arusha, Tanzania, this summer. Topics will include cultural beliefs, stigmas, and myths that perpetuate the spread of HIV, and current efforts to curb the epidemic. Part of the International Brown-Bag Series. Nov. 3, noon, Library, fourth floor rotunda. Free and open to the public.

##### Morris:

RESEARCH VP TIM MULCAHY will visit UMM to hear about campus accomplishments and needs and to talk about the research strategic planning task forces, the process streamlining project, and commercialization of intellectual property. Nov. 3, 1:30 p.m., 1020 Science and Math. For more information, Tom Mahoney at [mahoneyt@morris.umn.edu](mailto:mahoneyt@morris.umn.edu) .

UPCOMING EVENTS include Pride of the Prairie community food expo and farmers market (Nov. 3), *The Merchant of Venice* (set on Wall Street in the 1980s) opening UMM's theater season (through Nov. 5), Winona LaDuke as part of American Indian Heritage Month (Nov. 7), and more. For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/current.php> .

##### Rochester:

A LIVE TELECAST OF FORMER PRESIDENT CLINTON, speaking as part of the Distinguished Carlson Lecture Series at UMTC, will be hosted by UMR. Nov. 5, 5 p.m., CF206/208 Coffman Hall, University Center Rochester. For more information, see <http://www.r.umn.edu> .

##### Twin Cities:

LAST CALL FOR THE COMMUNITY FUND DRIVE: At the end of the day Oct. 31, the drive reported a total of nearly \$944,270 with participation just under 25%. The goal is \$1.2 million and 40% participation. There's still time to give--fill out the paper pledge form in your campaign booklet or pledge online at <http://www.umn.edu/cfd> .

THE JURAN CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP IN QUALITY requests proposals for 2006. Juran doctoral awards are open to Ph.D. students in their first or second year who have an interest in quality principles. Juran fellowships are open to Ph.D. students in their third or fourth year who have developed a thesis proposal. Quality principles include continuous improvement and learning, ethics and responsibility, waste management, fact-based decisions, prevention orientation, waste management, and more. Proposal deadline: Jan. 20. For more information, contact Jill Pearson-Wood at 612-626-4555 or [jpwood@csom.umn.edu](mailto:jpwood@csom.umn.edu) or see <http://www.carlsonschool.umn.edu/juran> .

ENGLISH-LANGUAGE CONVERSATION PARTNERS FOR INTERNATIONAL GRAD STUDENTS who are or want to be teaching assistants at the U are being sought by the Center for Teaching and Learning Services. Conversation times are flexible, and the commitment is generally for one semester. A training session will be provided for interested individuals. Nov. 11, noon-1 p.m., 315 Science Classroom Building. For more information, contact Caroline Rosen, volunteer coordinator, at [mrozl001@umn.edu](mailto:mrozl001@umn.edu) or 612-625-3017.

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF WORKING WITH MINNESOTA BUSINESSES TO PREVENT POLLUTION, the Minnesota Technical Assistance Program (MnTAP) will sponsor a program featuring two U alumni and industry leaders in pollution prevention. Companies have realized nearly \$18 million in first-year savings working with MnTAP. Nov. 15, 4-6 p.m., Johnson Room, McNamara Alumni Center. Register by Nov. 10. For more information, see <http://mntap.umn.edu/20years> .

"CAUGHT IN CULTURAL CROSSWINDS: The Promise and Pitfall of Stem Cell Research," by Catherine Verfaillie, professor and director of the Stem Cell Institute, will be the inaugural lecture in the Ada Comstock Distinguished Women Scholars Lecture Series. Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center. Register by contacting [women@umn.edu](mailto:women@umn.edu) or 612-625-9837.

"VISIONS OF NATURE: The World of Walter Anderson," an exhibit celebrating the art and life of the Mississippi artist and naturalist (1903-65), will feature paintings, sketches, sculpture, and pottery compared to O'Keefe and Van Gogh. Nov. 5-Feb. 5. Opening reception Nov. 4, Bell Museum of Natural History. For more information, see <http://www.bellmuseum.org> .

BE PART OF THE U'S THIRD ANNUAL MONTH OF KINDNESS, organized by Students Today, Leaders Forever. Plan an event, attend activities, or do something for staff or students, inspired by the motto, "Be kind, pass it on!" Nov. 10-Dec. 10. For more information, see <http://www.monthofkindness.com> .

MORE EVENTS include U intercultural communications trainer Barbara Kappler, co-author of *Communication Highwire: Leveraging the Power of Diverse Communication Styles* (today); visiting bio-artist Eduardo Kac (Nov. 3-4); "HMO Enrollment and Mortality in the Medicare Program," the Mayo Professor in Public Health Lecture, by Bryan Dowd (Nov. 3); "Memory Systems of the Mammalian Brain," the first McKnight Lecture in Cognitive Science (Nov. 4); The Renegade Ensemble (Nov. 5); "Hmong Marriage Customs: Feminism, Transformation, and Legislation" (Nov. 7); and *Minnesota's Capitol: A Centennial Story* author and doctoral student Leigh Roethke (Nov. 8). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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GOVERNOR'S DELEGATION TO CHINA: As part of the new Minnesota-China Partnership, Gov. Pawlenty will lead a 200-member delegation of business, government, academic, and civic leaders to China Nov. 11-19. President Bruininks will lead the education contingent; other U representatives will include regents Metzen and Simmons. For more information, see <http://www.minnesota-china.com> .

BOARD OF REGENTS WILL MEET NOV. 10. Discussion items will include long-term planning for UMore Park in Rosemount, an annual report on faculty and staff diversity, and U efforts related to energy efficiency and renewable energy. Action items will include a supplemental state budget request to cover rising fuel costs and critical equipment needs, the 2006 state capital bonding request, a six-year capital plan, and the collective bargaining agreement with Teamsters Local 320. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2585&from=umnnews> .

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#### 2. Features

HOW PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT CAN BUILD A BETTER U: A panel of eight U faculty members and administrators led a discussion Oct. 31 on the nature, importance, and challenges of public engagement. Read the story in *UMNnews* at [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Engaging\\_in\\_public\\_engagement.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Engaging_in_public_engagement.html) .

WOMEN SCHOLARS IN THE SPOTLIGHT: In 1905, Ada Comstock, soon to become dean of women at the young U, was teaching rhetoric. A century later, buildings on three campuses--UMTC, Smith College, and Harvard U--are a testament to Comstock's legacy as a champion of women in higher education. On Nov. 15, Catherine Verfaillie, pioneering medical scientist and professor, will give the inaugural Ada Comstock Distinguished Women Scholars Lecture. Read the story in *UMNnews* at [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Women\\_scholars\\_in\\_the\\_spotlight.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Women_scholars_in_the_spotlight.html) .

AWARDS AND APPOINTMENTS: Julie Ross will head a new childhood cancer research registry; Merce Cunningham received an honorary doctorate at UMTC Nov. 3; Donna Bliss will head nursing association; Jackie Carlson, UMD, received an outstanding service award from UMACRAO; longtime UMTC Parking & Transportation Services staff member Duane Paskett retired Nov. 1; and more. To read this week's announcements, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty\\_Staff\\_Comm/People/Awards\\_and\\_appointments\\_November\\_2005.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/People/Awards_and_appointments_November_2005.html) .

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##### Transforming the U

AN OPEN FORUM WITH THE FACULTY CULTURE TASK FORCE will be held Nov. 28, 3-4:30 p.m., 5-125 Moos Tower, UMTC. Interactive TV locations will be 100 Dowell Hall, UMC; 173 Kirby Student Center, UMD; 7 Humanities and Fine Arts, UMM; and 108 ST, UMR. For more information, see <http://events.tc.umn.edu/event.xml?occurrence=389998> .

"THE UNIVERSITY'S WINNING STRATEGY," a column by President Bruininks published in *The Minnesota Daily* Nov. 7, is posted on the Transforming the U Web site. Consultation sessions this week include a discussion on faculty culture with the Academy of Distinguished Teachers (Nov. 10) and town hall meetings on graduate reform (Nov. 10). For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic\\_positioning/winning\\_strategy.html](http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic_positioning/winning_strategy.html) and [http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic\\_positioning/events.php](http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic_positioning/events.php) .

##### University-wide:

PUBLIC INTERVIEWS FOR FOUR FINALISTS begin today for the VP for access, equity, and multicultural affairs. "The Role of Diversity and Multiculturalism in a 21st Century Research University: A Vision and Strategies for Achieving Excellence" will be presented by Njeri Nuru-Holm, Cleveland State U. Nov. 9, 3 p.m., Nolte Room, Radisson University Hotel, 615 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis; reception at 4 p.m. Full schedule and details are on the Web. For more information, see <http://www.academic.umn.edu/system/vpsearch> .

THE SEARCH FOR A NEW ASSOCIATE VP FOR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS is now under way. The associate VP promotes and supports global dimensions of teaching, research, and engagement U-wide and provides administrative oversight for five units in the Office of International Programs. Applications and nominations will be reviewed beginning Dec. 16; committee chair is law professor Fred Morrison. For more information, see <http://www.academic.umn.edu/system/search> .

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK IS NOV. 14-18. Events include UMM's International Country Fair (Nov. 14), Roots Rock Society at UMC (Nov. 15), a film festival at UMD (Nov. 14-17), Judd Fellows Expo at UMTC (Nov. 17), and many other events. Professor emeritus Josef Mestenhauser, longtime international student adviser and intercultural programs researcher and developer, will receive the U's new Global Engagement Award (Nov. 18). For more information, see <http://www.international.umn.edu/IFweek/2005> .

