

patients are eligible to participate in research studies testing experimental treatments that explore nerve regeneration.

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Presidential politics and public service topics of Dukakis talk

Michael Dukakis shared his views on his own 1988 campaign for president and the current presidential nominating process during a Nov. 29 visit to KU's Dole Institute of Politics.



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Dukakis, who won the Democratic party's nomination but lost the general election to then Vice President George H.W. Bush, said he should have responded to attack ads and stayed with the grass-roots, door-to-door campaigning that served him well in the

primary. He called grass-roots organizing the key to the Democratic party's future.

"This red-state blue-state stuff, I don't buy it," Dukakis said. "I think there are a lot of disaffected Republicans. For the Democratic party to basically concede half the country without a fight is a losing strategy."

Dukakis called for reform of the nominating process, as well, calling the current primary campaign for both parties "preposterous."

"This has to be the last time we have a primary where states are leapfrogging one another. Next time the Iowa caucus will be at Thanksgiving. The whole thing is crazy."

The former Massachusetts governor, who now teaches at Northeastern University and UCLA, met with KU students during his visit.

"We are producing fabulous young people in this country," he said. "There's a very strong instinct for public service, more than I can remember. I've never seen anything like this, in terms of their desire to serve and be involved."

Milestones, money and other matters

■ **AN \$11 MILLION GRANT** from the National Institutes of Health will help build the Center for Biomedical Research Excellence at the KU Medical Center. The multidisciplinary center will conduct research on molecular regulation of cell development and differentiation that aims to find new ways of repairing damaged organs and tissue. KU is one of three universities to receive the Institutional Development Award, which goes to states that have not traditionally received high levels of NIH funding.

■ **JEROME DOBSON AND ADRIAN MELOTT** have been named fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the world's largest science society. Dobson, professor of geography, was recognized for "diverse work on geographic information systems, advanced remote sensing and large area change analysis, as well as for exemplary editorial and administrative work in geography," according to AAAS. Melott, professor of physics and astronomy, was recognized for "distinguished contributions to cosmological large-scale structure, for organizing public support for teaching evolution and for interdisciplinary research on astrophysical impacts on the biosphere." They will be honored at the association's February annual meeting in Boston.

■ **A \$2.4 MILLION GRANT** from the National Math and Science Initiative will help launch UKan Teach, an effort to boost the number of qualified math and science teachers in U.S. schools. A collaboration between the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the School of Education, the program is designed to grant a degree in math or science and a teaching license in four years.

■ **CHANCELLOR ROBERT E. HEMENWAY** was elected to the executive committee of the Association of American Universities. The 11-member committee oversees the Washington, D.C.-based organization that represents 60 of the nation's most prestigious research universities.

■ **WAYNE SAILOR**, g'67, PhD'70, professor of special education and associate director of KU's Beach Center on Disability, won the 2007 Distinguished Research Award from the Arc of the United States, the world's largest community-based organization for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The national award annually recognizes an outstanding researcher whose work has a significant impact on life with disabilities.

■ **JAN ROSKAM** this fall received a lifetime achievement award from the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. The honor recognizes his achievements in airplane design, education, configurations design and textbook writing. Roskam retired from the University in 2003 as the Ackers Distinguished Professor of Engineering.

■ **THIRD-YEAR LAW STUDENTS LUKE SINCLAIR AND DAVID BRITTON** took first place at the National Criminal Procedure moot court tournament in San Diego this fall. They defeated teams from 40 law schools to become the first KU students to win the event.



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