

Meet President Mark G. Yudof

UC's 19th president is here and getting down to the business of leading the university in its mission to provide the best possible service to the people of California.

Mark Yudof knows what he wants from UC employees: "My feeling is that you only win with the 'A team,' " he said as he prepared to take office on June 16.

Most people who work for universities are competent and know how to do their jobs, he said, yet more than high performance is needed: "What we need is a total commitment to the mission of the system. And part of that mission is that we are there at the Office of the President level to serve the campuses, to add value, to make sure that the whole is greater than the sum of the parts. And so what I think I'm looking for is not only the traditional indicators of quality of performance, but someone who is committed to making that happen and understands it."

Yudof said he is committed to fairness, consultative processes and competitive salaries for people who work hard.

On his first day on the job, Yudof and his wife, Judy, greeted employees at a gathering on the patio of the Office of the President's downtown Oakland headquarters. Hundreds of staff members lined up to welcome the president and shake hands. (Yudof held another reception for UCOP employees who work at the Oakland Kaiser building on June 18.)

"I know there has been not too smooth sailing for the last year or so," he told employees at the reception. "I view that as a blip. We can right the ship and move forward."

At the top of his agenda, he said, is to take the message of what UC does for California directly to the 38 million state residents. Whether they have students attending a UC campus or not, he said, Californians need to know how their lives are made better by the university's advances in science, technology and health. At the same time, he said, the university needs to hold itself accountable to the people of California.

Yudof is a distinguished authority on constitutional law, freedom of expression and education law who has

written and edited numerous publications on free speech and gender discrimination, including "Educational Policy and the Law." He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a member of the American Law Institute. He served a two-year term on the U.S. Department of Education's Advisory Board of the National Institute for Literacy and currently is a member of the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation.

Over the next few months, Yudof expects to visit each UC campus to meet with faculty, staff and student leaders.

Yudof video transcript

Narrator: University of California President Mark Yudof has had many role models during his nearly 40-year career in law and academia, but as he transitions into his position as president of the world's premier public university, he draws inspiration from former University of Texas at Austin President Peter Flawn.

Yudof: He had a rule - there were no pending decisions left on his desk at the end of the day. He kept the trains running, he was decisive and a much-beloved figure.

Narrator: Yudof, a lawyer raised in Philadelphia, was a longtime member of the University of Texas law faculty before becoming president of the University of Minnesota and then University of Texas systems. As he begins his UC presidency, Yudof views a number of issues as vitally important ...

Yudof: One is the restructuring of the Office of the President, make sure we're husbanding our resources and we're performing our functions well. I want to make sure that our governance is proper. That the board is well aware of its role and the president of his and the chancellors of their role.

There are many things that the Office of the President should not be regulating on the campuses and so we need to have a feeling of trust between the Board of Regents and the president so that the board carries out its primary responsibility for policy and the president is in charge of the administration and relations with campuses.

I do have strong feelings about advocating for a more fulsome budget for the University of California and I think it's not so much testifying before a particular committee, although that may not be important; or having the governor's ear, which I hope to have. I think it's a long-range educational plan. And it's our job to make a more effective case for why it is that many of the great accomplishments of this state have been occasioned by what's going on on these campuses.

And if we can accomplish that, then I think that is the backdrop against which we can be more successful in the appropriations process. Budgets some years were stronger than others, there are recessions and there are downturns, but long-term, we need to engage in that educational process.

There's been an increasing attitude of privatization of education and that's just a fancy way of saying that the students and their families were called upon to pay more and more of the cost. And I would argue that the University of California is still a fabulous buy and that you get a quality education that you might get, say in the Ivy Leagues on the East coast or the University of Chicago or Stanford at a fraction of the cost. But it nonetheless is a case that it's getting more expensive, more privatized and financial aid is very important. We need to always ask - what is the real price as opposed to the sticker price? But particularly for the middle-class, the people who aren't qualifying for Pell grants and the like, it's undoubtedly the case that it is a hardship.

Narrator: As for UC employees, Yudof strives to lead a system built on performance and commitment.

Yudof: My feeling is that you only win with the 'A team,' so I do expect a high level of performance. I also think they're entitled to fairness and that abrupt decisions should not be made and that there should be widespread, consultative processes. But ultimately, we need to have employees who I hope, will be well-paid, where we're competitive for salaries, who work hard.

Narrator: Yudof looks forward to getting to know UC students, faculty and staff on a personal level as they get to know more about him.

Yudof: I have all sorts of idiosyncrasies. I've spent my life in search of the perfect pancake - everyone knows that. I'm a little worried about California; I don't want to find sprouts in my pancakes. That would not be good. I am a collector of antique maps and I enjoy that a lot because they're very artistic, but also because they are a window onto the culture of a time. I do read mystery novels - I'm now on volume 16 of Donna Leon. She is an American who has lived in Venice for a long time and all the murder mysteries take place there; I read a lot of science books - I feel you can understand science from twenty thousand feet and it's important even if you can't do it. I feel the same way about the Philadelphia Phillies; I can't lay down a bunt, I can't catch a fly in centerfield, but I'm always prepared to boo or cheer, depending on how they perform.

I'm sure my staff at Texas would tell you a lot of other things that are mildly or even more than mildly amusing, but that's all I feel comfortable sharing today [LAUGH]...

Ask it!

Chances are there's something you've always wondered about, meant to look up or wished someone would explain. Now is your chance to satisfy that curiosity. E-mail your questions and we'll find the UC brainiac who can answer it. Science, health, culture, language - whatever your question, don't be shy. Just Ask it!

Q. This summer, CERN (the European Organization for Nuclear Research) will launch operations of the Large Hadron Collider - a 17-mile, circular particle accelerator buried 300 feet below Switzerland and France. There is a lot of controversy about the safety of the collider, especially its potential to create black holes, which could annihilate the Earth. Is this dangerous?

