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March 7, 8, International Women's Day events. Various times and locations. [Information, schedule.](#)

March 7, 7:30 p.m. Concert: "Tribute to George Gershwin" featuring the Catamount Singers, Jazz Vocal Ensemble and faculty. Music Building Recital Hall. 656-3040.

March 8, 12:30 p.m. Rubenstein Conservation Lecture: "Future Leaders and the Student Conservation Association" with Flip Hagood, senior vice president of the SCA. 104 Aiken Building.

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“The structure of our society makes it very hard for someone to do that — for someone to say, ‘I just have to forget.’ We are very tied to the families,” Awolich says. “An individual does not see himself as just an individual, he sees himself as part of the larger group.”

The strength of that ethic has motivated a circle of Sudanese now living in the United States to join with friends in creating the New Sudan Education Initiative. The fledgling effort is dedicated to building 20 schools for secondary education by 2015 as southern Sudan re-emerges following the comprehensive peace agreement of 2005.

Lost and found

In early February, Awolich had just returned from a trip home that included a flurry of groundwork for NESEI and the first Christmas with his family in 18 years. (His father died during the war; his mother and five siblings still live in Sudan.) In an empty seminar room in Old Mill, Awolich sat down for a conversation about Sudan, his experience as an *émigré* in Vermont, and the difference that a network of Sudanese resettled in the United States and others supportive of their cause could make for a country determined to get back on its feet.

Awolich was 21 when he arrived in Vermont, one of 3,600 Sudanese who relocated to the United States in 2001, and one of the first Lost Boys to settle in Burlington. The previous 12 years of his life had been spent in

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refugee camps in Ethiopia and Kenya, where he had finished his high school education. He soon found his way to UVM and a custodial job and began building his English and computer skills with classes here and at CCV. In 2003, he enrolled full-time at the university to study business and anthropology. In December 2005, Awolich and his friend Daniel Akol Aguek, now a staff member in UVM's Admissions Office, became the first Sudanese to graduate from the university.

Atem Arok Deng, a UVM junior, took a key role in the conception of NESEI after he traveled to Uganda to visit his family with Robert Lair, an adjunct professor of religion at St. Michael's College who befriended several of the Lost Boys in Burlington shortly after they moved into his neighborhood. As Deng, Lair, Awolich and others in Burlington looked for ways to help in Sudan, it became apparent that secondary education was a clear void.

The foundation of Awolich's leadership with NESEI (he and Lair are co-directors) traces back to work at UVM with anthropology professor Robert Gordon and business professor David Jones. The latter was his mentor for his McNair Scholars program research on organizational justice in the summer of 2005. Both Gordon and Jones championed Awolich as he applied and was selected for the Samuel Huntington Public Service Award, a national competition with a \$10,000 grant. Awolich has put that funding to use over the past year while putting NESEI's ideas into action.

Cement, nails, dreams

For NESEI, action means advancing on many fronts. While Awolich and Lair were attending a Tennessee conference for Methodist clergy to mobilize financial support for scholarships, their colleague Lauren Servin '06 was at work in Sudan, filming video to promote their cause and working on the myriad tasks related to building the first school. This network of friends that began at UVM and in Burlington continues to reach outward as NESEI grows — Awolich says they've connected with other Sudanese in 16 different states, raising funds and awareness. Awolich looks to the future and envisions sister school relationships between, say, Burlington High School and a school in Juba, Sudan, as well as study-abroad programs.

Large dreams, though, can't compare to the reality of getting that first school built. NESEI leaders anticipate construction could begin as soon as this summer. Yei, a town of 25,000 people, is the likely location. It boasts the clear advantage of a road to Uganda, a route to roofing, cement, nails, the essentials of building a school and a brighter future for one of the world's most troubled regions.

"Our mission is to create peace through education," Awolich says. "If we give more people more skills, they can find jobs, and they will not have time to take arms and be violent."

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Farmer Williamson's pick-up sports an unusual plate, a clue to his equally unusual farming behavior. (Photo: Joshua Brown)

"B 100."

His 130-acre farm in Shaftsbury, northwest of Bennington right on the New York state border, seems like a typical aging dairy farm, with a slate-roofed barn, some old silos, and a skid pile of oak logs heading to the sawmill. But what he is doing inside the walls of a brand-new shed nearby might have as much to do with Saudi Arabia as Vermont. Because John Williamson is not just a farmer, putting together a living selling honey, timber, maple syrup and replacement heifers. He's an oilman.