DEADLINE FOR PRESIDENT'S FACULTY MULTICULTURAL RESEARCH AWARD (PFMRA) applications is Nov. 11, 4:30 p.m. Information and forms are on the Web. For more information, see <http://www.academic.umn.edu/system/projects.html> or contact Barbara Hartman at [bhart@umn.edu](mailto:bhart@umn.edu) or 612-626-2095.

##### Crookston:

UMC LAUNCHED A TV AD CAMPAIGN in the Fargo/Grand Forks area Oct. 31. The four ads and production information are on the Web. Through Dec. 15, KVLV Channel 11. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/people/services/MediaServ/TV05.htm> .

MINNESOTA'S ENERGY FUTURE: Community Energy and Economic Opportunity Forum, hosted by UMC and the Northwest Clean Energy Resource Team (CERT), will be one of eight meetings around the state with a coalition of state groups sharing information on renewable energy and initiatives to help rural communities with energy projects. Nov. 14, 1-4 p.m., Sahlstrom Conference Center. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/newsstory.aspx?ID=180> .

UMC WILL DEVELOP AND DELIVER ONLINE HORTICULTURE TRAINING in a new partnership formed with five Minnesota-based agricultural and ag-related businesses in cooperation with Communicating for Agriculture (CA). Businesses include Linder's, Gerten's, Wagner's, Bergen's, and Bailey's greenhouses, garden centers, and nurseries. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/newsstory.aspx?ID=188> .

##### Duluth:

A 40-FOOT MOON, part of the new *Wild Ricing Moon* steel sculpture, was installed Oct. 27 on the lawn of the new Swenson Science Building. The rice-stalk portion will be added in the spring, bringing the sculpture's height to nearly 90 feet. Leading environmental artist John David Mooney created the sculpture, which recognizes the Ojibwa people for custodial care of the earth. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2005/October/26.html> .

REP. JAMES OBERSTAR WILL SPEAK ON THE FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION REAUTHORIZATION BILL and other key transportation issues in the Center for Advocacy and Political Leadership's second noon public affairs lecture. The public is invited. Nov. 12, noon, Griggs Center. For more information, see <http://www.umdmapl.org> .

##### Morris:

UMM RECEIVED A 2005 GREEN POWER LEADERSHIP AWARD for its commitment to on-site generation of renewable energy. The annual award, presented this year during the National Green Power Marketing Conference in Austin, Texas, Oct. 24, is sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), and the Center for Resource Solutions to recognize organizations whose actions help advance U.S. green-power market development. For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=365> .

UMM IS ONE OF 11 SITES TO RECEIVE FUNDING from the Biomass Research and Development Initiative, a joint effort of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and DOE. The award will benefit UMM's biomass gasification project, a comprehensive demonstration of a community-scale biomass energy system. For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=366> .

SEE THE NEW UMM CAMPUS HOME PAGE, with banner photos and home pages for key viewer groups. Refresh the page to find more news. Find campus offices with the "Directories" link. For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu> .

##### Rochester:

THE SECOND ANNUAL MINNESOTA NANOTHERAPY WORKSHOP will be held as part of increasing research collaboration between the Academic Health Center and Mayo Clinic. Nov. 14, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Radisson Hotel, Rochester. For more information, see <http://beckmancenter.ahc.umn.edu/nano2> .

U-WIDE ADMISSIONS FAIR: UMC, UMD, UMM, UMR, and UMTC admissions representatives will visit Rochester. Nov. 15, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., UCR atrium; 5:30-7 p.m. (before the UMTC Marching Band concert, below), Mayo Civic Center. For more information, see <http://www.r.umn.edu> or contact Kendra Weber, student services director, [kendra.weber@roch.edu](mailto:kendra.weber@roch.edu) or 507-280-2831.

A FREE CONCERT BY THE UMTC MARCHING BAND will be sponsored by the Rochester Area Alumni and Friends of the U. Nov. 15, 7 p.m., Taylor Arena, Mayo Civic Center. Free tickets are available from UMR, Associated Bank offices, and Amy Kromminga, 507-281-7791.

##### Twin Cities:

THE *2005-06 STUDENT-STAFF DIRECTORY* is currently being delivered to all offices that responded to a request form sent in October. Dynamex delivery company will make one attempt to deliver the directories to each office during business hours. If a signature cannot be obtained, departments will need to arrange and pay for an additional delivery attempt. Students can pick up a directory at the information desks in Coffman Union and the St. Paul Student Center. For more information, call 612-625-3089. U department directories are available online at <http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/directories/> .

FLEET SERVICES ANNUAL VEHICLE AUCTION includes cars, trucks, vans, and SUVs available to staff, students, and the public. Nov. 12, vehicles on display from 9 a.m., auction begins at 11 a.m., Fleet Services, 901 29th Ave. S.E., Minneapolis. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/fleetsrv> .

FILM IS THE FOCUS OF THE FIRST THREE McKNIGHT SUMMER FELLOWS PRESENTATIONS: Leo Chen, cultural studies and comparative literature, on Taiwanese film history; Siobhan Craig, English, on European filmmaking after World War II and fascist cinema of spectacle; and Jason McGrath, Asian languages and literatures, on Chinese cinema, literature, and criticism in the market age. Nov. 16, 3:30-5 p.m., Nolte Library. For more information, see <http://events.umn.edu/event?occurrence=390136;event=111275> .

COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE fall events include naturalist Jim Gilbert on late autumn in Minnesota at the Raptor Center (Nov. 13) and the Pet First Aid course (Nov. 15). For more information, see <http://www.cvm.umn.edu/raptor/news/home.html> and <http://www.cvm.umn.edu/newsandevents/events/home.html> .

ENTREPRENEURIAL FORUM, "Building the Foundation of an Early-Stage Company: Putting a Mission Statement Into Action and Building a Winning Culture," will feature Tires Plus founder Tom Gegax and a panel of entrepreneurs and leading academics. Nov. 30, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Executive Education Center, Carlson School of Management. Register by calling 612-624-2046. For more information, see <http://www.entrealumni.com> .

MORE EVENTS include "An Artist Embedded: A View of the War in Iraq" (today); "An Ethical Framework for Analyzing Global Warming" (Nov. 10); Harvard Street Forum, "Compassionate Response to Disaster: 9/11, the Tsunami, and Katrina" (Nov. 11); "Voice to Vision" on trauma and art (Nov. 12); "Lawyers Gone Funny," a night of comedy (Nov. 13); "The New American Mosaic: Race, Religion, and the Problematic Culture of Diversity" American studies colloquium (Nov. 14); Veteran's Transition Center opening celebration (Nov. 15); and "Behind the Scenes: Missionary Research, Prostitution, and the Institutional Review Board" (Nov. 16). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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#### 1. Top Stories

THE REGENTS VOTED to approve a supplemental state budget request of \$14.4 million in one-time funds and \$8.3 million in recurring funds to cover rising fuel costs and critical equipment needs, the 2006 state capital bonding request of \$269.1 million, and a collective bargaining agreement with Teamsters Local 320. They heard reports on long-term planning for UMore Park in Rosemount, on steady increases in faculty and staff diversity, and on U efforts related to energy efficiency and renewable energy. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2590&from=umnnews> and <http://www.umn.edu/regents> .

UMTC RANKS SEVENTH NATIONALLY IN STUDY ABROAD PARTICIPATION, according to the annual *Open Doors* report issued Nov. 14. Participation increased 27% from 2002-03--three times the national average--with 1,644 students studying abroad in 2003-04. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2593&from=umnnews> .

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#### 2. Features

THE U'S FIRST GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT AWARD will go to Josef Mestenhauser, whose career at the U began as an international graduate assistant in 1950 and continues as an international consultant, teacher, and scholar. Mestenhauser has helped to build the U's capabilities and reputation worldwide. He will be honored Nov. 18 as part of International Education Week festivities. Read the story in *UMNnews* at [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/A\\_global\\_engagement.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/A_global_engagement.html) .

CAPA UPDATE: GOING HOME TO HELP. In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, P&A staff member and Louisiana native Penny Kessler answered the call for medical volunteers. Read the story in *UMNnews* at [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty\\_Staff\\_Comm/Council\\_of\\_Academic\\_Professionals\\_and\\_Administrators/Going\\_home\\_to\\_help.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/Council_of_Academic_Professionals_and_Administrators/Going_home_to_help.html) .

FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS: The regents approved John Finnegan as School of Public Health dean; Center for Spirituality and Healing director Mary Jo Kreitzer was inducted into the American Academy of Nursing Nov. 13; retired Regents Professor Rutherford Aris died Nov. 2; and more. To read this week's announcements, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty\\_Staff\\_Comm/People/Awards\\_and\\_appointments\\_November\\_2005.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/People/Awards_and_appointments_November_2005.html)

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#### Transforming the U

DIVERSITY FORUMS AT CROOKSTON, MORRIS, AND DULUTH: The Diversity Task Force will hold open forums at UMC, today, 2-4 p.m., Bede Ballroom C/D/E, Student Center; UMM, Nov. 17, 2-4 p.m., Oyate Hall; and UMD, Nov. 21, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., ballroom, Kirby Student Center. All faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Karen Zentner Bacig, [kbaciq@umn.edu](mailto:kbaciq@umn.edu) .

THE TASK FORCE ON FORGING AN INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY will hold an open forum Nov. 29, 12:30-2 p.m., 215 (Wilkins Room) Humphrey Center, UMTC. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic\\_positioning/events.php](http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic_positioning/events.php) .

A DISCUSSION ABOUT P&A (academic professional and administrative staff) employment related to strategic positioning will be cosponsored by the Council of Academic Professionals and Administrators (CAPA) and the Office of Human Resources. Nov. 29, noon-1 p.m., S30B Wilson Library, UMTC. The event will be e-cast using Breeze, a Web communications system available to all U employees who log onto a designated URL. If you wish to attend the event, seating is limited, so register by Nov. 21. To register or get the URL to participate via Breeze, contact [rasmu035@umn.edu](mailto:rasmu035@umn.edu) or 888-241-3207. For more information about CAPA, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/capa> .