A. The Large Hadron Collider does indeed represent a quantum leap for particle colliders. In addition to providing insight into why particles have mass, the LHC may discover new forces or produce dark matter, the mysterious particles that make up most of the matter in the universe.

Any of these would be a revolutionary discovery, but there are also other possibilities that are even more exotic and speculative. The production of black holes is one of these. A black hole is a region of space in which mass is packed so densely that even light cannot

escape its gravitational pull. Black holes are predicted to exist by Einstein's theory of general relativity and are by now standard in astrophysics - there is strong evidence that many galaxies, including our own, have black holes at their centers, with masses that are millions to billions times that of our Sun.

General relativity also predicts, however, that black holes cannot be produced at the LHC. The reason is simple - for all its power, the LHC's energy is still 17 orders of magnitude too small to produce the matter densities required to form a black hole. If there are extra spatial dimensions beyond the three we observe, however, this discrepancy can be removed, and black holes can be produced at the LHC. In stark contrast to their astrophysical cousins, however, the LHC's black holes would be much smaller than a proton and would vanish in a burst of electrons, photons, and other standard particles through a process called Hawking radiation in less than 10^{-27} seconds, long before they could grow by accreting other matter. Thus, even if black holes are produced at the LHC, they will not annihilate the Earth.

Still, one might ask: What if black holes are produced and the theory of Hawking radiation is simply wrong? Could the LHC's black holes then catalyze a global catastrophe? It turns out that, although the LHC has yet to begin operation, collisions far above the LHC's energies are already taking place all around us, because the Earth is constantly being bombarded by extremely high energy particles, called cosmic rays. If black holes can be produced at the LHC, cosmic rays should be producing them at the rate of a few per minute somewhere in the Earth's atmosphere. The fact that the Earth has survived these collisions provides further evidence against Earth-eating black holes.

For all of these reasons, researchers have failed to identify an even remotely plausible scenario in which the doomsday catastrophe is realized. In fact, more typical is the opposite problem, that new phenomena, whether they be new particles, new forces, or black holes, may appear very subtly, and physicists are now straining to ensure that new discoveries are not lost in the flood of data when the LHC begins operation in the coming year.

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People

Kid patients learn to rock

Musician Gabe Turow is adding a little hip-hop and blues to the treatment plans of young patients at UC San Francisco's Children's Hospital. His goal as the new musician-in-residence is to make a hospital stay less scary. What better way to do that than with an electric guitar? Read more.

By Donna Hemmila

His second day on the job as musician-in-residence at UC San Francisco Children's Hospital, Gabe Turow faced a test of everything he had learned about music and the brain.

A toddler undergoing an EEG procedure was wailing in fear so loudly he could be heard in the hospital corridors. No amount of comforting from his mother could get him to calm down as the child tried to rip out the IV line and electrodes attached to his body.

Turow's new boss, Michael Towne, coordinator of the hospital's Child Life Department, asked him to see if music could soothe the child, the basic premise of the hospital's newly created music program.

Armed with a kalimba - an African instrument also called a thumb piano - Turow entered the boy's room and began to play. Plucking at the metal tines of the small hand-held wooden instrument, Turow caught the child's eye but his screaming continued to battle with the instrument's tinkling, silver-bell sounds.

After a few minutes, however, the child's screams subsided. He told his mother he wanted to crawl into bed. She tucked him in with a bottle and snuggled next to him.

"I slowly moved in and slowed the music down," Turow recalled. "Three or four minutes later, he fell asleep. I got him to calm down without a sedative."

At that moment, Turow knew his new music gig was on the right track.

Hired as the first musician-in-residence at a Northern California hospital, Turow, 25, is charged with making life less stressful and traumatizing for pediatric patients. He does that by both playing music for the kids and by teaching them to make their own music, leading drum circles and teaching patients to play electric guitar and keyboards.

Since that early experience with the distressed toddler, Turow often plays for babies and children undergoing hospital procedures.

"A child's anxiety goes up dramatically when going through a procedure," said Towne. "We've used recorded music, but Gabe can monitor the child's response. He can speed things up or slow down. He can choose the right tempo and volume."

UC San Francisco funds the music program with \$25,000 in grants from Rock Against Cancer. With support from musicians including Nelly Furtado, Gwen Stefani, Barenaked Ladies and Bon Jovi, the North Carolina-based nonprofit has funded music programs at eight hospitals around the country, including one at UCLA's Mattel Children's Hospital. Founder Lisa White started the School of Rock programs after seeing the positive role music therapy played in her son Gabriel's survival of childhood leukemia.

UCSF pediatric oncologist Rob Goldsby treated White's son in Salt Lake City. White approached him about starting a music program at the UCSF hospital. It also helped that Goldsby himself was a rocker before he was a doctor, playing drums in Bay Area bands.

"I know music and other art forms are incredibly important to kids going through cancer treatment," Goldsby said. "At minimum, music is a diversion. It helps them escape and not think about what they're going through. It helps them to be normal."

Anything that makes life seem worthwhile - even head-banging punk rock - he said, has a healing effect on young patients.

Unlike traditional music therapy programs that use classical and folk music to help patients relax, Turow said he concentrates on the kind of music young kids like - rock, blues and hip-hop.

"If they're really worked up, it's actually annoying if someone is trying to soothe you and calm you down," Turow said. "The goal is to relate to these teenagers at their level. Even if you're not playing soothing music, getting someone's mind off themselves will do a lot to reduce stress."

The hospital used some of its grant money to buy electric guitars, amplifiers, drums and keyboards for patient music lessons.

"A month in the hospital is way long enough to learn to play a guitar," said Turow. "You can learn to play most rock songs. It's cool and not that hard."

Turow, trained as a classical percussionist, has been making music since age 8. He's a professional drummer and also plays guitar, bass and piano. He is a visiting scholar in the Department of Music and a research associate at the Center for Computer Research in Music and Acoustics at Stanford University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in religious studies and became interested in how people use ritual music to meditate and calm themselves.