Getting the most out of your plants

With help from Extension professors Vern Grubinger and Heather Darby, and others at UVM's Center for Sustainable Agriculture, Williamson is growing test plots of oil-producing seed crops — three varieties of canola, two mustards, flax, soybeans, and his favorite, sunflowers. He's not making salad dressing; he's brewing oil with alcohol to make fuel for his tractors and other farm equipment.

"This is biodiesel," he says, holding a glass, canning jar up to the sunlight. Inside, there's a liquid the color of ginger ale. "We can make it right here on the farm, with our own ingredients."

Biodiesel is, roughly speaking, vegetable oil with a glycerin molecule stripped off and an alcohol molecule, usually methanol or ethanol, stuck in its place. To make it requires a bit of heat, a catalyst, like lye, and not much else.

John Williamson's baseball hat has seen so many seasons that the brim has split open like pages of a soggy book, but he has a boyish eagerness around the eyes.

His pick-up truck is a blue Dodge diesel. Nothing much to look at, except for its curious license plate:

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"It's pretty simple," says Steve Plummer, Williamson's business partner and a biofuels enthusiast who provides much of the technical can-do in the project. "You might have heard of B20, which is a blend of 80 percent petroleum diesel and 20 percent biodiesel," he says. "We make straight biodiesel, pure B100, and haven't had any problems running it."

In one of the first such efforts in New England, Williamson and Plummer, with help from the UVM scientists, are trying to produce all the ingredients for biodiesel — not just the oil, but the alcohol too. In order to distill their own ethanol, they have been growing sweet sorghum — with the necessary permit from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. They have even learned how to make lye from wood ash, a modern-day return to Shaftsbury's first commercial product in the 1700s.

Self-sufficiency the Vermont way

At one end of the shed, a metal container is nearly overflowing with oil the color of melted butter. With a cost-sharing grant from UVM, Williamson and Plummer bought a \$9,000 screw-auger press from Sweden that squeezes the seeds, sending oil down a pipe and the pressed "seed cake" into a hopper below.

Stainless steel reactor tanks sit on the concrete floor near hoppers of dry seed. Inside these safely sealed tanks, the biodiesel chemical reaction will bubble away once the new facility is completed.

"We're still collecting equipment; we just got these tanks last month from Chicago," Plummer says. "They cost about \$10,000 used, which was a great deal. Eventually, we'll have a grain elevator, and there's quite a list of other things."

Their electrical power will come from a wind turbine, hot water from a solar system. The residue from the sorghum and possibly sugar beets will fuel a furnace that both heats the oil in the biodiesel reactor and fires the ethanol distillery. And, perhaps most important, the pressed seeds have value as a component of cow feed.

"Our goal is to have our own source of fuel and control of it," says Williamson, "but the other side of that is growing your own grain. I see this project fitting into a lot of dairy farms."

Spreading the word

State Line Farm is not doing this alone. Williamson has collaborated with Clear Brook Farm, also in Shaftsbury, in a trial of canola and sunflowers. "As greenhouse vegetable and flower producers, they're interested in biodiesel not only for their tractors," Grubinger says, "but also for heating their greenhouses." And Heather Darby has helped conduct trials of oil seed crops at Borderview Farm in Alburg. "We're working both ends of the state," Grubinger says. "We want to understand what happens in different soils and climates." Beyond UVM, other researchers are exploring similar systems in Maine and New Hampshire.

“John and Steve have the goal of developing a decentralized biodiesel production model that other farmers could adapt,” Grubinger says. “This model supports energy independence, reduces consumption of fossil fuels, and contributes to a sustainable fuel-food cycle.”

Now, Williamson is making biodiesel with waste oil from nearby restaurants. But once the seed system is operating, he anticipates making more fuel than they’ll need. “Once we get good at growing it, get the acreage up, we’ll have surplus oil,” he says. “I think of that as a cash crop. It’s like syrup or hay: If you’ve got extra, you sell it.”

“We’re looking to process neighboring farmers’ crops as well,” he says; “our own farm would only keep us busy for a few weeks.”