#### University-wide:

AFSCME NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE: The U provided the three AFSCME bargaining units--clerical, technical, and health care--with a "last, best contract offer" for 2005-07 at 5 p.m., Nov. 14. "The U remains confident that these are fair and equitable offers, consistent with the economic packages other employee groups at the University received," said a statement sent to all AFSCME employees. "We remain hopeful that AFSCME employees will vote to ratify their respective contracts." Details of the final offers, updates on the status of contract negotiations, and the U's position on key issues have been posted at <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/er/negotiations> .

PUBLIC INTERVIEWS FOR FOUR FINALISTS for the VP for access, equity, and multicultural affairs continue with presentations by Roberto Ibarra, U of New Mexico, Nov. 17, and Robert Hampton, City University of New York, Nov. 21; 3 p.m., Nolte Room, Radisson University Hotel, 615 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis; reception at 4 p.m. Full schedule and details are on the Web. For more information, see <http://www.academic.umn.edu/system/vpsearch> .

THE NEXT CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE (CSC) MEETING will include time with VP Carrier and a presentation by VP O'Brien about strategic positioning and U Services. All civil service staff are welcome to attend; meetings are open to the public. Nov. 17, 9 a.m.-noon, 4-101 Hasselmo Hall, UMTC. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/csc/agenda/agenda.htm> .

"RENEWABLE ENERGY: THE NEXT GENERATION," with a keynote address by Gov. Pawlenty, will be the 2005 Initiative for Renewable Energy and the Environment (IREE) research symposium. No registration required. Nov. 29, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/iree> .

GUIDELINES FOR 2005-06 NOMINATIONS FOR THE HORACE T. MORSE - U of M Alumni Association Award for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Education and the Award for Outstanding Contributions to Postbaccalaureate, Graduate, and Professional Education are now on the Web. For more information, see <http://www.academic.umn.edu/provost/awards/aoce.html> .

GUIDELINES FOR 2005-06 NOMINATIONS FOR THE JOHN TATE AWARDS for Excellence in Undergraduate Advising are also on the Web. For more information, see <http://www.academic.umn.edu/provost/tate/forms.html> .

THE ACADEMIC HEALTH CENTER (AHC) ACADEMY FOR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH confers upon AHC faculty the highest U recognition of research excellence. The deadline for nominations is Jan. 20, 2006; submissions to Sara Balick, U Senate Office, 427 Morrill Hall. For more information, see <http://www.ahc.umn.edu/research/academy> or contact [balic003@umn.edu](mailto:balic003@umn.edu) or 612-625-1214.

LANDSCAPE ART AT THE ARBORETUM: An exhibit by local artist, designer, and teacher Carl Nelson, Nov. 10-Jan. 8, will also feature classes for families (Nov. 19) and individuals (Dec. 3). Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Chaska. For more information, see <http://www.arboretum.umn.edu> .

#### Crookston:

TWENTY STUDENTS WHO RELOCATED DUE TO HURRICANES KATRINA AND RITA are taking six of UMC's online classes through Sloan Semester. They are among 1,700 students enrolled in the program offered by an international consortium of colleges and universities committed to online education. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/newsstory.aspx?ID=187> .

#### Duluth:

SIX IRON-RANGE WOMEN MINERS will speak about the first sexual harassment class-action lawsuit, upon which the book *Class Action* and movie *North Country* are based. "Jenson vs. Eveleth Mines" will be a public affairs lecture sponsored by the Center for Advocacy and Political Leadership. The public is cordially invited. Nov. 19, noon, 90 Bohannon Hall. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/~maplwww/06-3publicaffairs.htm> .

INTERNATIONAL TASTE OF UMD AND ANNUAL SALSA DANCE will be presented by the Multicultural Center. Everyone is invited. Nov. 19; 2 p.m. Taste of UMD, Hope United Methodist Church, 301 W. Marie Street; 8 p.m. dance, ballroom, Kirby Student Center. For more information, see [http://www.d.umn.edu/ieo/IEO\\_WEEK.htm](http://www.d.umn.edu/ieo/IEO_WEEK.htm) or call 218-726-8444.

#### Morris:

UMM CHANCELLOR SEARCH: A Web site is now available and updates will be posted. Open forums to gather input will be held Nov. 21-22. Academic Search Consultation Service has been retained to assist in the process. For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/chansearch> .

"AFRO-HISPANIC LITERATURE AND THE CANON" will be presented by Marvin Lewis, U of Missouri-Columbia, as the annual Barber Lecture. Nov. 21, 7:30 p.m., recital hall, Humanities and Fine Arts. For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/news/view.php?id=369> .

THE COUGAR WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM entered as the No. 2 seed and won the Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (UMAC) postseason tournament for the second consecutive season. During three years of UMAC membership, the UMM team is 24-2 in regular-season conference games and 4-0 in post-season tournament play. For more information, see [http://www.morris.umn.edu/athletics/soccer/2005\\_News/Socc\\_Champ.htm](http://www.morris.umn.edu/athletics/soccer/2005_News/Socc_Champ.htm) .

#### Twin Cities:

"NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF) PLANNING FOR GEOSCIENCES IN THE FUTURE" will be presented by Margaret Leinin, NSF assistant director and head of its geosciences directorate. The directorate includes atmospheric, earth, and ocean sciences and funds \$470 million in research each year. Sponsored by the U's National Center for Earth-surface Dynamics. Nov. 18, 11 a.m., auditorium, St. Anthony Falls Laboratory, 2 Third Ave. S.E., Minneapolis. Free and open to the public. For more information, call Rochelle Storfer, 612-624-4598.

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MONTH OF KINDNESS, THROUGH DEC. 10, is an annual campus-wide collaborative initiative to bring people together to make a positive difference. Students are the principal organizers; faculty and staff members are encouraged to take part in events. Visit the Web site to find events and opportunities. For more information, see <http://www.monthofkindness.com> .

"CHANNELING THE POP ZEITGEIST: A VISUAL LITERACY WORKSHOP" will be hosted by the U Communicators Forum. A museum coordinator and a designer will give a visual literacy primer, discuss how images create meaning, and offer examples of how an ad-campaign designer works. Nov. 30, 1-3 p.m., Weisman Art Museum. Register no later than Nov. 28 by e-mail to [ingridn@umn.edu](mailto:ingridn@umn.edu) . For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/umcf/event> .

MORE EVENTS include Carlson School professor Alfred Marcus signing his book, *Big Winners and Big Losers* (Nov. 16); Mensa's Gifted Children Program coordinator Deborah Ruf talking about her book, *Losing Our Minds* (Nov. 17); *New Photography: McKnight Fellows 2004-05* public reception (Nov. 18, exhibiting through Dec. 17); U of M Marching Band indoor concerts at Northrop (Nov. 19-20); "The Value of Information and Averting Behaviors: The Case of Toxic Water Contamination" seminar (Nov. 21); and "Understanding the Potential Market of Metro Transit's Ridership and Services" (Nov. 22). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PASSED DEEP CUTS TO STUDENT LOAN PROGRAMS as part of a fiscal-year 2006 budget reconciliation package Nov. 18. Cuts of \$18.4 billion over five years would cost U of M students and parents an estimated \$4 million per year. President Bruininks and student groups, including MSA and GAPSA, contacted the Minnesota House delegation to oppose the bill; representatives Ramstad (R), Sabo (D), Oberstar (D), Peterson (D), and McCollum (D) voted against it. The \$50 billion savings package now goes to conference with a \$35 billion savings bill approved by the Senate Nov. 3, which does not cut student loans as deeply. Significant differences in the bills could make quick resolution difficult. To read the text of the president's letter, see <http://www.umn.edu/urelate/fedrel/reconciliation.html> .

A U STUDENT HAS BEEN SELECTED AS A RHODES SCHOLAR for the third time since 2000. Diana Xuan Fu is a senior in the College of Liberal Arts honors program, UMTC, majoring in global studies and political science. Fu's prize-winning summa thesis on migrant women in China drew on research she conducted while studying in Beijing last year. She will pursue a master of philosophy in development studies during two years at Oxford. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/U\\_student\\_named\\_2006\\_Rhodes\\_Scholar.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/U_student_named_2006_Rhodes_Scholar.html) .

#### 2. Features

FACULTY AND STAFF DIVERSITY at the U is making steady though modest gains, the regents heard in a report Nov. 10. Based on systemwide data gathered by the Office of Human Resources in 2004, women now make up 29% of the faculty and, in an increase of nearly 50% since 1994, people of color make up 14%. The report outlined ongoing programs for retention and continued improvement. Read the story in *UMNnews* at [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/U\\_makes\\_gains\\_in\\_faculty\\_and\\_staff\\_diversity.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/U_makes_gains_in_faculty_and_staff_diversity.html) .

THE UMTC COMMUNITY FUND DRIVE TOPPED \$1 MILLION this year for the third time. Volunteers celebrated at Eastcliff November 15, presenting a giant check to the charitable federations. Donations will still be accepted. Read the story in *UMNnews* at [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Community\\_Fund\\_Drive\\_tops\\_million\\_mark.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Community_Fund_Drive_tops_million_mark.html) .

AWARDS AND APPOINTMENTS: Anne Phibbs will head the systemwide GLBT Office beginning Jan. 3; professors Frank Bates and Pete Snustad have been elected to the American Association for the Advancement of Science; geography and American studies professor Judith Martin is the 2005 CCE Distinguished Teaching Award winner; and more. To read this week's announcements, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty\\_Staff\\_Comm/People/Awards\\_and\\_appointments\\_November\\_2005.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/People/Awards_and_appointments_November_2005.html) .