At Stanford he helped start the annual Symposium on Music and the Brain.

"I was discovering the neurological basis for what music makes me feel," he said.

Even though his music students at UCSF Children's Hospital are sick, Turow said they are still enthusiastic and energized by a chance to rock out. He gives lessons in the hospital's teen lounge and a classroom where patients keep up their schoolwork. For those too ill to leave their room, Turow teaches and performs at the bedside. Even the youngest patients have fun exploring instruments in the hospital's playroom.

"The youngest kid I've jammed with was 9 months old," Turow said. "I brought in a small marimba and gave him the mallets, and he just wailed on it for 30 minutes. I

thought, 'there is something really intense going on here neurologically.' "

That connection between music and brain response is a research area Towne would like the musician-in-residence program at UCSF to become involved with. He'd also like to expand Turow's services beyond the two days funding currently allows him to spend in the hospital. The program also needs to acquire more instruments.

For more information about the UCSF musician-in-residence program and how to help, contact michael.towne@ucsfmedctr.org

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Featured campus: UC Berkeley

Where were you in 1968?

Amidst all the turmoil of the '60s, 1968 stands out as the decade's most soul-stunning year: the My Lai massacre, the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, the assassinations of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Bobby Kennedy. UC Berkeley faculty and staff recall their '68 memories, including close encounters with Ronald Reagan and an international furor over Eldridge Cleaver teaching a class. Read more at http://www.berkeley.edu/news/berkeleyan/2008/06/04_whereyou.shtml.

Systemwide News

Rory Hume to step down as UC provost {fotos in folder}

In addition to serving as provost, Hume has been UC's chief operating officer since August, serving during the presidential transition and overseeing the restructuring of the Office of the President. Prior to joining systemwide administration in 2005, he was president of the University of New South Wales. Read more.

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Wyatt R. (Rory) Hume, University of California provost and executive vice president for academic and health affairs, announced today (June 16) that he will be stepping down from the position by this September. Hume informed President Mark G. Yudof of his decision this morning and announced it in an email to colleagues this afternoon. Wyatt R. Hume

In addition to his responsibilities as provost, Hume had been serving as chief operating officer for the university during the presidential transition. Hume, a longtime administrator and faculty member both in the UC system and in his native Australia, said that after a break he intends to continue working to advance higher education and health care in the United States and internationally, though he has not announced specific plans.

"I reached this decision some months ago but had not made it public because of my responsibilities through the transition period as chief operating officer," Hume said. "I am very confident that President Yudof will provide strong and inspired leadership for UC into the coming years. By letting him know at this stage that I will be leaving, I hope to increase his ability quickly to complete and make stable the management team that he will need to support that leadership."

Yudof said he accepted Hume's decision with regret. "I respect the decision Rory has made to pursue new professional ventures, though I regret very much that we will not continue to have the benefit of his talent and perspective in the UC system administration," Yudof said. "Rory has performed a great service for the UC system, taking on a series of difficult assignments and moving the institution forward during the recent transition period. I know the entire UC community joins me in expressing gratitude for the enormous contribution he has made."

Hume, now 63, came to the UC systemwide administration in September 2005 as vice president for academic and health affairs. He was named provost and executive vice president for academic and health affairs in June 2006. In August 2007 he was asked to serve as chief operating officer for the university for a transitional period following the announcement of former President Robert C. Dynes' resignation.

"I am grateful to Rory Hume for the tremendous leadership he demonstrated, both over the course of his career and in navigating the University of California through this most recent transition period," said Richard C. Blum, chairman of the UC Board of Regents. "Without him, we literally could not have achieved what we have. Rory is a man of high standards, good judgment

and unflagging commitment to the role that public higher education plays in our society. We will miss him greatly at the University of California."

Professor Michael Brown, chair of the UC Academic Senate, said: "Provost Hume stepped in at a difficult time and helped steer UC through some rough waters with skill and good humor, all the while demonstrating a keen understanding of UC's academic mission and its importance to the prosperity of California. On behalf of the Academic Senate, I thank Rory for his excellent service to UC and wish him and his wife, Jenny, the greatest joy and satisfaction in the future."

As provost, Hume led a major long-term strategic planning effort for the UC system, oversaw a comprehensive review of California's needs for growth in the health professions, and undertook a systematic campus-by-campus academic planning process. As chief operating officer he developed an aggressive action plan, now largely implemented, for strengthening core university operations and oversaw an organizational restructuring that has led to a 10 percent cut in the Office of the President budget and a shift of another 10 percent of the budget to other locations.

In recent months he also has been the lead spokesman for the UC system in a collaborative effort with the leaders of the California State University system and the California Community Colleges to build understanding and support across the state for the contributions and funding needs of public higher education.

"It has been a personal delight for me to be with you over the last three years, and an honor to serve again in the University of California," Hume said in the email announcing his resignation. "These years have been fascinating, challenging and, largely because of your collegiality and positive spirit, very rewarding. My greatest pleasures have been in working with many of you to help refine the vision of how this great university can continue to excel in the future, and most recently in collaborating with colleagues from the California State University system and the California Community Colleges to seek the support necessary to realize that vision."

Prior to joining the Office of the President, Hume served as executive vice chancellor of UCLA from 1998 to 2002 and as president of the University of New South Wales, in Australia, from 2002 to 2004.

Born in South Australia, Hume was trained in dentistry at the University of Adelaide, from which he holds B.S., B.D.S., Ph.D. and D.D.S. degrees. He came to UCLA in 1975 as a postdoctoral research fellow and then faculty member, earning outstanding teaching awards four years in a row and receiving significant research support from the National Institutes of Health. In addition to his faculty service, Hume since 1984 has served as an academic administrator in Australia and in the UC system. He chaired the Department of Dentistry at the University of Adelaide and was dean of the University of Sydney's School of Dentistry. He then chaired the Department of Restorative Dentistry at UC San Francisco prior to service as dean of UCLA's School of Dentistry.

