

College and University news

You are invited to attend the Security Seminar from noon to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 6 in the St. Paul Student Center Theatre. University of Minnesota Police Department officers and campus security experts will talk about what they are doing and what you can do to help ensure safety on campus. They will also be available to answer your questions. The panel includes George Aylward, Chief of Police; Judd Freed, Acting Director, Emergency Management; Bob Janoski, Program Director, Campus Health and Safety; Matthew Quast, Community Investigator, AHC; David Wilske, Community Investigator, St. Paul Campus. Feel free to bring your own lunch. The seminar was organized in response to the Jan. 26 arson fire at the Microbial and Plant Genomics building site, which damaged the Crop Research Building. The Earth Liberation Front claimed responsibility for the fire last week.

Join fellow CBS faculty, staff, and student volunteers on Tuesday, Feb. 12 to make calls to U of M alumni to enlist their support in promoting the University's legislative request. We'll gather at Alumni Association offices in the Gateway building for dinner and training, then start dialing. Because this is a short session, this will be our only opportunity to take part in a calling night. The University is asking the Minnesota Legislature for \$239.8 million for 12 renovation projects. This includes \$18.7 million for plant growth facilities and \$27.5 million for utility infrastructure on the St. Paul campus, which is needed for construction of buildings in the Biotechnology Precinct. Contact Peggy Rinard, prinard@cbs.umn.edu or 624-0774.

David Tilman, ecology, evolution, and behavior, will deliver a special lecture on Thursday, Feb. 21 at 3:30 p.m. in the Bell Museum. "Optimizing Ecosystem Services on a Human Dominated Earth," celebrates Dr. Tilman's appointment as McKnight Presidential Chair in Ecology, one of the highest honors the University confers on faculty. All faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend the lecture and reception to follow at 5 p.m. Mark your calendars and RSVP to Lija Greenseid, lgreense@cbs.umn.edu or 612-625-7705.

CBS has launched a search for Associate Dean of Academic and Faculty Affairs. For the position description, go to cbs.umn.edu/1ab_cbs/1di2_staffpositions.html. Contact Kate VandenBosch, search committee chair, at kvandenb@cbs.umn.edu for further information.

The Center for Computational Genomics and Bioinformatics (CCGB) and the Minnesota Supercomputing Institute (MSI) will be providing training workshops on various computing topics in biology. In order for them to best meet user's needs, they need feedback on the usefulness and urgency of each of their proposed topics. To facilitate this, they have created a 10-minute online questionnaire available at cgb.umn.edu/support/survey. Additionally, CBS is in the process of projecting needs for informatic support for research in the college. If you are a member of CBS, your answers to the survey questions will help to determine what computational infrastructure and training is required. If you foresee using bioinformatic and related techniques, please complete the full survey. If you use computational approaches but are not interested in instructional workshops, please answer the background section of the questionnaire.

Learn how new tax laws affect your future at "Charting Your Course under the New Tax Laws," a free seminar to be held Feb. 20, 12-1 p.m. in 239 Gortner. Robert Peterson, estate planning expert and attorney, will discuss how the 2002 tax law changes will affect retirement and estate planning. All faculty and staff are invited; beverages and cookies will be provided. RSVP to Lija Greenseid at 612-625-7705 or lgreense@cbs.umn.edu.

Did you know that faculty encouragement is the key factor in guiding students to obtain proposal-writing experience and funding for their research? Encourage students to apply now for Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP) awards. UROP awarded more than \$21,000 to CBS students for fall semester 2001. A list of funded projects is posted at www.cbs.umn.edu/honors/scholarships. Applications are due March 4, 2002; projects begin June 17, 2002. Application materials are available in 223 Snyder Hall.

A proposal-writing workshop for students planning research projects in CBS or a biology-related discipline will be held Feb. 11, 4–5 p.m. in 505 Ecology. For further information, contact Rogene Schnell at 612-624-3481 or rschnell@cbs.umn.edu.

A variety of scholarships are being offered for CBS undergraduates for 2002. Application materials are available online at www.cbs.umn.edu/honors/scholarships. The deadline to apply is March 8, 2002. To view the CBS Scholars Hall of Fame, go to www.cbs.umn.edu/honors/scholarships.

Scholarship applications for field biology coursework at Lake Itasca Forestry and Biological Station are available at cbs.umn.edu/itasca/info-c.html. Applications for the Itasca Director's Scholarship and the David F. Parmelee Memorial Scholarship are due April 1, 2002.

The U of M's Study Abroad office has the expertise and resources to host biology-related presentations for students to identify courses and programs abroad which meet CBS degree requirements, and to assist faculty with integrating international issues with curriculum. For more information, go to the Study Abroad/Global Campus Web site at www.umabroad.umn.edu/bush/events/ciworkshops.html.