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##### Transforming the U

TASK FORCE CONSULTATION SESSIONS coming up include open forums on faculty culture (Nov. 28), forging an international university (Nov. 29), and college design for the College of Education and Human Development (CEHD) and General College (Nov. 28-29) and CEHD and the College of Human Ecology (Dec. 5-6). For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic\\_positioning/events.php](http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic_positioning/events.php) .

AN ADDRESS by VP Cerra, Academic Health Center, and articles by Dean Yussen, CEHD, and Dean Collins, General College, are posted on the Transforming the U Web site. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic\\_positioning](http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic_positioning) .

##### University-wide:

HEALTH BENEFITS OPEN ENROLLMENT DEADLINE IS MIDNIGHT, NOV. 30. To have medical and dental coverage or a flexible spending account for the 2006 plan year, employees must enroll online. AFSCME members will have a separate enrollment period, to be announced. To complete your enrollment, go to <http://hrss.umn.edu> and click on "Benefits"; log in with your Internet I.D. and password.

VP FOR ACCESS, EQUITY, AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS SEARCH UPDATE: Public interviews for finalists will conclude with a presentation by Mrinalini Rao, U of Illinois-Chicago, Nov. 28, 2 p.m., reception at 3 p.m., Nolte Room, Radisson University Hotel, 615 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis. Candidate Robert Hampton has withdrawn from the search because of a family emergency, so his visit will not be rescheduled. For more information, see <http://www.academic.umn.edu/system/vpsearch> .

NOMINATIONS FOR DISTINGUISHED MCKNIGHT PROFESSORSHIPS are invited by the Graduate School and the Office of the Provost. The awards support the U's most outstanding mid-career faculty members who have recently achieved full-professor status. Deadline: Dec. 15. For more information, see <http://www.grad.umn.edu/faculty-staff/mcknight> .

"UNIVERSITY AT-A-GLANCE" is the definitive guide to property holdings at the U. The guide answers questions such as how much land the U holds and how many buildings are on each campus. It can be downloaded from the Web. For more information, see <http://www.uservices.umn.edu/ubuildings> .

A COURSE ON OLDER-ADULT LEARNING will be offered on Saturday mornings, spring semester, through the College of Continuing Education. Educating Learners in Mid-Life and Beyond is open to degree and nondegree students. Jan. 21-Apr. 8. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2583&from=umnnews> .

##### Crookston:

THE STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE (SIFE) TEAM won the third-place trophy and a \$1,500 prize at the "Duel on the River" regional competition in St. Cloud Nov. 12. Teams spent about 36 hours analyzing a personal finance case and then presented their findings and recommendations to a panel of judges. UMC SIFE team advisers are Dave Crawford and Kenneth Johnson. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/newsstory.aspx?ID=198> .

##### Duluth:

"AN EVENING OF ONE-ACT PLAYS," presented in partnership with New York University, will include the debut of works written by two NYU Goldberg Department of Dramatic Writing students and performed by UMD students: *Isn't It Grand, Boys?* by Dan Moyer and *The Man of Infinite Sadness* by Brian Tanen. Dec. 1-3 and 6-10, 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 4, 2 p.m.; Dudley Experimental Theatre, Marshall Performing Arts Center. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/theatre> .

"THE POWER OF NONVIOLENCE IN A WAR ZONE" will be presented by Michele Naar-Obed as part of the International Brown-Bag Series. Naar-Obed is a member of the Duluth Loaves and Fishes Catholic Workers and a reservist with the Christian Peacemakers Team (CPT). CPT places teams trained in nonviolence in areas of lethal conflict; it has maintained a presence in Iraq since 2002. Dec. 1, noon, Kirby Student Center Rafters (third floor).

##### Morris:

THE 25-YEAR AWARD OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS MINNESOTA has been given to the Humanities Fine Arts campus center. Designed by Minnesota architect Ralph Rapson and completed in 1974, HFA houses UMM's speech communication, theater arts, music, and fine arts disciplines. For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/webbin/ummnews/view.php?newsID=66> .

"JEG ER SAA GLAD (WE ARE SO GLAD): Our Scandinavian Tradition" is the theme of the 2005 Carol Concerts, performed by the UMM choirs under the direction of Kenneth Hodgson. Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 3, 2 and 7:30 p.m.; and Dec. 4, 2 p.m. For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/webbin/ummnews/view.php?newsID=77> .

##### Rochester:

SCARVES FOR SCHOLARS second annual scholarship fund-raiser will support scholarships for students at UMR. Each ticket enters a drawing for more than 20 gift-filled theme baskets (golf, feathered friends, red hats, maroon and gold, valentines, and more). For more information, see <http://www.r.umn.edu/Scarvesforscholars.htm> .

##### Twin Cities:

U LIBRARIES HAVE LAUNCHED THE FIRST UNDERGRADUATE VIRTUAL LIBRARY in the nation. Unlike popular search engines, it helps students focus searches more narrowly on relevant information--a skill many undergrads lack and one increasingly important in many professions. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/U\\_launches\\_undergraduate\\_virtual\\_library.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/U_launches_undergraduate_virtual_library.html) .

"IMPLEMENTING PODCASTING IN THE CLASSROOM" is the topic of a Web conference simulcast at UMTC. Purdue's broadcast networks and services manager will present. Nov. 30, noon-2 p.m., 555 Diehl Hall. Free, but registration is required; contact Kellie Greaves at [kellie@umn.edu](mailto:kellie@umn.edu) . For more information, see "News" at <http://dmc.umn.edu> .

A WELCOME RECEPTION FOR SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH DEAN John Finnegan will be hosted by VP Cerra. Everyone is welcome. Nov. 30, 4-6 p.m., Northrop Auditorium atrium. For more information, see <http://www.sph.umn.edu/news/events/deanswelcome.html> .

FILL THE BUS! Donate warm clothing--winter coats, mittens, hats, and more--for families and children in need. The goal for the third annual event is 10,000 items. Organized by U students. Dec. 1, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Coffman Union. Susan Hagstrum, wife of President Bruininks, will speak at a program that begins at 3 p.m. For more information, see <http://www.fillthebus.org> .

STUDENT AFFAIRS BOOK CLUB upcoming titles are *My Freshman Year: What a Professor Learned by Becoming a Student*, by Rebekah Nathan (Dec. 7) and *Goal Achievement Through Treasure Mapping: A Guide to Personal and Professional Fulfillment*, by Barbara Laporte (Jan. 11). Noon, U Bookstore, Coffman Union. For more information, see <http://www.osa.umn.edu/osaprograms/osabookclub.html> .

MAROON & GOLD FRIDAYS, sponsored by the U of M Alumni Association, are intended to spread color and school spirit around the campus. Participating departments can get a visit from Goldy Gopher and have their photos on the Web. Download a toolkit to get started. For more information, see <http://www.alumni.umn.edu/mgf> .

REGISTRATION AND TICKET ALERT: The following December events require advance registration or tickets:

- "The Value of Standardized Testing," a Policy Forum Breakfast Club forum, will feature local experts on education, evaluation, and assessment. Dec. 7, 7:30-9:30 a.m., McNamara Alumni Center. Free; advance registration requested by Dec. 1 at [etveit@hhh.umn.edu](mailto:etveit@hhh.umn.edu) or 612-625-8330. For more information, see [http://www.localevent.net/event\\_detail.html?eid=455](http://www.localevent.net/event_detail.html?eid=455) .

- Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Humphrey Institute senior fellow Vin Weber will present a policy discussion on democracy in the Middle East. Dec. 8, 8:30 a.m.-noon, Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center. \$30 includes breakfast; registration required by Dec. 2. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2606&from=umnnews> .

- "Healthy Aging," featuring renowned wellness expert Andrew Weil, will celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Center for Spirituality and Healing. Dec. 8, 7 p.m., Fitzgerald Theater, St. Paul. Events featuring Weil often sell out. For more information, see <http://www.csh.umn.edu> .

- "Globalization and U.S. Farm Policy," the second annual Freeman Forum, will include international experts and congressional leaders. Dec. 9, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center. Register by Dec. 1. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2599&from=umnnews> .

MORE EVENTS include the Amaryllis Extravaganza (Nov. 25-Dec. 24); winter landscape display at the arboretum (Nov. 25-Feb. 28); St. Paul Chamber Orchestra at Ted Mann Concert Hall (Nov. 27); "Anthropology Goes to Wall Street" (Nov. 28); "Renewable Energy: The Next Generation" IREE research symposium (Nov. 29); and "Law's Ecology" (Nov. 29). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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#### 1. Top Story

THE U AND ALL THREE AFSCME UNITS--Clerical, Technical, and Health Care--finalized details of tentative contract agreements Nov. 28. "We are extremely pleased to have reached mutual agreement on what we believe to be fair and equitable contracts that include both across-the-board pay and step increases," said VP Carrier, Office of Human Resources. Due to negotiations, health-care benefits open enrollment for AFSCME employees has been extended to Dec. 9 (see University-wide announcements, below). For highlights of the tentative agreements, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/er/negotiations> .

#### 2. Features

THE HEAT IS ON: The U faces a significant increase in energy costs this year, largely due to the rise in natural gas prices. Energy management director Jerome Malmquist describes factors surrounding the cost increases and ongoing measures to save energy. Read the story in *UMNnews* at [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/The\\_heat\\_is\\_on.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/The_heat_is_on.html) .

AWARDS AND APPOINTMENTS: U Fulbright scholars for 2005-06 are John Gulliver (Chile), Roberta Hunt (Hungary), Sally Kenney (Northern Ireland), Kathleen Sellew (Korea), and Jole Shackelford (Norway); John Bryson was inducted into the National Academy of Public Administration this month; Stephen Burks has been elected to lead the Minnesota Economics Association; Roger Wareham will serve on West Central Minnesota's Lake Region Arts Council board of directors; and more. To read this week's announcements, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty\\_Staff\\_Comm/People/Awards\\_and\\_appointments\\_November\\_2005.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/People/Awards_and_appointments_November_2005.html) .