Hume was a member of the Australian Research Council from 2002 to 2005, was chair of the Australian Research Information Infrastructure Committee and from 2004 to 2005 led the planning process for future investments in Australia's national research infrastructure as chair of the National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy. This spring he was one of 16 prominent Australians living in the United States who were invited to a meeting in Washington to advise Prime Minister Kevin Rudd on key emerging issues for Australia.

Hume's biography is available at www.ucop.edu/acadaff/wrhbio.html. The text of Hume's email to colleagues is reprinted below.

June 16, 2008

Dear Colleagues,

This morning I informed President Yudof that I will step down as Provost by September this year. I reached this decision some months ago but had not made it public because of my responsibilities through the transition period as chief operating officer. This will be announced publicly a little later today, but I wanted to write to let each of you know.

It has been a personal delight for me to be with you over the last three years, and an honor to serve again in the University of California. These years have been fascinating, challenging and, largely because of your collegiality and positive spirit, very rewarding.

My greatest pleasures have been in working with many of you to help refine the vision of how this great university can continue to excel in the future, and most recently in collaborating with colleagues from the California State University system and the California Community Colleges to seek the support necessary to realize that vision. It has also been both inspirational and very satisfying to interact with Regents; the system-wide Academic Senate; the chancellors, provosts and many faculty and staff from all ten of our great campuses; the health science deans and hospital directors; brilliant student leaders; and the hardworking, dedicated and creative staff in the Office of the President.

I am very confident that President Yudof will provide strong and inspired leadership for UC into the coming years. By letting him know at this stage that I will be leaving, I hope to increase his ability quickly to complete and make stable the management team that he will need to support that leadership.

As you may know, I retired from UC several years ago, and suspended that retirement to join UCOP, where I contributed initially both to health affairs and to academic planning for the system, then to broader management matters. From the UC perspective, I will now return to simple professor emeritus status, something hard earned and of which I am proud.

After a break I plan to continue to work to advance higher education and health care both in the US and internationally. Jenny and I will maintain a family home in the Bay Area and we look forward to continuing our friendships and associations with you into the years ahead.

Best wishes,

Rory

UC women hone leadership skills

More than 400 women employees of the University of California gathered in San Francisco June 5 and 6 to share ideas on building power, mastering workplace politics and making the right career moves. The UC women's leadership conference, with support from UCOP, is held every two years. [Read more.](#)

By Donna Hemmila

When 400 UC women get together, what do they talk about? Everything from national politics to what to do when your cell phone rings during a meeting.

Those topics and others were part of the offerings at a two-day UC women's leadership conference held in San Francisco June 5 and 6. Organized by the UC San Francisco Center for Gender Equity, with sponsorship from the UC Office of the President, the conference offered a lineup of 30 career development and communications workshops interspersed with motivational keynote addresses and networking and social activities.

Titled "Women Leaders 2008: A Symposium About Women in University Settings," the conference aimed to foster upward career mobility for women throughout the university system. Women who attended said they found a mixture of inspiration and practical tips.

"I really like bringing women from all the campuses together," said conference attendee Kathryn Paul, executive director of the UCLA Center for World Languages. "It's an opportunity to bring women together who do similar work. The organizers work really hard to make it inspirational with speakers and insights you can take home with you."

One of the highlights of the conference for Paul was United Farm Workers of America co-founder Dolores Huerta's opening keynote address emphasizing the responsibility women have for helping other women.

With men still outnumbering women in UC's upper management and faculty positions, Paul said, such a conference to support women's career goals is important.

While women make up 64.8 percent of the UC work force, according to the October 2007 Career Staff Workforce Representation Summary, they hold just 31.7 percent of senior management jobs. Among tenured UC faculty in

2006, women made up 26.4 percent of the work force and men 73.6 percent.

"The workshops provided practical, useful tips for managing your career and professional relationships," said Yvonne Tevis, executive assistant in the UCOP information resources department. "There was a supportive atmosphere among all participants, and I came away energized, feeling like I have new tools to help advance my career."

During a seminar titled "Where There's a Woman There's a Way," three high-ranking UC women administrators talked about hurdles they had to overcome in their own career paths. Katherine Lapp, executive vice president of business operations at the Office of the President, told how her fear of public speaking subsided once she gained self-confidence in her abilities.

Judy Sakaki, vice president for student affairs for the UC system, talked about her experiences as a single mother building a career. Linda Williams, associate chancellor at UC Berkeley, advised women to overcome their self-doubts and not to be afraid to make mistakes.

"One of the things I had to learn was to tell the negative committee in my head to shut up and sit down," Williams said.

Stephanie Milton went to the conference in search of practical information to help in her new job as interim manager of the UC Santa Cruz Women's Center.

"I really wanted leadership and communication tools to help me navigate the system," said Milton. "When you work on yourself, that translates to improvements for the organization."

Lauren Dun, a recent UC Santa Cruz graduate, is learning the ropes in her first career job with campus residential life programs.

"I'm new to the professional world," Dun said. "It was a good opportunity to gain insights from women. I really enjoyed the communications workshops. Everyone needs development in communication. I'm learning how to transform the way I talk from being a student to being a professional."

Janice Gonsalves, manager of business and international operations in the UC Berkeley Office of Marketing and Business Outreach, has attended two UC women's conferences and said each one has been in some way life-altering.

"Having the opportunity to listen to women who have excelled in their careers, who successfully juggle life and work issues, and yet maintain their sense of humor and well-being gives me hope that I can emulate them," Gonsalves said. "The networking opportunities were also helpful, and it was good to meet colleagues on the other UC campuses. I hope that the word about this terrific conference is even more widely broadcast, so that many other women from the UC campuses can attend in the future."

The UC San Francisco Center for Gender Equity has been organizing the women's conference every two years since 1998. Download workshop materials from the conference.

