

## College and University News

### All-College Meeting to focus on CBS budget and vision

Mark your calendars for the All-College meeting. It's on Thursday, December 19 at noon in 239 Gortner. The agenda will focus on how the budget and vision for CBS will be affected by state and University budget problems. All College meetings, which are held only twice a year, are important opportunities for faculty and staff to learn about and respond to issues that affect the entire college.

### Cargill Building for Microbial and Plant Genomics



Construction on the Cargill Building for Microbial and Plant Genomics, which is scheduled to open in 2003, is progressing. For more information about the building go to [http://www.facm.umn.edu/facm/Plant\\_Genomics/plantgenomics.htm](http://www.facm.umn.edu/facm/Plant_Genomics/plantgenomics.htm)

### Cedar Creek featured on AP

Cedar Creek Natural History Area is one of the most studied pieces of ground on earth, according to a feature story written by the Associated Press and carried by *The Star Tribune*, *the Austin American Statesman*, *the Tuscaloosa News*, *Newsday*, [abcnews.com](http://abcnews.com), and [guardian.co.uk](http://guardian.co.uk). To read the article, go to [www.startribune.com/stories/670/3519896.html](http://www.startribune.com/stories/670/3519896.html)

### **Make the U a Capitol priority**

Now is the best time to help generate legislative support for the U. Contact your newly elected officials before they take office in January and let them know how important the U is to you and to Minnesota. Find out how to contact elected officials at [www.umn.edu/govrel](http://www.umn.edu/govrel). Learn how to get involved in grassroots support for the U at the annual U Legislative Briefing and Reception, Tuesday, January 21, at 5:30 p.m. in Memorial Hall, McNamara Alumni Center. To register online go to <http://www.alumni.umn.edu/> and click on U Legislative Network.

### **Get a little respect, and give a little...**

Would you like to make your work environment more comfortable? CBS is sponsoring a workshop called Creating a Respectful Workplace that will help you to deal with change and stress, and to become more sensitive to others. Dean Elde encourages everyone who has not attended this workshop before to take advantage of this opportunity. The workshop is open to all faculty and staff, and will be offered twice next semester.

Wednesday, January 15, 9-11 a.m. 150 Ecology.  
Register to Lisa Wiggins [wiggins@cbs.umn.edu](mailto:wiggins@cbs.umn.edu)

Tuesday, January 28, 9-11 a.m. 2-101 BSBE.  
Register to Laurie O'Neill [oneil032@umn.edu](mailto:oneil032@umn.edu)

### **National Academy of Sciences Lecturer Series**

Susan R. Wessler, Distinguished Research Professor of Botany and Genetics at the University of Georgia, will be the first lecturer in the National Academy of Sciences Lecturer Series. She will speak on, "Transposable Elements: From Genetics to Genomics," on Thursday, December 12 at 11:30 a.m. in 335 Borlaug. Wessler, who has published more than 125 research articles, was elected to the National Academy of Sciences in 1998. The series is being presented by the Center for Microbial and Plant Genomics. For more information contact Suzanne Livingston, 625-8756.



Susan R. Wessler

### **Coffman Union to open next semester**

Get a sneak peek of the remodeled Coffman Memorial Union online at <http://www.coffman.umn.edu/renovation/tour.php>. Coffman will re-open its doors on January 21, 2003, the first day of Spring Semester.

### **Is your picture on the CBS Web site?**

Have you attended a CBS event this past year? You may find yourself in the CBS Event Photo Gallery. The gallery, which was recently updated, is online at [http://www.cbs.umn.edu/1ab\\_cbs/1b\\_gallery.html](http://www.cbs.umn.edu/1ab_cbs/1b_gallery.html). Send questions or comments to Justin Piehowski, [jpiehows@cbs.umn.edu](mailto:jpiehows@cbs.umn.edu).

### **Urban Forestry Club Tree lot**

Do you have a Christmas tree yet? The Forestry Club will be selling trees from now until December 22 on the southwest corner of Cleveland and Larpenteur. Trees will be for sale from 12 noon to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday through Sunday. Choose from Balsam Firs, Fraser Firs, White Pines, Scotch Pines, White Spruces, Colorado Blue Spruces, Serbian Spruces, wreaths, and garlands.

## Toys for Tots

The CBS Dean's Office is collecting toys for kids of all ages—including teenagers—for the Toys for Tots drive. Drop off unwrapped toys in 123 Snyder before Monday, December 16. Contact Juli Pelletier with any questions, [jpelleti@cbs.umn.edu](mailto:jpelleti@cbs.umn.edu).

## Got a great T.A.?

CBS is accepting nominations for the 2002 Outstanding Performance Award for Teaching Assistants. T.A.s who taught classes in spring semester, summer session, or fall semester 2002 in any CBS or affiliated departments are eligible. Any CBS student, staff, or faculty member can submit a nomination. To nominate a T.A from Biol 1001 or 1009, contact Bruce Fall, [bafall@umn.edu](mailto:bafall@umn.edu) or 612-625-4391. Contact Jane Phillips, [janep@cbs.umn.edu](mailto:janep@cbs.umn.edu) or 612-624-2789, for all other CBS courses. Awards will be presented at commencement this spring.

## Sabbatical policy and forms

Planning a sabbatical? Faculty single semester and sabbatical leave policy and forms can be found at <http://www1.umn.edu/ohr/ohrpolicy/Leaves/index.htm>. CBS faculty sabbatical supplement policy and forms are available from Andrea Pedersen Garrett, [apederse@cbs.umn.edu](mailto:apederse@cbs.umn.edu) or 4-2793. All forms for the 2003-04 academic year are due in the Dean's office before January 15, 2003.

## People

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**Peter Tiffin**, plant biology, received \$356,000 from the National Science Foundation to study the evolutionary history of plant defense traits.

## Events, Seminars, and Conferences

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December 12

### **Transposable Elements: From Genetics to Genomics**

Susan Wessler, National Academy of Sciences

11:30 a.m., 335 Borlaug

Contact: Susan Livingston, 625-8756

December 12

### **A Strategy for the Phytoremediation of Atrazine Soil**

Perrin Wang, Microbial Engineering Program

3:30 p.m., 239 Gortner

Contact: Perrin Wang, [wang0602@umn.edu](mailto:wang0602@umn.edu)

December 17

### **Following the Sunn: Using *Medicago Truncatula* and Molecular Genetics to Understand Legume Nodulation**

Julia Frugoli, Department of Genetics and Biochemistry, Clemson University

3:30 p.m., 335 Borlaug

Contact: Kate VandenBosch, [kvandenb@cbs.umn.edu](mailto:kvandenb@cbs.umn.edu)

February 5

### **Exploring Careers in the Life Sciences**

5 p.m., 150 Ecology

Register at [www.cbs.umn.edu/student/career/CCWorkshop.html](http://www.cbs.umn.edu/student/career/CCWorkshop.html)

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