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ALL U OF M FACULTY MEMBERS are invited to complete an online questionnaire from the Task Force on Faculty Culture to extend its consultation efforts. The task force would appreciate receiving completed questionnaires by Dec. 5, when the survey Web page will be closed. Go to <https://survey.micro.umn.edu/faculture> ; log in with your x.500 I.D. and password.

WATCH FOR UPDATES ON THE STRATEGIC POSITIONING process and task forces at [http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic\\_positioning](http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic_positioning) .

##### University-wide:

GRADUATE SCHOOL CENTENNIAL CONCERT: In a celebration of the Graduate School's 100th anniversary, a commissioned chamber-music composition, "When You and I Were Young," by Yoon-Hee Hwang, '92, will be performed as part of commencement ceremonies Dec. 2, 1 p.m., Northrop Auditorium, UMTC. Hwang received a Ph.D. in composition and now teaches at Seoul National University. A preview concert will be held today, 7 p.m., at the Campus Club, Coffman Union, UMTC. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2616&from=umnnews> (commencement concert) or call 612-624-5580 (preview).

HEALTH BENEFITS OPEN ENROLLMENT DEADLINE IS MIDNIGHT TONIGHT for most employees; for AFSCME employees, the deadline is Dec. 9. To have medical and dental coverage or a flexible spending account for the 2006 plan year, employees must go online and enroll. Go to <http://hrss.umn.edu> and click on "Benefits"; log in with your x.500 I.D. and password.

"TAKE TIME TO BE ACTIVE" CAMPAIGN ENDS TODAY. Turn in individual logs of 2,005 minutes in motion to receive a gift certificate for becoming more physically active as part of the fall wellness program. From UPlan Wellness in collaboration with the School of Public Health and the UMTC Department of Recreational Sports: Congratulations to all the Take Time participants! For more information about how to get a reward, see <http://www.take-time.umn.edu> .

COMPETITIONS FOR RESEARCH/CREATIVE COLLABORATIVES AND RESIDENTIAL FELLOWSHIPS for the 2006-07 academic year will be sponsored by the Institute for Advanced Study (IAS). Faculty colleagues on all campuses and in all departments are encouraged to apply for both. Applications are available at <http://www.ias.umn.edu/collabapply.php> (collaborative) and <http://www.ias.umn.edu/fellowapply.php> (fellowships). For more information, see <http://www.ias.umn.edu> or contact IAS director Ann Waltner, [waltn001@umn.edu](mailto:waltn001@umn.edu) or 612-626-5054.

THE DEADLINE FOR DISTINGUISHED McKNIGHT PROFESSORSHIP NOMINATIONS has been extended to Jan. 3. Awards support the U's most outstanding mid-career faculty members who have recently achieved full-professor status. For more information, see <http://www.grad.umn.edu/faculty-staff/mcknight> .

THE DEADLINE FOR BEAUTIFUL U DAY GRANT PROPOSALS has been extended to Jan. 27. Departments and student groups from all campuses may apply for project funding. For more information, see <http://www.buday.umn.edu> or <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2611&from=umnnews> .

##### Crookston:

LOCAL FOODS CHALLENGE: On Sept. 1, a group of seven people committed themselves to one year of eating only food grown within 250 miles. The challenge grew out of the Local Foods Partnership, a project of the U's Northwest Minnesota Regional Sustainable Development Partnership. Two members of the group who teach at White Earth Tribal and Community College talked to faculty, staff, and students about their experiences during a visit to UMC for a meeting of the Local Foods Partnership. UMC aims to get more local foods into campus dining. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/newsstory.aspx?ID=202> .

AG ACTIVITIES DAY at UMC will include more than 20 contests, from sales to soils, for students visiting from dozens of area high schools. Agriculture and natural resources faculty members and students will oversee the contests; more than \$32,000 in scholarships will be awarded, along with ribbons and plaques. Dec. 2. For more information, see <http://www.crk.umn.edu/aq/aad> .

##### Duluth:

"DAVID ERICSON: ALWAYS RETURNING--The Life and Work of a Duluth Cultural Icon," the first exhibition of Ericson's paintings in more than 40 years, will include more than 60 works drawn from private collections and the Tweed Museum's archive--allegorical works, nocturnes, impressionistic visions, and historical materials. Through Jan. 15; Sunday gallery talks Dec. 11 and Jan. 8, 2 p.m. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/tma/exhibitionevents.html> .

GLENSHEEN MANSION this week begins holiday brunches catered by Savories and Coco's to Geaux. Dec. 3, 4, 8, 10, 11, 15, 17, 18, 20; 10:15 a.m., Winter Garden. Self-guided tours begin at 9:30 a.m. \$24.95 adults, \$13.95 children over 5. For reservations, call 218-726-8980. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/glen/glenda.htm> .

##### Morris:

THE UMM STRATEGIC POSITIONING TASK FORCE has conducted more than 60 focus groups over the past three weeks. Input from the focus groups will be available soon on the Web at <http://www.morris.umn.edu/strategic> .

SERVICE-LEARNING EXPO: View student projects, learn about next semester's courses, and talk to students, staff, and faculty members familiar with each course. Dec. 8, 3-6 p.m., University Room, Student Center. For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/webbin/ummnnews/view.php?newsID=79> .

##### Rochester:

"ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGE IN MINNESOTA," by state demographer Tom Gillaspay and state economist Tom Stinson, will be the next Coffee & Conversation community issues forum presented by UMR and five partners. Dec. 5, 7-9 p.m., Kellogg Middle School Auditorium, 503 17th St. N.E., Rochester. For more information, contact Ann Lynch, [annlynch@msn.com](mailto:annlynch@msn.com) or 507-281-9297. For more information, see <http://www.r.umn.edu> .

##### Twin Cities:

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK SENIOR VP Arthur Rolnick will speak on "Dollars vs. RMB: What Does a Devaluation of the Chinese Currency Mean for the U.S. Economy?" as the annual Building U.S.-China Bridges Lecture. Dec. 6, 4 p.m. lecture and discussion, 5:30 p.m. reception, Coffman Union theater, UMTC. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2601&from=umnnews> .

"DOES MATH MATTER TO BRAIN MATTER?" by Philip Holmes, professor of mechanics and applied mathematics, Princeton U, is the next public lecture sponsored by the Institute for Mathematics and its Applications. Dec. 8, 7 p.m., 125 Willey Hall. For more information, see <http://www.ima.umn.edu/2005-2006/PUB12.8.05> .

INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY (IAS) events this week include "Environmental Injustice in the Twin Cities: A Spatial Perspective," by Robert McMaster (Dec. 1); and "Newest African Americans: Postcolonial West Africans and the Remaking of the Atlantic World in the United States," by Marilyn Halter and Violet Johnson (Dec. 2). For more information, see [http://www.ias.umn.edu/calendar.php?view\\_month=12\\_2005](http://www.ias.umn.edu/calendar.php?view_month=12_2005) .

MONTH OF KINDNESS events this week include a World AIDS Day commemoration with red ribbons on Northrop Mall and Fill the Bus clothing drive at Coffman Union (Dec. 1), Reindeer Run benefit (Dec. 3), and blood drive (Dec. 6). For more information, see <http://www.monthofkindness.com> .

AUTHOR EVENTS at the U Bookstore this week include U students Rebecca Trozky-Stirr and Ismail Khalidi, contributors to *Letters From Young Activists: Today's Rebels Speak Out* (Dec. 6). All at 2 p.m. For more information, see <http://www.bookstore.umn.edu/genref/authors.html> .

GOLDY'S GAMEROOM AND THE GOPHER SPOT offer year-end party packages for U students, staff, and faculty members. Parties may include bowling, billiards, food, beverages, and a Goldy visit. Packages start at \$150 for up to 30 people. Available through Jan. 16 only. For more information, see <http://www.coffman.umn.edu/goldys/yearend.php> or call Stephanie Matheson at 612-625-7707.

THE CHILD CARE CENTER'S ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION includes certificates for services plus children's items, clothing, jewelry, household items, food and entertainment, and more, on display in the lobby of the Child Care Center, 1600 Rollins Ave. S.E., through Dec. 1, 7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m., and Dec. 2, 7:15 a.m.-3 p.m., when bidding ends. For more information, call 612-627-4014.

MORE EVENTS include the Frenatae Honey and Candle Sale (today-Dec. 2); Minnesota Landscape Arboretum auxiliary preview and holiday sale (Dec 1, 3-4); public reception for the bachelor of fine arts exhibition at the Regis Center (Dec. 2, exhibit through Dec. 13); *Hold Your Breath*, a documentary of an Afghanistan refugee's encounter with American medicine, and discussion on biomedical ethics with physician-filmmaker Maren Grainger-Monsen from Stanford U (Dec. 5); Pride @ Work breakfast (Dec. 6); and *Choropampa: The Price of Gold*, sponsored by the Human Rights Center (Dec. 6). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS: The first 11 of 34 strategic positioning task forces' preliminary recommendations will be available on the Transforming the U Web site Dec. 16. People are encouraged to provide comments to the task forces during the public comment period that will extend to Jan. 27. Those task forces will make final recommendations Feb. 3 to team leaders Provost Sullivan and Senior VP Jones; recommendations will then be forwarded to the U's executive team for review and determination of next steps. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic\\_positioning/](http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic_positioning/) .