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What's on your summer reading list? {foto in folder}

Whether you're sunning on a beach in Fiji, trapped on a cross-country flight to New Jersey or simply lazing about your own backyard, summer is the perfect time to catch up on reading. Who better to ask for book recommendations than UC librarians?

Check out their summer reading list.

Summer is a perfect time for catching up on reading. Our University asked UC librarians to make recommendations for good books to read. Below are suggestions from librarians who responded to the task.

A Night to Remember

by Walter Lord (Holt, 1955)

Recommended by Megan Hahn Fraser, UCLA associate librarian, special collections:

A true story more enthralling than fiction, this definitive book on the Titanic is also a pioneering masterpiece in the eyewitness history genre.

The Thought Gang

by Tibor Fischer (Scribner, 1997).

Recommended by Marta Brunner, UCLA Librarian for English and American Literature and Comparative Literature:

How would a philosopher rob a bank? Is bank robbery a viable alternative for failed academics? Fischer's "verbal hijinks" keep readers slightly off balance and laughing out loud.

Staggerford

by Jon Hassler (Antheneum, 1977)

Recommended by Alison Armstrong, UCLA director of Undergraduate Initiatives & Head of College Library:
The story of a high school teacher in a small Minnesota town.

Bad Girls

By Alex McAulay (MTV Books, 2005)

Recommended by Elizabeth 'Lisa' McAulay, UCLA librarian for Digital Collection Development:

This book takes Lord of the Flies and re-interprets it in the present day with a cast of teenage girls. The book is informed by current research into young women and their psychological development especially relating to aggression. It's an action-adventure thriller and is a fast read. (Conflict of Interest notice - this is my husband's novel.)

Walter Benjamin at the Dairy Queen

by Larry McMurtry (Simon & Schuster, 2001 paperback)

Recommended by Vicki Bloom, UC Riverside head of Reference, Rivera Library

Aficionados of the American West, book lovers of all types, and passionate readers will appreciate these thoughtful, plain-speaking and reflective essays from one of America's great writers and storytellers.

The Soloist: A Lost Dream, an Unlikely Friendship, and the Redemptive Power of Music

by Steve Lopez (G. P. Putnam's Sons, 2008)

Recommended by Ken Furuta, UC Riverside reference/Information technology librarian, Rivera Library

One day, Steve Lopez, an LA Times columnist, stumbled across Nathaniel Ayers playing beautiful music on a violin missing 2 strings. Ayers, a former Juilliard student, has schizophrenia, was homeless, and lived on LA's Skid Row. This is his story.

Notes on a Life

by Eleanor Coppola (Nan A. Talese/Doubleday, 2008)

Recommended by Melissa Conway, UC Riverside head of Special Collections & Archives:

Eleanor Coppola's beautifully rendered musings on life, love, loss, art and the artists she married and reared. A must for enthusiasts of the Godfather films. (And isn't that everyone?)

The Hakawati

by Rabih Alameddine (Knopf, April 2008)

Recommended by John Bloomberg-Rissman, humanities bibliographer, UC Riverside:

Narratives nested within narratives nested within narratives, making up the narrative of an extended family living within contemporary not-quite-and-maybe-never postwar Lebanon. For narratives I could have written stories; for stories I could have written tales; for tales I could have written the food our common humanity needs in order to stay alive.

The Collected Poems of Barbara Guest

by Barbara Guest (Wesleyan University Press, release date in 2008)

Recommended by John Bloomberg-Rissman, humanities bibliographer, UC Riverside:

The life work of the only female member of the fabled four first-generation New York School poets (the others being John Ashbery, Frank O'Hara, Kenneth Koch), and the last to have her work gathered in a major collection. They are simply great poets, among the best in U.S. history. And Guest is not the least of them.

The Piano Tuner

by Daniel Mason (UCSF medical school alumnus) (Knopf 2002)

Recommended by Karen Butter, university librarian and assistant vice chancellor, UC San Francisco

This is the story of Edgar Drake, who was commissioned by the British War office to travel to Burma to repair a piano. It's a long journey to locate the rare piano, and Edgar faces many conflicts along the way. The author weaves in history and geography to make an enjoyable story.

The Prince of the Marshes: And Other Occupational Hazards of a Year in Iraq

by Rory Stewart (Harvest Books, paperback 2007)

Recommended by Julia Kochi, director of digital library and collections, UC San Francisco

The author, a British diplomat, at age 30 was appointed deputy governor of a province in occupied Iraq.

Suite Francaise

by Irene Nemirovsky (Vintage, paperback 2007)

Recommended by Julia Kochi, director of digital library and collections, UC San Francisco

A lyrical unfinished novel about World War II.

How to Pick a Peach: The Search for Flavor from Farm to Table

by Russ Parsons (Houghton Mifflin, 2007)

Recommended by Julia Kochi, director of digital library and collections, UC San Francisco

A wonderful look at the produce we eat. Includes information on how to choose, store and prepare each item.

A Tale of Love and Darkness

by Amos Oz, translated by Nicolas de Lange (Harcourt, 2004, Harvest Books, 2005)

Recommended by Lee Jaffe, librarian UC Santa Cruz

This is a remarkably beautiful memoir, both deeply personal and at the same time a privileged glimpse of life at one of the crossroads of history.

Three Bags Full: A Sheep Detective Story (also published under the title Glenkill)

by Leonie Swann, (Doubleday/Flying Dolphin Press, 2006)

Recommended by Lorelei Tanji, collections librarian, UC Irvine:

A flock of Irish sheep (Miss Maple and others) take it upon themselves to solve the mystery of their murdered shepherd. A humorous and entertaining detective story told completely from the viewpoint of the sheep.

Garlic and Sapphires: The Secret Life of a Critic in Disguise

By Ruth Reichl, (Penguin Press, 2005)

Recommended by Jessica Brobst, reference librarian, UC Irvine:

Author reflects on her career as an undercover food critic for the New York Times.