The project’s supporters – UVM’s Center for Sustainable Agriculture, UVM Extension, the Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund, the office of Senator Patrick Leahy, the McClure Foundation, and the Frank and Brinna Sands Foundation – are watching to see how well these crops will work as a renewable energy feedstock and to understand the economic challenges. They’re not imagining the 30-million-gallon biodiesel factories now taking root in Iowa. Instead, they’d like to see this work on the scale of a Vermont family farm.

“If fuel goes to ten dollars a gallon, that’s bad. But people will still pay it,” Williamson says, sifting a black mass of seeds from one hand into a barrel. “But if it’s not available, then what will we do? If the farms run out of fuel, then the next thing people are going to run out of is food,” he says. “Self-sufficiency is having farms where the source of fuel is secure, so you can keep farming.”

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By Jon Reidel

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Junior middle distance star Carmen Lagala (photo) and sophomore sprint sensation Jan Carlson are among the fastest runners in the nation at their respective distances. (Photo: Bill DiLillo)

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Considering that the duo already has won multiple New England titles, breaking their own records won't be easy, because that would place them among the nation's fastest. Lagala has set indoor records at 500, 600, and 800 meters to go along with outdoor records at 400 (56.41) and 800 meters (2:08.95). In March, the English and film major was named to the conference All-Academic Team for her 3.51 GPA and 800 meter titles at the America East, New England, and ECAC Championships.

Carlson's times of 25.00 seconds indoors and 24.45 outdoors for 200 meters are the fastest since women's track began in 1976. She repeated as the conference champion in the 55 meters in February, breaking the school record of 7.13, set by Regan Coffey in 2000, to become the first Catamount to win the event in back-to-back years.

Matt Belfield, head track and field coach, compares the approach of Lagala, a smart runner who he says stays within herself, and Carlson, a graceful performer with a history of clutch performances, to someone on a journey in search of higher ground. "They thrive on exploring new territory. It's an adventure to see if they can take themselves places they've never been before. In order to run faster than you ever have before, you have to be willing to explore yourself, and that's not always easy."

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The path less traveled

Lagala took a year off after graduating from Montpelier High School and spent time as a volunteer in Puerto Rico and England working in children's shelters. She hopes to continue her travels after graduating, possibly teaching English in another country or joining the Peace Corps.

"I really wanted to travel before I started college, she says. "It was a great experience for me. It was hard to run over there, so I came here as a freshman with little training. Once I started running more in college, and I started getting faster, I was like 'Oh, that's what I'm capable of doing.' Ever since then I've been trying to get faster."

Carlson's travels have been more of the personally competitive variety. The Brattleboro High graduate has sought out competition in a wide range of areas, including Irish step dancing (she competed nationally), horseback riding, and gymnastics. In the latter, she ran so fast down the vault runway that her gymnastics coach suggested she take up track. Carlson's versatility is reflected by her performance at the conference championships, which included a strong performance in the pole vault (she owns UVM's outdoor record of 3.60 meters or 11-feet, 9.75 inches), where she racked up 23.25 points for the Catamounts to earn the High Point Award. "I'm definitely competitive," she says. "Not cutthroat, but more competitive with myself. I like to see if I can get better at whatever I'm doing. I don't mind doing the work to get there."

Representing the Green Mountain State

There were doubts about how successful Lagala, who ran in the 2:20's for 800 meters in high school, and Carlson would be on the college stage. It wasn't unprecedented for Vermont natives to explode on the college scene, however. Notables, such as sprinter Regan Coffey, who set records in 2000, Olympic distance runner Judi St. Hilaire (3,000 meters), and weight specialist Phil Hovencamp, previously rewrote UVM record books.

Lagala lopped off five seconds from her previous best for the 800 as a freshman and now hopes to run 2:06 (a number she's inscribed on a wrist band) and qualify for the nationals.

Carlson, who was named conference rookie of the year, now has a shot at qualifying for the NCAA national championships. "I like that we're Vermonters and that we run for UVM" Carlson says. "It shows that Vermonters can compete at a high level. It's cool to wear a Vermont uniform at some of the bigger meets, like regionals in Miami, where you wouldn't usually see a UVM uniform among the big name track schools."