THE BOARD OF REGENTS will meet Dec. 8-9. VP O'Brien, team leader guiding the administrative strategic positioning task forces, will provide an update on the transformation of U administrative operations. Her presentation will include examples of recent projects that demonstrate the principles of the administrative recommendations. Other topics on the board's agenda include an annual report by VP Mulcahy on U research; U efforts to strengthen partnerships with preK-12 schools; U initiatives to address student mental health issues; and a budget forecast from state economist Tom Stinson. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2631&from=umnnews> .

RICHARD McNAMARA STEPPED DOWN FROM THE BOARD OF REGENTS Dec. 2 due to health reasons. A UMTC alumnus ('56), McNamara has been an advocate and supporter of the U for decades. He was appointed to the at-large seat on the Board of Regents by Gov. Ventura in 2001 and elected in 2003 for a term to expire in 2007. Under state law, Gov. Pawlenty will appoint a replacement. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/McNamara\\_steps\\_down2C\\_but\\_his\\_legacy\\_continues.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/McNamara_steps_down2C_but_his_legacy_continues.html) .

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#### 2. Features

CAREER REFLECTIONS AT YEAR'S END: This can be the ideal time to reflect on your career and how to take it where you want to go. Rosie Barry, assistant director, Center for Human Resource Development, provides a list of books and other resources for the gift of reflection. Read the story in *UMNnews* at [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty\\_Staff\\_Comm/Office\\_of\\_Human\\_Resources/Career\\_reflections\\_at\\_year\\_end.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/Office_of_Human_Resources/Career_reflections_at_year_end.html) .

U ALUMNI SURVEY: More than 300,000 U alumni will get a chance in January to help the U understand the influence of its graduates through their work in business, education, research, medicine, agriculture, law, and other disciplines--locally, nationally, and around the world. A survey designed to measure the social and economic impact of U graduates will be mailed to all but recent grads, with the exception of the Twin Cities campus's IT and Carlson School graduates, who recently received a similar survey. Faculty and staff members who are alumni are asked to watch for the survey and take time to complete it on paper or online. Read the story in *UMNnews* at [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Survey\\_to\\_show\\_alumni\\_connections\\_and\\_impact.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Survey_to_show_alumni_connections_and_impact.html) .

AWARDS AND APPOINTMENTS: Rochester Area Math-Science Partnership's Educator of the Year is UMR's Kari Stellpflug; soils professor Satish Gupta has been elected as a fellow in the American Society of Agronomy and the Soil Science Society of America; and more. To read this week's announcements, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty\\_Staff\\_Comm/people.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/people.html) .

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##### Transforming the U

DIVERSITY QUESTIONNAIRE: ALL U FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENTS are invited to complete an online questionnaire from the Systemwide Academic Task Force on Diversity. The group seeks broad input and consultation about how to reaffirm and deepen the U's commitment to becoming a national leader in articulating, embracing, respecting, and supporting diversity. The survey will be online until Dec. 22; results will inform the task force's final recommendations. Go to <https://survey.micro.umn.edu/diversity> ; log in with your Internet ID and password.

INVENTORY OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS: The Task Force on PreK-12 Strategy, Office of Public Engagement, and President's Initiative on Children, Youth, and Families are working together to compile an inventory of U public engagement programs. Their survey takes less than 10 minutes and does not need to be completed all at once. It will be online until Dec. 30; findings will be incorporated into the PreK-12 task force's final recommendations. A description of the kinds of programs that should be part of the inventory appears on the first page of the site. Go to <http://surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=605601499264> . For more information, contact Geoff Maruyama at [geoff@umn.edu](mailto:geoff@umn.edu) .

##### University-wide:

AFSCME EMPLOYEES: HEALTH BENEFITS OPEN ENROLLMENT DEADLINE IS DEC. 9. To have medical and dental coverage or a flexible spending account for the 2006 plan year, employees must go online and enroll. Go to <http://hrss.umn.edu> , click on "Benefits," log in with your Internet ID and password, and click on "Benefits Enrollment."

ELDERCARE INITIATIVE WORKSHOPS, held at UMTC and broadcast by interactive television at Duluth, Morris, and Rochester, will include Critical Conversations (Dec. 15), Dementia and Memory Loss (Feb. 21), Housing Decisions (Mar. 14), Cooperative Caregiving (Apr. 6), and Community Resources (May 16). The Dec. 15 session will address how families and elders can talk about senior driving, independence, health, and dying. Previous workshops have been full, so register now. Noon-1 p.m. The initiative is part of the U's WorkLife Effectiveness Program. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/ohr/worklife/workshopsandcourses.html> .

SAVE THE DATE: LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING WILL BE JAN. 25. The U's Legislative Network will officially kick off efforts to build support for the 2006 capital request in a legislative briefing and reception on the Twin Cities campus. Register to attend for an insiders' preview and discussion. President Bruininks, students, and faculty members will explain the request and how it will benefit the U and the state. Jan. 25, 5:30-8 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St. S.E., Minneapolis. To register, see <http://www.supporttheu.umn.edu> or call 612-625-9174.

##### Duluth:

DECEMBER DOCTALK will be a discussion of the 2005 Nobel Prize in Medicine, the role of helicobacter pylori bacteria in peptic ulcers. U Medical School Duluth faculty and staff will present. Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m., 142 School of Medicine. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/unirel/homepage/05/12-1doctalks.html> .

##### Morris:

MORE THAN 150 MEMBERS OF CHARLIE COMPANY, including members of the Morris area National Guard who've served more than a year in Iraq, were welcomed home at the Physical Education Center Gym Dec. 5--the same location of their departure ceremony in September 2004. For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/webbin/umnnews/view.php?newsID=97> .

THE MORRIS AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT/UMM JOINT-USE FOOTBALL FACILITY public information meeting was held Dec. 5. Construction is expected to begin this spring, with the field ready to use in fall 2006. For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/webbin/umnnews/view.php?newsID=76> .

##### Twin Cities:

THE GOPHER FOOTBALL TEAM WILL GO TO THE MUSIC CITY BOWL IN NASHVILLE, where they will defend their title Dec. 30, 11 a.m. For more information, see <http://www.alumni.umn.edu/bowl> .

THE U POLICE DEPARTMENT IS A DROP SITE FOR TOYS FOR TOTS. Bring unwrapped toys to the lobby of the Transportation and Safety Building, 511 Washington Ave. S.E. To donate money, checks to "Toys for Tots" can be dropped off in the lobby. The last day to drop off toys is Dec. 19, 3 p.m. For gift suggestions, see <http://toys4tots.twincities.org/giftsugg.htm> .

"THE IMPLICATIONS OF BEHAVIORAL BIOLOGY FOR LAW: EVOLUTIONARY PERSPECTIVES," by Owen Jones, professor of law and biological sciences, Vanderbilt U, will address how an understanding of what causes behavior can help to improve law's effectiveness. Today, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Mississippi Room, Coffman Union. Free and open to the public. For more information, see <http://www.lifesci.consortium.umn.edu> .

THE NEXT McKNIGHT SUMMER FELLOWS PRESENTATIONS will include Arun Saldanha, geography (Dutch identity); David Valentine, anthropology (transgender identity politics and neoliberalism); and Malinda Lindquist, history (the making of modern black manhood). Today, 3:30-5 p.m., Nolte Library.

CHINA'S RISE AS A BUSINESS POWER will be the topic when alumnus and author James McGregor presents "Commonsense Talk About an Uncommon Country." *The Wall Street Journal* bureau chief after the Tiananmen Square massacre in 1989, later a venture capitalist during the dot-com boom, McGregor is fluent in Mandarin and will give practical lessons on doing business in China. Dec. 8, 12:15-1:30 p.m., 1-114 Carlson School of Management. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2615&from=umnnews> .

INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY lectures this week include "Frauenlob's Song of Songs: Translating a Medieval Marian Performance," by Barbara Newman, Northwestern U; and "Can Europe Learn From America? The U.S. and EU in a Comparative Perspective," by Peter Gerlich, U of Vienna. Both Dec. 8, 4 p.m., Nolte Center. For more information, see <http://www.ias.umn.edu> .

AUTHOR EVENTS at the U Bookstore this week include talks with Jack Salmela, author of *The Messiah Medallions*, inspired in part by the late U astronomy professor Karlis Kaufmanis's "Star of Bethlehem" lecture (today, 2 p.m.); and Anna Pavord, author of *The Naming of Names*, a botanical history and adventure story (Dec. 12, 7 p.m.). For more information, see <http://www.bookstore.umn.edu/genref/authors.html> .

GIFT IDEAS FROM THE U include adopting a Bell Museum of Natural History diorama (moving to the museum's new building in 2009), adopting a raptor, the Gentle Leader dog collar, theater tickets, cheese, care packages for students, travel supplies, alumni association membership, and the U Marching Band CD. For more information, see the story from *eNews* at [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/More\\_holiday\\_gift\\_ideas\\_from\\_the\\_U.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/More_holiday_gift_ideas_from_the_U.html) .

MORE EVENTS include "Lessons Learned from Season One on the Student Organic Farm," with eight 2005 student interns (today); *A Sidewalk Astronomer* in the Science on the Screen series (today); Madeleine Albright and Vin Weber on democracy in the Middle East (Dec. 8); Andrew Weil on healthy aging for the Center for Spirituality and Healing's 10th anniversary (Dec. 8); "Globalization and U.S. Farm Policy" all-day forum (Dec. 9); the Dance Program's 20th anniversary concert, "So HELP Me!" (Dec. 12); "Suburban Ecology" in Cafe Scientifique (Dec. 13); "Medical and Moral Reflections on Disaster Care in Louisiana" (Dec. 14); and holiday teas at the MINNESOTA Landscape Arboretum (Wednesdays through Dec. 28). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FIRST 11 ACADEMIC TASK FORCES on strategic positioning will be available on the Transforming the U Web site Dec. 16. People are encouraged to provide comments to the task forces during the public comment period, which will extend to Jan. 27. Those task forces will make final recommendations Feb. 3 to team leaders Provost Sullivan and Senior VP Jones; recommendations will then be forwarded to the U's executive team for review and determination of next steps. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic\\_positioning](http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic_positioning) .