The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency (and all others in the series)

By Alexander McCall Smith (Anchor Books, 2003)

Recommended by Jessica Brobst, reference librarian, UC Irvine:

Book series centers on the adventures of the only lady private detective in Botswana.

In the Wind

by Barbara Fister (St. Martin's Minotaur, 2008)

Recommended by Kari Lucas, UC San Diego Center for
Library & Instructional Computing Services

Draws parallels between counter intelligence practices
during Vietnam era and current information gathering
initiatives with the story making the political very
personal for the characters.

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More than 38,000 Californians to enroll as UC freshmen

Report on fall 2008 freshman intent to register
outcomes

A record 38,088 California resident students have indicated their intent to enroll at the University of California for the fall 2008 term. At 23.7 percent, underrepresented students (African American, American Indian, Chicano/Latino) increased as a proportion of the projected entering freshman class, led by increases in Chicano/Latino students (+953) and African American students (+143) compared with fall 2007. It is expected that the fall 2008 freshman class will be the largest in the university's history.

Table 1 presents the complete picture of fall 2008 California and domestic freshman admission and anticipated enrollments. It includes data on applicants admitted in March 2008 for the fall 2008 term, as well as data on alternate admissions offers to fall 2008 applicants, including referral and winter/spring term offers. Offers to international students have been excluded from this table except for the alternate spring offers at Berkeley.

Table 2 displays the distribution of intent to register by campus and ethnicity for California and domestic applicants. The data in this table are based on students admitted to fall 2008, including those admitted through referral. Fall 2008 applicants admitted to the spring 2009 term at UC Berkeley are not included as Berkeley admits in this data.

Table 3 displays the yield (intent to enroll/admits) for California and domestic freshmen admitted during the fall admissions cycle. Table 3 does not include students offered admission to an alternate term.

Table 4 displays the total anticipated enrollment (intent to enroll/admits) for freshmen admitted during the normal admission cycle and includes international students.

Fall 2008 community college transfer admissions

The University of California campuses offered admission to 17,513 transfer students from California Community Colleges for fall 2008, a 6.3 percent increase compared with the previous fall term. This increase parallels the 8 percent increase in applications from California community college transfer students for the fall term and reflects the university's commitment to a strong transfer function in California. In addition to the fall term admits, several campuses will offer admission to additional applicants from California Community Colleges for the winter/spring 2009 term.

The number of underrepresented students (African American, American Indian and Chicano/Latinos) offered admission increased slightly, led by a 4.6 percent increase in offers to Chicano/Latino students. The number of underrepresented students offered admission to the university has increased just over 75 percent since 1998.

The community college transfer data are available at:

Table 1 -- All transfers from California Community Colleges

Note: Statement of intent to register (SIR) is an interim step in the overall application, admission and enrollment cycle. An admitted student submits an SIR following admission to signal his or her intent to accept the admission offer and enroll at a UC campus. Final enrollment figures for the fall term are typically available in January of the following year.

UC researchers featured at BIO International Convention
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The University of California, the world's premier public research university, will participate and exhibit at the 2008 Biotechnology Industry Organization's (BIO) International Convention being held in San Diego, June 17-20.

The university's systemwide exhibit will highlight the diversity of the university's research and scientific excellence and its ability to move inventions successfully from the laboratory to industry. (UC's exhibition booth is located in California Pavilion (C3-C5))

The University of California is the nation's leader in academic research and technology transfer. For 14 years in a row, UC is the largest recipient of patents in the United States and has an active portfolio of more than 8,200 inventions including the hepatitis B vaccine (UC San Francisco); the Camarosa, Ventana and Albion strawberries (UC Davis); nicotine patch (UCLA); and treatment of intracranial aneurysms (UCLA). UC researchers disclose nearly four new inventions per day. In fiscal year 2007, the university reported more than 1,400 new inventions, up nearly 8 percent from fiscal year 2006.

"The BIO International Convention is an excellent opportunity for the University of California to exhibit and showcase our contributions to the economy and our strong relationship with industry," said William Tucker, executive director, research administration and technology transfer for the University of California system. "With about one-quarter of the country's biotech firms located within 35 miles of a UC campus, the University of California is a critical component to driving California and our nation's economy forward. The university's research enterprise, coupled with our ability to quickly and effectively move inventions to commercialization, ensures that we remain a vital component of the economic engine that is driving innovation and keeping California competitive."

The University of California's systemwide technology transfer activities have resulted in more than 1,300 active licenses that have moved inventions from the research lab to industry. According to university statistics, approximately 1 in 3 California biotech

firms were founded by UC scientists and engineers. More than 1,000 California R&D-intensive companies actively engage in research projects with UC scientists and students.

On Monday, June 16, from 5-7 p.m., UC San Diego will sponsor a "biofuels happy hour" a few steps from the San Diego Convention Center at the Omni Hotel, 675 L St. The journalists attending the conference are invited to talk one-on-one with six UC San Diego faculty members who are investigating how to make biofuels from wood chips, algae and other non-food starting materials. To RSVP, contact Jim Gogek at (858) 822-3736 or jgogek@ucsd.edu.

On Wednesday, June 18, from 6-9 p.m., the University of California will sponsor a reception for convention attendees at Deco's (731 Fifth Ave., San Diego). Media are welcome to attend. To RSVP, visit www.ucalumni.net/bio2008 (code OTT608) or send an e-mail to events@ucop.edu. Please provide name, address, daytime phone numbers, e-mail and media outlet.

California Telehealth Network in demand with clinics
California Telehealth Network deadline nears for
interested clinics

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Nearly 400 clinics have expressed interest in participating in the California Telehealth Network, a statewide project to provide broadband connections for rural telehealth that is co-managed by the University of California Office of the President and UC Davis Health System.

The \$30 million-plus federally backed network will allow doctors and patients to have expanded broadband telecommunications capability, all intended to improve access to specialty medical care in rural and other underserved parts of the state.