Belfield attributes the faster than expected success of Lagala and Carlson to a number of factors, including the tutelage of assistant coaches Hassaan Stamps, an All-American sprinter at Tennessee, and distance coach Bonnie Belfield. "I think they improved so much because they had never really been challenged until now," he says. "It wasn't a lack of coaching in high school, but more that they weren't chasing anyone. Since entering college they've gone from another level to another level

to another. They are approaching national caliber level, and that's what we're seeing unfolding now."

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By Lee Griffin

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Brian Lobel no longer has cancer, but for the past five, cancer-free years, the 25-year-old has talked of little else. Not because he's obsessed with having had cancer — in fact he's ready to dump that identity — but because he's found a lot to say about his experiences. Lobel, a slim, curly-haired, funny-serious guy brings the conversation to medical school audiences in a provocative performance titled *Ball* and performed at UVM on March 5 as part of the College of Medicine's Student Clinician Ceremony. He sometimes calls himself "one-ball Lobel," a reference to the testicular cancer with which he was diagnosed at age 20 and which left him one testis short in a world he says is filled with "two-ball centrism."

It's not all jokes, but Lobel uses humor subtly and sometimes a bit too broadly, but he gets across more than "messages"; he conveys, without pathos, the ethos that surrounds a cancer patient; much of it composed of niceness. "People are unconditionally nice to two types of people — beautiful people and cancer patients," he says. He cheers for the friends who understand that you are the same person with cancer that you were before; for the friend who says, 'What would you like to talk about?' And, for the acquaintances who remain concerned but appropriately distant.

He tells medical students not to take a patient's annoyance with their presence personally. Sometimes, you're just one too many people in the room. But, he had special praise for them, also, recalling the medical students who would come in after their shifts to spend some time with him, to answer the questions not thought of in a brief encounter with the doctor.

After an hour's journey from the shocking diagnosis of extensively metastatic cancer through sperm-banking, surgery, radiation, chemo, brief remission and relapse, more surgery, and stem cell transplantation, *Ball* ends with Lobel in a hot hula-hoop competition with eight-year-old girls, also cancer alums, and he's merciless. "I'll never be Lance Armstrong ... or competitive, or an inspirational speaker," he says, a reference to the heroic expectations that celebrity illness can create. "I'm just me, quirky... and sexy, one-ball Lobel. ... I don't die, and I don't win, but I tried."

Lobel will give the final performance of *Ball* in May. For more information, see [Brian Lobel](#).

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Trash Audit Educates Eco-Reps

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Anyone wandering through the Living/Learning Center's Fireplace Lounge on Thursday evening, Feb. 22, encountered an unusual scene — about a dozen people picking through 234 pounds of wet garbage strewn over plastic tarps.

But Erica Spiegel, recycling and solid waste manager, and the student [eco-reps](#) weren't searching for accidentally discarded jewelry or someone's retainer, as some passers-by might have assumed. They were investigating the trash itself, taking stock of how much of the waste — paper products, bottles, cans and food — could have been recycled.

Trash samples were collected from three residence hall complexes, including Living/Learning, Chittenden/Buckham/Wills and Wing/Davis/Wilks, and results showed that while recycling habits have held steady for recyclable paper products, which composed about 25 percent of the sample, the amount of bottles and cans found in the trash has significantly decreased (from 18 percent in spring of 2005 to just 10 percent in this semester's trash audit). Spiegel surmises that this drop might be due in part to the dry residence hall policy in effect this year.

While the sample isn't large or diverse enough to understand the recycling habits of the campus as a whole — a much larger sample would need to be taken to accurately reflect the profile of the nearly five tons of waste UVM generates a day — regular trash audits do provide eco-reps the opportunity to improve the services they offer in the dorms.

"The trash audits let students make direct observations about what other students are throwing away," Spiegel says. One result, she says, is that "two of the eco-reps from Simpson and Coolidge halls are going to do a more aggressive compost collection by providing pails in kitchens to collect food waste." This semester's sort included 38 pounds, or 16 percent, food waste.

Other items of note the group found: batteries, old CDs, full bags of unopened candy, an old flip flop sandal, one sock.

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Four UVM Teams Gear Up for 'Championship Weekend'

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Four UVM athletic teams will be competing for championships this weekend at locations around the Northeast.

