By Kathy Barton

Last week, UCR was notified that its planned medical school has received “preliminary accreditation” from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME), the national accrediting body for educational programs leading to the M.D. degree in U.S. and Canadian medical schools.

The UCR School of Medicine will immediately begin recruiting students for its charter class entering in August 2013. “This is a momentous decision for Inland Southern California and for UC Riverside,” said UCR Chancellor Timothy P. White. “This medical school is critically needed to address so many occasions community members have come together on this transformative and challenging effort we simply could not have reached this point without that support.”

An informal community and campus celebration of the accreditation milestone was held Monday, Oct. 8.

By Bettye Miller

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Paid in quarterly installments over five years, the grant is designed to provide recipients with seed money for intellectual, social and artistic endeavors, as well as the flexibility to pursue their creative activities. Chancellor Timothy P. White said, “I’m grateful that, this award notwithstanding, this talented woman will continue to teach our students so that they will benefit from the inspiration of a true genius.”

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By James Grant

UCR Chancellor Timothy P. White will be named by early November the Riverside campus in January. An interim operations across the entire UC system as a new School of Medicine, the approval of the new School of Medicine is critically needed to address the lack of recurring state funding support for medical school. The LCME withheld preliminary accreditation in summer 2011 due to a lack of recurring state funding support for the school. After securing substantial new funding from a variety of non-state funding sources, UCR submitted a second accreditation application in April 2012, which was fol-

lowed by an accreditation site visit in June. Preliminary accreditation enables the UCR School of Medicine to accept applica-
tions for its first class of M.D. students. It is anticipated that prospective students will begin submitting their applications start-
ing later this month when the UCR School of Medicine is added to the American Medical College Application Service® (AMCAS®), the national central application processing service.

The foundation of the UCR School of Medicine is the UCR/UCLA Thomas Haider Program in Biomedical Sciences, which for more than 30 years has partnered with the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA to train physicians. Students enrolled in the current program complete their first two years of medical school at UCR before transferring to UCLA to complete their final two years and receive their M.D. degrees. The UCR School of Medicine will offer all four years of medi-
education.

Establishment of the UCR School of Medicine was approved by the University of California Board of Regents in July 2008 and Oids, the founding dean, was appointed in February 2010. Two UC buildings are completed and ready to accept new medi-
cal students and new faculty – the new School of Medicine Research Building and the renovated School of Medicine Edu-
cation Building.

The medical school also operates a Ph.D. program in biomedical sciences, a long-standing graduate degree program at UCR. Additionally, the medical school will develop a range of residency training pro-
grams, the post-M.D. education required for doctors to become board-certified in their specialties.

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Getting Personal

Alyssa Oates: Love is in the Air

Public events manager in the Office of Events Management and Protocol is planning the biggest event of her life

By Konrad Nagy

If there was an award for “The World’s Most Romantic Wedding Planner” it would probably go to Alyssa Oates and her fiancé.

Oates met her fiancé when they were both undergraduates at UC Santa Barbara. The setting left an indelible impression on the couple. “The ocean has always been a big part of our relationship,” Oates said.

Some important facts: Oates’s all-time favorite animals are dolphins and her fiancée is the third person in his family to carry an esteemed name (So, her fiancé, Gregedly F. Harris, adds a “Jr.” after his name.)

Later, when Oates and her fiancé were at the Santa Monica Pier (no doubt doing something romantic like watching the sun set), three dolphins jumped out of the water a few feet in front of her.

Taking it as a sign, Gregedly got on one knee and proposed.

Awards & Honors

Jung Wims Young Educator Award

Heejung Jung, an assistant professor in the department of mechanical engineering and a researcher at the Center for Environment, Research and Technology, was one of eight recipients of the Ralph R. Teeter Education Award, which was presented by the Society of Automotive Engineers during its 2012 Congress in August in Detroit.

This award recognizes young educators who successfully prepare engineers to overcome challenges that face the industry.

Lauren Awarded Fulbright

John Christian Laursen, professor of political science, has been awarded a Fulbright fellowship to lecture at the Universidad de Santiago de Compostela in Spain this fall.