Health care facilities interested in participating need to take two initial steps: complete an online readiness survey and submit a brief Letter Of Agency -- a document formally expressing interest in participating.

The deadline for submitting an LOA is July 30. Information and instructions are available at www.caltelehealth.org. Also, there is a hotline number, (916) 734-3008.

Nearly 400 clinics already have completed the readiness survey, but as of today, many have not submitted a Letter Of Agency. Over the next three years, the CTN will begin to connect primarily rural clinics to a statewide and nationwide broadband telehealth network, with a goal of connecting 100 clinics in the first year.

The broadband telecommunications connection will be free to eligible clinics, and will enable communities to develop future contracts for the provision of specialty and emergency telemedicine care from other providers and hospitals.

"Our advisory council -- with representatives from rural clinics, nonprofit technology groups and government broadband leaders -- met last week and is hopeful that more rural clinics will submit LOAs by the 30th. It is important for the California project to have as many LOAs as possible in order to secure the maximum available federal funding," said Cathryn Nation, MD, associate vice president for health sciences with the UC Office of the President and co-director for the project.

"The California network was the second largest project funded by the FCC under this pilot program. California is looking forward to continuing its telehealth leadership and connecting more clinics in underserved areas to this unprecedented telemedicine network," said Thomas Nesbitt, MD, executive associate dean for clinical and administrative affairs with the UC Davis Health System and co-director for the project.

At the request of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, UC is managing the CTN, working in partnership with a coalition of government agencies, health care providers and others.

The CTN is part of a \$417 million Federal Communications Commission initiative launched in November to create 69 networks nationwide under its Rural Health Care Pilot Program. The commission awarded \$22 million to the CTN, which is also receiving funds

from the California Emerging Technology Fund and UnitedHealth Group Inc.

The future peer-to-peer telehealth network will be designed to enable a high-quality broadband connection to a statewide and nationwide network dedicated to health care, offering communities increased access to specialty medical care in more than 40 specialties, continuing education/distance learning, disaster preparedness and access to new technologies.

The CTN will be available to both for-profit and nonprofit facilities in the state. In addition to receiving a free connection to the broadband network, participating facilities will receive technical support and may have some capital equipment costs offset as well.

For more information: www.caltelehealth.org

UCSB student nominated as 2009-10 student regent

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A University of California Regents' special committee last week nominated Jesse M. Bernal, a UC Santa Barbara graduate student, as student regent for 2009-10.

The full board will consider the committee's recommendation at its July 16-17 meeting. If approved, Bernal would become the 35th student regent since the position was established in 1975.

He would then serve as the student regent-designate for the coming year and be able to participate in all deliberations, but not vote until July 2009 when his one-year term would begin.

"I am honored to be chosen as student regent, and look forward to working with the Regents and the entire UC community to address the serious budget and educational challenges facing both the university and the state," said Bernal. "Now more than ever, California's future demands a new approach to public investment in higher education, and we must at the same time continue to identify innovative opportunities to increase diversity and keep a UC education affordable."

A first-generation college student, Bernal began his graduate studies at UC Santa Barbara in 2005, first in political science and now in education. His areas of emphasis include underrepresented students in higher education, first-year student experience, student development and retention. Bernal received his bachelor's degree from Westmont College (Santa Barbara).

He is also currently special programs manager in the UCSB summer sessions office, where he coordinates academic arrangements for several programs, including courses, advising and workshops as well as extracurricular activities and residential aspects. He has also served as university affairs chair and board member of the UC Student Association and external vice president for statewide affairs for the UCSB Graduate Students Association.

Bernal's community service has also focused on student and education issues. For several years, he was site coordinator for a Santa Barbara Endowment for Youth program in several elementary schools, supervising tutors, recruitment and parent outreach. Previously, he was a tutor and college adviser with the California Student Opportunity and Access Program, which aims to increase academic achievement and foster college possibilities and retention. With the Southwestern University Diversity Education Program, he was activities director for "Bridge Builders," organizing training in diversity education and cultural sensitivity.

The student regent for 2008-09 is D'Artagnan Scorza, a graduate student in education at UCLA.

The nominating committee included Regents Joanne Kozberg (chair), Eddie Island, William De La Pena, Eleanor Brewer and Ben Allen.

The Regents' policy on the appointment of the student regent is available at www.universityofcalifornia.edu/regents/policies/6010.html.

This year, 65 students from all 10 UC campuses applied for the position. The Regents' committee interviewed three finalists, whose names were submitted by the UC

Student Association after its review of the top candidates from the UC campuses.

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UC Merced students drawn to Yosemite summer programs

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MERCED - Many college students gravitate to jobs and opportunities that take them to the great outdoors for the summer. The University of California, Merced, offers two programs that give students the chance to spend the summer in one of the greatest outdoor destinations in the world, Yosemite National Park.

UC Merced's Yosemite Leadership Program (YLP) is already under way, and the National Science Foundation-funded Research Experiences for Undergraduates program (REU) begins June 16. The students will be in the park through mid-August. Yosemite

"UC Merced's physical proximity to Yosemite and Sequoia/King's Canyon National Parks has helped us develop working relationships and programs that are unique to our campus and extremely beneficial to students and researchers," said Vice Chancellor for Research and Dean of Graduate Studies Samuel J. Traina.

Ten students from YLP will be interns this summer at the Wawona Field Station operated by the UC Merced Sierra Nevada Research Institute (SNRI) in Yosemite. They will work with park rangers and scientists in resources management, wilderness, and public education in positions that include leading guided walks, giving campfire programs, assisting the bear team, assisting archeologists, helping with restoration projects, and working with the wilderness search and rescue team.

A returning advanced intern from last year, Alvaro Luna, will expand on his "Yosemite en Espanol" interpretation program and will add an interpretation program in French. Other students participating are

Orion Agnew, Jeannette Barron, Marie Armstrong, Zander Kurnizki, Chris Hubach, Gesha Uminskiy, Raj Bolla, Money Hothi, Yesi Medina and Renee Smith. Three former YLP interns, Janet Melgoza, Carla Saldana and P.J. Solomon have returned to Yosemite this summer as paid seasonal rangers.