Join the University of Minnesota Alumni Association (UMAA) Mentor Connection for "Networking Necessities" to be held Feb. 6, 2002, 6:30 p.m. at the McNamara Alumni Center. Darcy Matz, vice president of Profile Resource Organization, will lead this integrative program designed to improve networking etiquette. There is no cost to attend; registration is required at www.umaa.umn.edu/umaa/mentor-connection. For more information, contact Judy Anderson at 612-626-0425 or ander011@umn.edu.

The Supercomputing Institute offers tutorials and workshops and will customize and develop workshops to address specific research needs of faculty, staff, and students. A complete list of workshop sessions is available at www.msi.umn.edu/user_support/tutorials/TutorialsSpring02.html. For further information, call 612-626-0802 or e-mail help@msi.umn.edu.

Faculty, staff, and alumni are encouraged to nominate their peers for the President's Award for Outstanding Service. The purpose of the award is to recognize current or retired faculty and staff who have demonstrated exceptional service to the University. For information about the nominating process, call the University Senate Office at 612-625-9369. Nominations should be submitted to Vickie Courtney, University Senate Office, 427 Morrill Hall, 100 Church Street SE, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 55455 by Friday, March 1, 2002.

Do you know students who excel in leadership or involvement? The President's Student Leadership & Service Awards recognize the accomplishments and contributions of outstanding student leaders for their leadership and service to the U of M Twin Cities campus and surrounding community. Undergraduate nominees will also be considered for the Donald R. Zander Award for Outstanding Student Leadership (\$1,000 scholarship) and the University of Minnesota Alumni Association Student Leadership Award (\$500 scholarship). Guidelines and nomination forms are available at www.umn.edu/cic/awards; nominations are due Feb. 15, 2002. For further information, call 612-625-2272 or e-mail nelso509@umn.edu.

Media Watch: Have a paper coming out in a leading journal or other news of interest to the media? Contact Peggy Rinard, communications coordinator, at prinard@cbs.umn.edu, or 612-624-0774.

People

Kelly Snyder has joined the CBS Imaging Center as a light and electron microscopist. She earned a B.S. in General Science and Chemistry from the University of Oregon and has studied mitochondrial morphology under Jeannie Selber in collaboration with the Roderick Capaldi Laboratory. The Imaging Center specializes in digital imaging and light and electron optical methods for students, staff, and faculty. The facility is located in rooms 23 through 37 Snyder Hall. Go to www.cbs.umn.edu/ic for more information.

Tom Morley, professor emeritus of plant biology, passed away this weekend after a brief bout with flu. He had maintained an office in the Biological Sciences building and came in frequently. Arrangements have not yet been confirmed.

Paul Kupchs, who was for many years a lab technician in the biochemistry department, recently passed away.

Events, seminars, and conferences

- February 13 **“Research on and Conservation of African Lions,”** St. Paul Student Center theater, 12 noon. Sigma Xi Minnesota Chapter Meeting featuring Craig Packer of ecology, evolution, and behavior. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- February 20 **“Charting Your Course under the New Tax Laws,”** 239 Gortner Lab, 12–1 p.m.
- February 21 **David Tilman Lecture,** Bell Museum, 3:30 p.m., reception at 5 p.m. David Tilman will present the lecture “Optimizing Ecosystem Services on a Human-Dominated Earth” in recognition of being named McKnight Presidential Endowed Chair in Ecology.
- February 26 **“Pharmacogenomics: The Legal, Ethical, and Clinical Challenges,”** Hubert H. Humphrey Center, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Advance registration required: respond to cmereg@umn.edu or 612-626-7600. Registration and lunch fee is \$35; \$10 for students. Go to www.lifesci.consortium.umn.edu for further information.
- February 28 **“Business Cards and Brew: An Alumni Networking Event,”** James Page Brewery in northeast Minneapolis, 6:30 p.m. Includes tours of the facility followed by a party with music, food, and beer tasting. Cost is \$10 for UMAA members; \$12 for non-members. Register on line at www.umaa.umn.edu or call Karla Hoff at 612-625-9195.
- March 1 **CBS Career and Internship Fair,** Memorial Hall, McNamara Alumni Center, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.
- March 2 **“BioWeapons: How to see through the hype,”** St. Paul Student Center, 3–4:30 p.m.; reception, 4:30–6:30 p.m.
- May 1 **Life Sciences Undergraduate Research Symposium,** Earle Brown Center, 2–6 p.m.
- May 10 **CBS All-College picnic,** front lawn of Snyder Hall/Gortner Lab, 12–3 p.m.
- May 27 **Memorial Day holiday;** no classes; offices closed.

Go to www.cbs.umn.edu/college_info/seminar.html for links to department seminar lists.

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