Columbia Business School Dean R. Glenn Hubbard recently announced that Henry R. Kravis, Business’69, a founding partner of the merchant banking firm Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. (KKR), would co-chair the school’s Board of Overseers, effective immediately. He joins Russell L. Carson, Business’67, a general partner of Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe, in this leadership position. Both will work with the school to extend its reach into the forefront of business in the global marketplace.

“I am delighted that my good friend Henry Kravis is serving as co-chair with me,” said Carson. “The school is an exciting place to be for alumni such as we two, with a community that is always growing and always innovating.”

The board boasts 80 accomplished men and women who hail from 14 countries. The board’s experience, perspective and active participation through lectures, roundtables and teaching further leverages the school’s educational environment.

An esteemed alumnus and supporter of the school’s intellectual capital, Kravis has been a member of the Board of Overseers since 1990. He has generously supported the construction of a new classroom building and the establishment of the Henry R. Kravis Professorship of Business Leadership.

The University’s new members are: Andrew Marks, department chair, physiology and cellular biology; Nancy Hanley Waterman, Higgins Professor of Neuropsychology; Qiao Ai Axel, Robert F. Leshok Professor of Medicine and Physiology; Gary Struhl, professor of genetics and development; and Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) investigator Zo Gail, dean of the Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Sciences; Richard Brilliant, Anna S. Garber Professor in the Humanities; Robert Henry Legvold, president of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, professor of history; Alice Kehoe, director of the Center for Israel Studies; and Lynn Garafola, professor of dance.

On May 10, Yoel Yerushalmi, Sako Wittmerer Baron Professor of Jewish History, Culture and Society and director of the Center for Israel and Jewish Studies, was awarded the Leopold Lucas Prize at the University of Tübingen, Germany, for his achievements as a historian and for his promotion of understanding between cultures. The prize was established in 1972 in memory of Leopold Lucas, a rabbi and historian who died in the Nazi Theresiastern concentration camp. Prize recipients of the prize include University Professor Emeritus Fritz Stern, former president of the Federal Republic of Germany Richard von Weizsäcker and the Dalai Lama.

Levine was selected from more than 200 applicants. The Intel Foundation Ph.D. Fellowship Program awards two fellowships each year to Ph.D. candidates pursuing leading work in fields related to the company’s business and research interests. The program awards approximately 40 fellowships annually.

Columbia Student Awarded 2005–2006 Intel Fellowship

Columbia University graduate student Peter Levine was awarded a Ph.D. Fellowship from the Intel Foundation for the 2005–2006 academic year. Levine is a Ph.D. candidate in the electrical engineering department. He will use this opportunity to continue his research on the development of low-cost, large CMOS biophysics for nuclear acid measurement and detection, advised by Kenneth L. Shepard, associate professor of electrical engineering.

The fellowship includes a cash award (tuition/fees/supplies), access to an Intel technologist who serves as a mentor to help guide the research, an Intel architecture-based laptop computer, an invitation to the Fellowship Forum at Intel in October and the opportunity to participate in an internship at the company.

Jonathan Cole Elected to APS

Jonathan Cole, CC’64, GSAS’69, John Mitchell Mason Professor of the University and former provost, was recently elected to the American Philosophical Society (APS). The organization, which is the oldest learned society in the United States, “promotes useful knowledge in the sciences and humanities through excellence in scholarly research, professional meet-
The exhibition includes a wealth of photographic and archival footage, as well as documents and interviews spanning the lives and contributions of Malcolm X and Betty Shabazz. Visitors have access to more than one and a half hours of short videos never before seen photo slides, and events with his family—historic scenes of Harlem, travel photos taken by Malcolm X and postcards that he wrote to friends. The kiosks also include interviews with scholars and contemporaries of Malcolm X, as well as interactive, interpretive features a timeline about the lives of Malcolm X and Betty Shabazz, a map of Malcolm X’s activities in Harlem and an interview with actor and activist Ossie Davis, who was a personal friend of Malcolm X.

CRED is the umbrella organization for 16 projects conducted by 24 researchers at eight universities, including Columbia University and its Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, to research and disseminate information about the social and environmental determinants of climate uncertainty. By educating scientists, policymakers and the general public on the impacts of climate change, CRED aims to bring basic science to bear on matters of critical public concern, and to demonstrate the importance of interdisciplinary science.

The Center for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN) is an interdisciplinary research and development center located at Columbia University’s Earth Institute, along with the Center for Ecosystem Sciences and the Center for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN), the Center for Research in Environmental Policy, and the Center for Environmental Studies. The Center is coordinated by Dr. Sabine Marx and is supported through Columbia’s and the country’s leading advocates in this area. The Center is a joint center of Columbia University and the Institute for Social and Environmental Research (ISERP) and the Earth Institute, and is affiliated with ISERP’s Center for the Decisions Sciences. The work of the center is coordinated by Director Elke Weber, Associate Director Sabine Marx and Assistant Director Delika Shime.

The House Turns to Federal Research and Development Funding

By Ellen S. Smith

The House of Representatives passed stem cell research legislation and began the initial phases of work on the annual funding bills for science. Even with tight budgets, there were increases in some of the agencies addressed. On May 24, bipartisan legislation led by Representatives Mike Castle (R-DE) and John DeGette (D-CO) resulted in approval of the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2005 (HR 810). The legislation broadens President Bush’s 2001 policy; immediately prior to the vote on the House floor, Columbia President Lee C. Bollinger joined more than 30 research universities in signing a letter to all members of the House urging passage of the bill. In addition, Executive Vice President David I.lish sent letters urging passage to all members of the New York delegation. Executive Vice President for Health and Biomedical Sciences Gerald Fischbach has been one of Columbia’s and the country’s leading advocates in this area. Senate consideration of the bill is likely to occur in the near future. The House also has begun consideration of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2006 (Oct. 1, 2005-Sept. 30, 2006) bills, which have been addressed mostly at the subcommittee level with full details unavoidable. Overall, the National Science Foundation (NSF) is slated to receive $5.6 billion (171 million over FY2005), with research and related activities slated to be funded at $5.8 billion (157 million over FY2005). NASA receives $9.96 billion for the aeronautics research budget—a level amount of funding. NASA would be funded at $5.1 billion below the FY2005 level. NOAA overall receives $4.3 billion or $496 million below FY2005 (details regarding research funding are unavailable yet). Once these bills are addressed at the full Appropriations Committee the full House will vote; the Senate may be marking up their bills in June.