The UVM ski teams will compete for a national title at the NCAA Ski Championships March 7-10 at Attitash (alpine events) and Jackson Cross Country Center (Nordic events), in New Hampshire. The Catamounts, who finished second overall at the EISA Championships on Feb. 24, will have a full team competing in the NCAA's, including EISA Alpine Rookie of the Year Eric Gilbert (Richmond, Vt.) and Greg Hardy (Stratton, Vt.), the reigning Men's Collegiate Skier of the Year, chosen by *Ski Racing Magazine*. Hardy won a national championship in the giant slalom in 2005 and is a two-time All-American. For daily updates go to [NCAA Championships](#)

The top-seeded men's basketball team (25-6) hosts the America East Championship on Saturday, March 10, at noon with a trip to the NCAA Championships on the line against No. 2 Albany. The Catamounts defeated Albany twice during the regular season and will be trying for their fourth conference title in five years. The game will be televised live on ESPN2 and broadcast on WEAV-AM 960, WXZO-FM 96.7, WCVR-FM 102.1 (Randolph), and WEAV-AM 960.

The university will host a pre-game "fan fest" prior to the championship game on Saturday morning from 10-11:30 a.m. in front of Patrick Gymnasium. Food giveaways are planned from Nectars (gravy fries), Leonardo's Pizza, University Dining (coffee, hot chocolate and mini muffins), Kevin's Wicked Mountain Dogs, Coca Cola and Ben & Jerry's. There will also be games and giveaways taking place during the festivities. Champ 101.3-FM will be broadcasting live from the Patrick Gym lobby from 9-11 a.m. with Vermont men's basketball head coach Mike Lonergan making a live appearance in the nine o'clock hour. Also stopping by will be UVM Athletic Director Robert Corran and former Catamount head coach Tom Brennan.

The third-seeded women's basketball team (18-11) also will be chasing an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament when they travel to Binghamton University for the America East Championships March 8-11. The Catamounts take on No. 6 Maine on Friday, March 9, at 2:30 p.m. in the AE quarterfinals and will need to win the next two games to gain an NCAA berth. The Catamounts swept the regular season series with the Black

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Bears and will play the entire AE tournament at the Events Center on the campus of Binghamton. Friday's game will be broadcast on WVMT-620 AM and on the Internet at SportsJuice.com.

The sixth-seeded men's hockey team (17-14-5) will play a best-of-three series in the Hockey East quarterfinals at No. 3 Boston University on Thursday, March 8, at BU's Agganis Arena. Game two is slated for March 9 with Game three (if necessary) to be played on March 10. The Catamounts went 2-1-0 versus the Terriers in the regular season series. Thursday's opening game will be televised on NESN (Comcast Channel 39 in Vermont) with pregame coverage starting at 7 p.m. with Hockey East Friday Night Live. All three games will be broadcast on WVMT-620 AM and over the Internet at SportsJuice.com. The games also will be streamed over the Internet via B2 Networks.

For more information on all of these events go to [UVM Athletics](#)

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University Scholar Crockenberg to Retrace Research on Infant Temperament

By the view Staff

Article published March 5, 2007

Susan Crockenberg, professor of psychology and a University Scholar for 2006-2007, will present her University Scholar lecture, "In the Beginning: How Infant Temperament Affects Who We Become," on Wednesday, March 21 in Memorial Lounge, Waterman, at 4 p.m.

Crockenberg is internationally recognized for her research on infant temperament and parenting. In her lecture, she will trace the journey of her research on infant temperament over 30 years and place it within the transformation that has occurred within developmental psychology during that time. She will discuss whether our temperaments as infants influence who we become and illustrate, through her research, how that influence transpires through the intricate interplay of developing infants and their caregivers.

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UVM to Host 'Great Debate' about Vermont Secession

By view staff

Article published March 6, 2007

The Vermont Humanities Council is hosting "The Great Debate: Is it Time for a Second Vermont Republic?" on Wednesday, March 7 starting at 7 p. m. in the UVM Campus Theater.

The debate, modeled after a similar event in 1991, moderated by Gov. Howard Dean, features Frank Bryan, professor of political science, and Paul Gilles, former deputy secretary of state. They will consider the pros and cons of Vermont seceding from the Union in what is expected to be an informative and good-spirited debate moderated by WDEV radio host Mark Johnson.