Laursen’s teaching and research interests include political theory and the history of political thought, with special interests in skepticism, liberalism, cosmopolitanism, and anti-Semitism. He is the author of “The Politics of Skepticism in the Ancients: Montaigne, Hume, and Kant” and co-translator of Carl Friedberg’s “Hannah Arendt: The Ethic of Education.”

Laursen also edited “Continental Milieus: Protes- tants, Catholics, Hentenics” and “Histories of Her- esy in Early Modern Europe: For, Against, and Beyond Persecution and Tolerance.”

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Hopkinson Gets Starred Review


Published Weekly said the book, “Insightful Hopkinson engages and engaging, the scant pages of this volume will leave the reader wishing for a more comprehensive collection that further showcases Hopkinson’s broad talents, vital insights, and scathing frankness about sociocultural matters that too many genre writers refuse to tackle.”

An associate professor of creative writing, an international known writer of science fiction and fantasy.

Weems Receives Tyson Scholar Art Fellowship

Jason Weems, assistant professor of art history, is one of three scholars to receive the inaugural Tyson Scholars of American Art fellowship, a research and residency program at the new Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art in Arkansas. The program promotes the study and understanding of American art.

Weems specializes in American art and visual culture from the colonial period to the present. As a Tyson Scholar at Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, he will complete work on his book, “Barnstorming the Prairies: Aerial Vision and Modernity in Rural America, 1920-1940.” The book is the first to explore how new models of aviation-enabled aerial viewing dramatically altered the ways that Americans perceived and represented the national landscape.

“Because my book focuses on the Midwestern landscape — with its stunning visual and Jeffersonian grid — a residency at Crystal Bridges puts me literally in the center of my experience at Diablo Valley, at Fresno, Hayward and Berkeley,” Weems explained.

The Tyson Scholar fellowship offers the opportunity to focus on research and writing, and will provide direct access to the works of art that lie at the center of his research. Weems said: “Being able to study the works first hand is vital to any historian. It is the difference between telling your mom love her over the telephone versus love her in person.”

Ashmore Receives Prestigious Star Review

Wendy Ashmore, professor of anthropology, will receive the prestigious Alfred Vincent Kidder Award for Eminence in the Field of American Archaeology and will be honored at the 2013 AAA meeting in Las Vegas.

The award is the highest honor the AAA presents for lifetime contributions to American archaeology. After her accomplishments, she has been described as “the most respected, and perhaps the most influential archaeologist of our time.”

UCR Plays Role in Important Affirmative Action Case

By Sean Nealon

Several UCR employees have played a part in two “friend of the court” briefs filed with the United States Supreme Court in support of the University of Texas in Berkeley’s “affirmative action” admissions policy. By contrast, at several University of California campuses like Berkeley and UCSD, the briefs were labeled “critical mass,” significantly fewer African American and Latinx students meeting the separate campuses’ requirements.

In one brief filed in August, the presidents of the University of California system and the system’s 10 chancellors, through the American University Council on Academic Affairs, seeks to inform the court about its efforts to enroll a student body that encompasses the broad diversity of California while for the past 15 years operating under a constitutional prohibition against race-conscious admissions. As the brief details, this concerted systemwide effort at the University of California has been less than completely successful.

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Who Says?

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Wellness Program Says You Deserve a Break Today

By Kris Lovekin

If you have been meaning to get healthier, you have an advocate on campus. In fact, you have several dozen advocates on campus.

Wellness ambassadors promote health and wellness among UCR faculty and staff. They serve as UCR’s key communicators and help direct employees to wellness programs, activities and resources.

“We are looking for ways to create a healthier campus culture,” said Wellness Program Coordinator Julie Chobdee. “We want our UCR faculty and staff to be healthy, productive, better able to balance worklife and take advantage of all the resources we have to offer.”

Chobdee, who works in Human Resources, has 60 people from all walks of the campus signed up to be Wellness Ambassadors to employ these methods.

They may be the ones organizing a fitness class at the noon hour, or walking meetings, or other ideas to create a healthier work environment. They could be suggesting healthier choices for office parties (fruit or mini bagels instead of cupcakes or cake). They might be the people walking to work, or taking the bus or riding a bike. (UCR staff, faculty and students can take the bus for free in Riverside.)