NEW REGENTS PROFESSOR is Apostolos Georgopoulos, professor of neuroscience, neurology, physiology, and psychiatry in the Department of Neuroscience, Medical School, UMTC. The Board of Regents approved the designation--the highest recognition given to faculty members at the U--Dec. 9. Georgopoulos is a world authority on neural mechanisms underlying movement. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2636&from=umnnews> .

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### 2. Features

LEADING THE TRANSFORMATION: More than 20 U staff members are preparing to make strategic positioning improvements a reality. In an unprecedented partnership with 3M, they began the Transformational Leadership Program Dec. 5. Read the story in *UMNnews* at [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty\\_Staff\\_Comm/Office\\_of\\_Service\\_and\\_Continuous\\_Improvement/Leading\\_the\\_transformation.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/Office_of_Service_and_Continuous_Improvement/Leading_the_transformation.html) .

CAPA FALL FORUM: The Council of Academic Professionals and Administrators (CAPA) used its fall forum Nov. 29 to bring a human resources presentation, designed for the six "wave-one" colleges in the strategic positioning process, to professional and academic (P&A) staff systemwide. It's now available to everyone on the Web through Dec. 30. Read more about it and link to the site in *UMNnews* at [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty\\_Staff\\_Comm/Council\\_of\\_Academic\\_Professionals\\_and\\_Administrators/Preparing\\_for\\_change.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/Council_of_Academic_Professionals_and_Administrators/Preparing_for_change.html) .

FACULTY PROFILE: Jole Shackelford sees nothing contradictory about being a science scholar who feels called to conduct research on religious history. His Fulbright grant to Norway will allow him to search for clues about two 17th-century physicians who engaged in unorthodox practices. Read the story in *UMNnews* at [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/When\\_religion\\_and\\_medicine\\_collide.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/When_religion_and_medicine_collide.html) .

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#### Transforming the U

ADMINISTRATIVE TASK FORCE REPORT TO REGENTS, CALL FOR SUGGESTIONS. VP O'Brien, team leader of the Administrative Service and Productivity Steering Committee, reported to the regents Dec. 9 on the goal, implementation structure, and progress of the seven administrative strategic positioning task forces--Single Enterprise, Culture, Administrative Structure, Best-Practice Management Tools, Services, People, and Optimize Resources. O'Brien stressed the importance of transforming administrative support operations to provide maximum support for the U's academic enterprise. This work is extremely important to the U's goals, said Regent Metzen, and will demonstrate to the people of Minnesota that the U is a good steward of its resources. O'Brien encouraged the U community to review the presentation on the Web in order to get a better understanding of the direction that administrative support operations will take over the next few years. In addition, each administrative task force is now accepting suggestions on its work to date through a Web form on the strategic positioning Web site. Next steps: Task force work plans are due in early January, and a public comment period will begin Feb. 1. For more information, see O'Brien's presentation at [http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic\\_positioning/admin\\_update200512.html](http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic_positioning/admin_update200512.html) and make suggestions at <http://www.myu.umn.edu/metadot/index.pl?id=546389> .

#### University-wide:

THE 2005 U ANNUAL REPORT, presented to the Board of Regents Dec. 9, is now available and can be downloaded from the Web. For more information, see <http://process.umn.edu/annualreport> .

COMING IN 2006: HEALTH CONNECTIONS. Beginning in January, connect to online resources and over-the-phone coaching to maintain and improve your health and well-being throughout the year ahead. This self-directed approach to wellness starts with a confidential, online wellness assessment. Every employee who completes the assessment before Apr. 30 is eligible to receive a taxable lump sum of \$65. For more information, see <http://www.healthconnections.umn.edu> .

DISTINGUISHED WOMEN SCHOLARS AWARDS honor exceptional accomplishments of U women faculty members--one in sciences and engineering and one in humanities, social sciences, and the arts--each year. Each scholar receives \$2,000 for research, scholarly, or artistic activities. The deadline for 2006 nominations to college deans is Jan. 20. For more information, see <http://www.grad.umn.edu/faculty-staff/funding/OUW> .

BUSINESS MILEAGE RATE CHANGES FOR 2006: Effective Jan. 1, the mileage allowance for personal vehicle use on approved U business decreases from 48.5 cents to 44.5 cents per mile. The standard mileage rate for moving expenses decreases from 22 to 18 cents per mile. The Internal Revenue Service announced the change Dec. 2. For more information, see Financial Policy 3.8.3, Traveling on University Business, <http://www.fpd.finop.umn.edu/groups/ppd/documents/policy/Travel.cfm#450> .

THE U-WIDE FLEET WAS NAMED AMONG THE 100 BEST IN NORTH AMERICA in 2005. The U fleet has 832 vehicles, including 14 hybrids. With the state of Minnesota, it leads the country in converting a portion of its fleet to flexible-fuel vehicles. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2638&from=umnnews> .

FERGUS FALLS WAS CHOSEN TO HOST THE CENTRAL MINNESOTA AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER (AHEC) NETWORK, the U Academic Health Center announced Dec. 7. AHEC is a federal-state cooperative agreement to educate health profession students in medically underserved areas. For more information, see <http://www.ahc.umn.edu/news/releases/ahec120705/home.html> .

UMORE PARK SKI TRAILS opened in Rosemount Dec. 1. Eleven miles of groomed trails cross rolling terrain, woodland, and agricultural land. For more information, see <http://www.umorepark.umn.edu/lonerocktrailski.htm> or call 651-438-4636.

REGENT APPOINTMENT DELAYED: Because of a conflict of interest, Michael Vekich declined to accept Gov. Pawlenty's appointment last week to the seat vacated Dec. 2 by Richard McNamara. Vekich, a UMD alumnus, serves on board of the Minnesota Partnership for Action Against Tobacco, and the U receives grants from the state's 1998 settlement with tobacco companies. The governor has resumed the search for the at-large seat; the term runs through February 2007. For more information about the board, see <http://www.umn.edu/regents/regents.html> .

#### Crookston:

MORE THAN 1,300 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM 50 SCHOOLS attended Ag Activities Day Dec. 2. More than \$32,000 in scholarships was awarded to winners of 16 contests featuring activities from agricultural mechanics to floriculture. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/newsstory.aspx?ID=208> .

THE UMC CROPS JUDGING TEAM PLACED SIXTH OVERALL in National Collegiate Crops Contests in Kansas City Nov. 15 and Chicago Nov. 19. Plant industries management senior Rob Proulx won second place in both contests. The team adviser is professor Charles Habstritt; 19 of his teams have placed in the top three in 34 competitions. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/newsstory.aspx?ID=206> .

#### Duluth:

BACH TO BASICS: Corelli's "Christmas Concerto Grosso," along with the music of J. S. Bach and others, will be performed by the UMD Chamber Orchestra, Department of Music. Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m., Weber Music Hall. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/music> .

#### Morris:

RENEWABLE ENERGY EFFORTS at UMM and the West Central Research and Outreach Center are described in the leading farm magazine *The Furrow*, December 2005. For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/webbin/umnnews/view.php?newsID=90> .

#### Twin Cities:

FRESHMAN APPLICATIONS FOR FALL 2006 ARE UP 30% from a year ago. UMTC has received almost 4,000 additional applications so far, and it expects a fourth straight record year for freshman applications. The increase is attributed to success in getting the word out to parents and students about the U's value and aspirations. To read the story in *UMNnews*, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/Applications\\_to\\_the\\_U\\_up\\_30\\_percent.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Applications_to_the_U_up_30_percent.html) .

GIFT OF FITNESS: The Department of Recreational Sports is offering UMTC faculty and staff a chance to save more than \$20 on each new payroll-deduction membership before Jan. 31. Cost is \$21.40 to enroll plus \$9.23 per pay period. Other promotions are also offered. For more information, contact Kara Fresk at 612-626-0553.

"THE ANTITHESIS OF INTELLIGENT DESIGN," by UMM biology professor P. Z. Myers, will be the last fall semester Physics Colloquium. Dec. 14 (today), 4 p.m., 131 Physics. For more information, see <http://www.physics.umn.edu/calendar/PAC/calendar.html?item=1501> .

MORE EVENTS include "Bridge Over Troubled Water" poetry benefit on Washington Avenue Bridge (today); Eldercare Initiative: Critical Conversations (Dec. 15); St. Paul Chamber Orchestra at Ted Mann Concert Hall (Dec. 17); and "Gadgets" on *Tech Talk* (Dec. 18). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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THE U WAS CHOSEN BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE as one of six host institutions for the new Edward R. Murrow Journalism Program. The program, announced by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice Dec. 13, will bring a total of 100 journalists to the United States, a dozen to the UMTC School of Journalism and Mass Communication for about a week in April. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2649&from=umnnews> .

#### 2. Features

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL IS 100--AND LOOKING AHEAD. The Graduate School's centennial in 2005 has been worth marking for a look back and, more importantly, for envisioning the future. What will the next 100 years be like? New dean and vice provost Gail Dubrow is shaping an administrative plan and an intellectual agenda. Read the story in *UMNnews* at [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/The\\_Graduate\\_School\\_is\\_100.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/The_Graduate_School_is_100.html) .

RESEARCH REPORT TO REGENTS: VP Mulcahy reported \$563 million in research grants to the U for 2005 in his annual report to the regents this month. Over the past decade, he said, the U has experienced continued growth in research funding though the growth rate is slower than at many peer institutions. Mulcahy said he remains optimistic because the research core is healthy and strategic positioning is coming at the right time to help the U compete more effectively for limited research dollars. Read the story in *UMNnews* at [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature\\_Stories/A\\_wake-up\\_call\\_for\\_theU.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/A_wake-up_call_for_theU.html) .