The YLP internship is a partnership among the UC Merced, the National Park Service, the Yosemite Association, the Yosemite Fund, and the Delaware North Companies. The program has also received generous support from the Toyota Foundation, the Doherty Family Fund and Morgan Stanley. It is overseen by Branch Chief for Education Kathy Dimont of Yosemite National Park.

Two additional UC Merced students, Sunny Grunloh (formerly a YLP intern) and Dannique Aalbu, will participate in the REU program funded by the National Science Foundation. Grunloh and Aalbu, along with six other REU students recruited in a highly selective process from universities all over the United States, will be paired with science mentors (UC Merced professors and park scientists) to conduct independent research projects in the park. The REU program is led by professor Benoit Dayrat of the UC Merced School of Natural Sciences.

"From 160 applications, we were able to select only eight students, so you can imagine those participating all have outstanding academic records and motivation," said Dayrat. "REU is a lifetime unique chance for the students who are participating."

The YLP and REU students will participate together in a new, for-credit, summer seminar called "Science Fridays," led by the Wawona Field Station director, Eric Berlow, and Dayrat. Science Fridays will focus on the process of scientific inquiry, the role of science in natural resource managements, and the communication of science to the public. Weekly lectures and discussions during the seminar will expose students to current scientific research being conducted in Yosemite and throughout the Sierra Nevada, give them the tools to think critically about how scientific information is acquired, and expose them to the technological tools that allow scientists to answer large scale questions about critical issues such as climate change. A credentialed English teacher will work with the

students to improve their writing and public speaking skills.

The 2008 Sierra Nevada Research Institute Scientific Visualization Fellow (Lauren Benson, UC Santa Cruz) will be in residence at the field station working on a visual display to communicate scientific research to the public. She will also work with students on visual forms of science communication.

The 2008 Sierra Nevada Research Institute Graduate Research Fellow (Sarah Martin, UC Merced) will also be in residence this summer and will work on her dissertation, which examines the impacts of fire control practices on watershed-scale hydrologic processes.

Old Muscle gets new pep red more at Science Today
<http://www.ucop.edu/sciencetoday/article/18033>

For more news, visit UC Newsroom
<http://www.newsroom.ucr.edu/cgi-bin/display.cgi?id=1878>

Inside UCOP: Stories for and about Office of the President staff

The new office high-rise planned for the empty lot next to the Franklin Street UCOP headquarters is moving ahead as the developer works out construction details and looks for tenants. At least one big Bay Area employer has shown some interest. Read more.

By Donna Hemmila

The building project at 1100 Broadway adjacent to UCOP's Franklin Street headquarters is moving ahead with construction beginning in 12 months at the earliest.

"We're vigorously moving forward," said Paul Stein, a managing partner at SKS Investments, the San Francisco-based firm developing the project.

The Oakland Planning Commission approved the plans in April and, Stein said, additional construction details are being worked out.

A glass-walled, 20-story office tower is planned for the corner of Broadway and 12th Street. In addition to the new construction, the developer is refurbishing the

adjacent Key System building, which will be connected to the new construction. Together the buildings will contain 310,000 square feet of offices and 10,000 square feet of ground-floor retail space.

"Inside the Key System building it would appear that they are the same building although the exteriors are very different," Stein said.

The Key System building, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, has been vacant since it was badly damaged in the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake. The building façade will be restored and a roof garden added. Stein envisions the first floor of the ornate historic building as an ideal location for a "tablecloth restaurant."

No tenants have been signed for either the office or the retail spaces although Stein said the company is negotiating with several prospective occupants. Levi Strauss & Co. has requested a proposal, Stein said. The iconic San Francisco company is reportedly searching in the Bay Area for a 300,000-square-foot home to relocate its 1,000 employees.

Once the new buildings open for business, Stein said UCOP employees will still have access to Broadway but through the other building's lobby. Stein said his project's tenants will have access to the fifth floor roof garden of the Franklin building and will have the use of a floor in the public parking garage in the Franklin building.

The project will make use of sustainable building amenities such as solar panels and rain-water recycling systems. Stein said the project hopes to achieve LEED-Gold certification from the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design program of the U.S. Green Building Council.

The developer is hiring Oakland artist Rocky Baird to paint a mural commemorating the Key System on the fence surrounding the building lot.

Donna Hemmila is editor of Our University.

Job search skills classes offered in July

Classes in resume writing, interviewing and other job-hunting skills will continue in July for UCOP employees. Space is limited, so sign up early.

The following workshops are being offered in July. Space is limited. Please e-mail helen.Lin@ucop.edu with your name, class name, date and time to reserve a spot.

July 7: Resume Workshop
1:30 - 3 p.m. Kaiser Building
Torchiana, Mastrov and Sapiro Inc.

July 9: Interviewing Workshop
1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Kaiser Building
Torchiana, Mastrov and Sapiro Inc.

July 11 - Job Search Workshop
10 - 11:30 a.m. Franklin Building
Torchiana, Mastrov and Sapiro Inc.

To find out more about these free services, visit hrop.ucop.edu/jobs/career_services.html, or linda.mcmullen@ucop.edu.

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At

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/future/orgupdates.html>

Best thing about my job?

Mark Lozano, supervisor of building services, is the man who issues ID cards and expedites requests for office moving, space reconfiguration and a variety of maintenance services for all UCOP buildings. "Being able to solve people's problems – that's the best part of my job," Lozano says. "The worst part is when I can't solve their problems because then people are unhappy. We're very customer service oriented here."

Did you know?

UC certifies more than 95 percent of wine grapes, ensuring a reliable supply of high-quality crop for California's multibillion-dollar wine industry.

UC operates the 4-H program, which serves more than 140,000 California youth.