Two fresh opportunities are coming up, both in HUB 269.

At noon on Thursday, Oct. 18, Professor Annee Walker will present “New Therapeutic Approaches for the Prevention and Treatment of Breast Cancer.”

At noon on Wednesday, Oct. 24, UCR will celebrate Food Day 2012 with the “My Sustainable Plate” theme. Food Day is a nationwide campaign for healthy, delicious and affordable food prepared in a sustainable and humane way. Campus activities are planned by the Wellness Program for Faculty and Staff, Office of Sustainability, The Well, and Dining Services.

On the Wellness Program website, Chobdee has collected healthy recipes, resources for weight loss and personal training, as well as a page for people’s success stories. Here are a few tips on making your work life healthier:

• Take the stairs
• Walk to meetings
• Get up and stretch
• Bring a healthy lunch
• Organize an office wide health potluck

• Include wellness options in new employee orientations
• Quit smoking (a policy banning tobacco use on campus will take effect in 2014).

Find out more about your Wellness Ambassadors at: wellness.ucr.edu/wellness_ambassador_program. For more information, go to wellness.ucr.edu

UCR at Riverside’s Long Night

By Sean Nealon

Cybercrime is expanding to the fertile grounds of social networks and UCR engineers are fighting it.

A recent four-month experiment conducted by several UCR engineers and undergraduate students found that the application they created to detect spam and malware on Facebook users’ walls was highly accurate, fast and efficient.

The researchers also introduced the new term “sowware” – to describe a combination of social malware, encompassing all criminal and parasitic behavior on online social networks.

Their free application, MyPageKeeper, successfully flagged 97 percent of sowware during the experiment. The researchers also found that it took an average of 0.046 seconds to classify a post, which is far quicker than the 1.9 seconds it takes using the traditional approach of website crawling.

MyPageKeeper’s more efficient classification also translates to lower cost, cutting expenses by up to 48 percent.

Michalis Faloutsos, a professor of computer science and engineering at the University of Delaware, said of the app, “This is really an arms race with hackers. ... In most cases MyPageKeeper already replaces email and websites. Hackers are following that same path and we need new applications like MyPageKeeper to stop them.”

App Protects Facebook Users from Hackers

Research & Scholarship

Groundbreaking Research on Quantum Feedback Published

Alexander Korotkov, a professor of electrical engineering, co-authored a paper published in the journal Nature on Oct. 4. The paper presents the first-ever experiment on quantum feedback in a solid state system. The experiment is groundbreaking and will possibly open a new field of research. The classical feedback is practically everywhere, ranging from anti-lock brakes to pacemakers, and this experiment may eventually lead to applications of quantum feedback in quantum computing and in quantum sensing.

Electronic Nose Developed

Research by Nexang Myung, a professor at the Bourns College of Engineering, has enabled a Riverside company to develop an “electronic nose” prototype that can detect small quantities of harmful airborne substances.

Nano Engineering Applications, Inc., an Innovation Economy Corporation company, has completed the prototype which is based on intellectual property exclusively licensed from the University of California. The device has potential applications in agriculture (detecting pesticide levels), industrial sites (detecting gas leaks, combustion emissions), homeland security (warning systems for bio-terrorism) and the military (detecting chemical warfare agents).

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Earthquake Drill at 10:18 on 10/18

By Iqbal Pittalwala

U.C.-Los Angeles
town Square.

Cover, Hold On” instructional walk-through

Radio will start playing a 2-minute “Drop,

and hold on until the shaking stops, and then

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Drill as a fi irst response to a simulated magni-

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From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., an earthquake

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Friends of the UCRBG Fall Plant Sale on Oct.

The UCR/CMP, the Sweeney Art Gallery and the

UCR to Host Free Tour of the Prado Dam

Most people never have the opportunity to see or visit a dam in their lifetime. But a new

program aims to change that.

UCR Friends of the Santa Ana River (IRiver) will host a tour of Prado Dam with experts from

the Army Corps of Engineers on Oct.

12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. The tour is limited to 30 people.

Reservations are required and may be made by contacting Steven Mitchell, distingui-

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