The event is part of the Vermont Humanities Council's First Wednesdays Burlington series, held on the first Wednesday of every month from October through May. The lecture series features speakers of national and regional renown and is held at Brooks Memorial Library in Brattleboro; Fletcher Free Library in Burlington (except for the March 7 debate); Ilsley Public Library in Middlebury; Kellogg-Hubbard Library in Montpelier; Athenaeum in St. Johnsbury; Goodrich Memorial Library in Newport; and Stanstead College in Stanstead, Quebec (in alternating months).

The program is free, accessible to people with disabilities and open to the public.

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Gagged Librarians to Tell All in March 20 PATRIOT Act Lecture

By The View Staff

Article published March 7, 2007

Connecticut librarians George Christian and Peter Chase, who lived under a gag order for eight months after refusing to comply with an FBI request for patron information, will tell their story in a public lecture, "Gagged by the Government: Two Librarians Tell How They Resisted the USA PATRIOT Act," on Tuesday, March 20, at 3:30 p.m. in the McCrorey Gallery, Bailey/Howe Library.

In the summer of 2005, Library Connection, a consortium of 27 Connecticut libraries, was served by the FBI with a national security letter demanding patron information under the USA PATRIOT Act. The organization's board decided to resist the order, and the case went to court, with the identity of the "John Doe" librarians kept secret. Because the FBI's demand came with a gag order, Christian and Chase could not tell anyone about it for the full eight months — including library staff, family members or the media.

Meanwhile, Congress debated and reauthorized the USA PATRIOT Act. Shortly after, the librarians were released from the gag order and can now tell their story about how the PATRIOT Act is being used.

Trina Magi, library associate professor, received national media attention for her efforts along with then Rep. Bernie Sanders to raise awareness about the USA PATRIOT Act's implications for libraries and patron privacy. She coordinated the lecture in hopes of keeping the conversation going. "The confidentiality of library records is still threatened by the USA PATRIOT Act," she says. "When Congress reauthorized the law last March, it did little to solve this problem. The FBI can still use national security letters to demand information about library patrons without having to get a court order."

The event is co-sponsored by UVM Libraries and the Vermont Library Association and is the association's John Swan Intellectual Freedom Lecture, held biannually to honor the memory of Vermont librarian and intellectual freedom advocate John Swan.

[Read more about Magi's work on the PATRIOT Act in this 2003 article from *the view*.](#)

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Publications and Presentations

Political science professor **Garrison Nelson** was quoted and cited as an expert source in numerous local, regional, national, and international publications covering the 2006 elections and offering post-election analysis. Publications he was quoted in ranged from the *Burlington Free Press*, *Rutland Herald*, and *Bennington Banner* to the *Boston Globe*, *Providence Journal*, *New York Sun*, *Austin Statesman*, and *USA Today* to the *Guardian*. He was quoted prominently in a Jan. 28, 2007 *New York Times Magazine* profile of Bernie Saunders.

Albert van der Vliet, associate professor of pathology, and **Umadevi Wesley**, research assistant professor of microbiology and molecular genetics, are coauthors of a paper titled "Airway Epithelial Cell Migration and Wound Repair by ATP-mediated Activation of Dual Oxidase 1" in the Feb. 2 edition of the *Journal of Biological Chemistry*.

February 28, 2007

Publications and Presentations

Emina Burak and **Joel Shapiro** from the Lifetime Wellness program were invited to present at the World at Work, Work-Life Conference in Phoenix, Ariz. on Feb. 23. Their talk, "Linking Wellness to Incentives: A guide to an Innovative Health Promotion Program Model," highlighted the University's "Personal Best" program. Additionally, Ms. Burak was interviewed in the February issue of *Human Resource Executive* on the Lifetime Wellness Program.

Wolfgang Mieder, chairperson of the Department of German and Russian, is the author of three articles published in three different European countries. His essay on "'The Golden Rule and Moral Suasion': Frederick Douglass's Proverbial Fight for Civil Rights" appeared in Spain, the article on "*Sprichwörtliche Argumentation* in Martin Luther's *Sendbrief vom Dolmetschen*" was published in Finland, and his paper "*Zur sprichwörtlichen Sprache moderner Mini-Lyrik*" was published in Russia.

Cory Teuscher, professor of medicine, co-authored an article in the Feb. 20 *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* titled "Antipsychotic drug-induced weight gain mediated by histamine H1 receptor-linked activation of hypothalamic AMP-kinase." These research findings were featured in a Feb. 13 *Wall Street Journal* article titled "Antipsychotic