AWARDS AND APPOINTMENTS: Janice Hogan, professor of family social science, has been appointed interim dean of the College of Human Ecology (CHE), UMTC, beginning Jan. 1. Current dean Shirley Baugher has accepted an assignment to develop U of M relationships with institutions in Mexico, building on CHE's development of global programs linked to Minnesota's growing Hispanic community with roots in Mexico. To read this and other announcements, see [http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty\\_Staff\\_Comm/people.html](http://www.umn.edu/umnnews/Faculty_Staff_Comm/people.html) .

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##### Transforming the U

DIVERSITY QUESTIONNAIRE: DEADLINE IS DEC. 22. All U faculty, staff, and students are invited to complete an online questionnaire from the Systemwide Academic Task Force on Diversity. The group seeks broad input and consultation about how to reaffirm and deepen the U's commitment to becoming a national leader in articulating, embracing, respecting, and supporting diversity. Preliminary recommendations are posted at [http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic\\_positioning/tf\\_recommendations.html](http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic_positioning/tf_recommendations.html) . Results of the questionnaire will help to inform the task force's final recommendations on Feb. 3. Go to <https://survey.micro.umn.edu/diversity> ; log in with your Internet ID and password.

THE DIVERSITY TASK FORCE WILL HOLD ANOTHER OPEN FORUM JAN. 18, 10 a.m.-noon. The forum will be broadcast live from 1701 Classroom Building, east bank, UMTC, to each campus; locations will be announced. For more information, see <http://events.umn.edu/event?occurrence=390837;event=111651> .

FOR MORE UPDATES, see [http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic\\_positioning](http://www.umn.edu/systemwide/strategic_positioning) .

##### University-wide:

WINTER ACADEMIC BREAK is Dec. 23-Jan. 8 for UMC and Dec. 22-Jan. 16 for the other campuses. UMR offices will be closed Dec. 24-Jan. 2. Other U campus offices will be closed Dec. 23 and 26 and Jan. 2 and 16; in addition, UMD will be closed Dec. 27, and UMC and UMM will be closed Dec. 30. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/usenate/calendars/calendarpage.html> .

BEAUTIFUL U DAY GRANTS are available U-wide to departments and student groups. Use winter break to plan for spring--Beautiful U Day will be Apr. 20. Grants may be used as start-up funds for cleanups, plantings, and sustainability at U locations across the state. Deadline: Jan. 27. For more information, see <http://www.buday.umn.edu> .

PRESIDENT BRUININKS VISITED ALBERT LEA AND AUSTIN Dec. 16 to discuss U work in partnership with K-12 schools, research at the U's Hormel Institute, and priorities for the 2006 legislative session. For more information, see [http://www.umn.edu/pres/03\\_news.php](http://www.umn.edu/pres/03_news.php) (Office of the President news and events), <http://www.hi.umn.edu> (Hormel Institute), and <http://www.umn.edu/groots/index.php> (Legislative Network) .

THE U.S. POSTAL INCREASE JAN. 8 will boost first-class stamps from 37 to 39 cents and the nonprofit basic rate from .165 to .170 cents. For more information, see Addressing and Mailing, <http://www.addrmail.umn.edu> .

HUBERT H. HUMPHREY LEADERSHIP AWARDS honor individuals who have made demonstrated contributions to the common good through public leadership and service. Nominees need not be from Minnesota; four awards are given each year. Deadline for nominations: Jan. 31. For more information, see [http://www.hhh.umn.edu/news/leadership\\_awards](http://www.hhh.umn.edu/news/leadership_awards) .

JOSIE R. JOHNSON HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARDS recognize faculty, staff, and students who have made exceptional contributions in creating respectful and inclusive living, learning, and working environments. Deadline for nominations: Feb. 13. For more information, see <http://www.oma.umn.edu/josie.html> .

OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS recognize faculty, staff, and members of the greater community who have made substantial, enduring contributions to the external community and have worked to improve public life and the well-being of society. Faculty and staff members are recognized for efforts over and above the expectations of their regular positions. About five awards will be made in 2006. Deadline for nominations: Mar. 1. For more information, including a list of previous recipients, see [http://www.academic.umn.edu/system/public\\_engagement/ocsa\\_2006.html](http://www.academic.umn.edu/system/public_engagement/ocsa_2006.html) .

THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE recognizes active or retired faculty and staff who have provided exceptional service to the U. Nominators must be alumni or current members of U faculty or staff. Deadline for nominations: Mar. 6. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/usenate/alluhonors/handbook.html#pres> .

UPPER MIDWEST HUMAN RIGHTS FELLOWSHIPS support students, teachers, lawyers, health professionals, community leaders, and others who undertake practical experiences or internships in human rights organizations locally, nationally, and internationally. About 20 grants for 10 or more weeks will be made for 2006. Deadline: Feb. 27. Sponsored by the Human Rights Center, UMTC. For more information, see <http://www.umn.edu/humanrts/center/uppermidwest> .

THE MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM will begin serving breakfast on Sundays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Jan. 8. For more information, see <http://www.arboretum.umn.edu> .

##### Crookston:

SOYBEAN COLLEGE, an in-depth, hands-on workshop for soybean producers, is today. Top extension and research specialists from the U and North Dakota State U provide the latest applied information. UMC students may attend free. For more information, see [http://www.soybeans.umn.edu/resources/events/12\\_20\\_05\\_Soybeancollege.htm](http://www.soybeans.umn.edu/resources/events/12_20_05_Soybeancollege.htm) .

SPRING ORIENTATION for new and transfer students will be Jan. 8. For more information, see <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/newsstory.aspx?ID=210> .

##### Duluth:

THE FIRST PUBLIC VIDEOPHONE STATIONS in northern Minnesota are now open to the public at UMD, located in the library and the Multicultural Center. Videophones allow deaf and hard-of-hearing people who use American Sign Language to communicate with others who have videophones and with hearing people through the Video Relay Service. A demonstration was held at an open house Dec. 16. The system was created by Sorenson Video Relay Service. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2005/December/13.html> or contact Nancy Diener at [ndiener@d.umn.edu](mailto:ndiener@d.umn.edu) , 218-726-8709 (voice), or 218-726-7380 (TTY).

UMD WOMEN'S HOCKEY WILL HOST THE NCAA FROZEN FOUR TOURNAMENT for the second time in 2008. When Duluth hosted in 2003, 5,167 fans saw UMD defeat Harvard 4-3 in overtime at the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center--an all-time record attendance for a women's hockey final. For more information, see <http://www.d.umn.edu/news/2005/December/15.html> .

##### Morris:

CHANCELLOR SEARCH: The position description and UMM profile are now posted on the Web. Nominees and candidates may also access the material through the Academic Search Consultation Service Web site. For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/chansearch> .

UMM WOMEN'S SOCCER HAS EARNED THE TEAM ACADEMIC AWARD from the National Soccer Coaches of America for the eighth straight year with a 3.19 team GPA for 2004-05. For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/webbin/ummnews/view.php?newsID=135> .

THE NEXT SPEAKER IN THE CONVOCATION SERIES will be Jackson Katz, former football all-star and the first male at the U of Massachusetts, Amherst, to earn a minor in women's studies. He will present "Tough Guise: Violence, Media, and the Crisis in Masculinity." Jan. 18, 7:30 p.m., Edson Auditorium. For more information, see <http://www.morris.umn.edu/webbin/ummnews/view.php?newsID=106> .

##### Twin Cities:

THE CHURCH STREET GARAGE WILL BE CLOSED DEC. 23-30 for critical repairs, reopening Dec. 31, 6:30 a.m. Alternative parking locations are Washington Avenue Ramp, East River Road Garage, 4th Street Ramp, and University Avenue Ramp. For campus maps, see <http://onestop.umn.edu/Maps> .

ADOPT A DIORAMA--A MOVING EXPERIENCE: Gifts will help the Bell Museum move its historic dioramas to a new campus location in St. Paul in 2009. Any donation is appreciated. Donors who contribute \$60 or more will receive a vintage Viewmaster and reels of all the museum's dioramas. Gift offer expires Dec. 31. For more information, see <http://www.bellmuseum.org> or call 612-626-9603.

CORPORATE CRIME AND ETHICS will be the topic at the Carlson School's next First Tuesday luncheon, by Karen Schnatterly, assistant professor of strategic management and organization. Jan. 10, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. Discount registration through Jan. 5. For more information, see <http://www.ur.umn.edu/unsreleases/find.php?ID=2629&from=umnnews> .

"NEW GENOTYPING TECHNOLOGIES AND QUANTITATIVE GENE EXPRESSION Using MassARRAY System," a seminar by Charles Tetzlaff of Sequenom, Inc., will be hosted by AHC, the BioMedical Genomics Center, and Sequenom. Jan. 10, noon-1:30 p.m., 2-101 BSBE. For more information, see [http://www.ahc.umn.edu/ahc\\_content/news/calendar/EvntGrp1\\_cfm](http://www.ahc.umn.edu/ahc_content/news/calendar/EvntGrp1_cfm) .

MORE EVENTS include Weight Watchers at Work (ongoing Wednesdays and Thursdays); *Proteus, a Nineteenth Century Vision* in the Science on the Screen series (Jan. 4); Schmitt Music piano sale (Jan. 5-7); St. Paul Chamber Orchestra at Ted Mann Concert Hall (Jan. 8); "Keys to Supervision: An Orientation for New Supervisors and Managers at the U" (Jan. 9); Cafe Scientifique: "History in the Mud" (Jan. 10); and Community/University: Students Explore West Bank History, an exhibit at Andersen Library (today through Jan. 27). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES EVENTS ONLINE at <http://events.tc.umn.edu> .

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