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Firm Opens in C.U.'s New Startup Center

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A new center in Weill Hall designed to house and support emerging businesses in life sciences fields welcomed its first research startup on Thursday. Equipped with extensive high-tech laboratory space, the recently-opened Kevin M. McGovern Family Center for Venture Development in the Life Sciences is expected to attract scientific talent to the University and bolster Ithaca's economy, according to Lou Walcer, the center's director.

The center — named for a trustee emeritus who donated \$7.5 million to its creation in 2008 — spent the last several years in search of a startup company to occupy its new research spaces, according to Walcer. In June, the University selected Glycobia, Inc., a company founded by Prof. Matthew DeLisa, chemical and biomolecular engineering, working to develop an efficient process for engineering therapeutic drugs from bacteria.

"The success rate for life sciences startups is three out of 10," Walcer said. "So the University may lose money from this venture ... But with my experience, and that of the staff here, we hope to give [Glycobia] the best chance of doing well."

He noted that the assistance that the center will provide to Glycobia could prove crucial to the company's chances of becoming profitable.

"One of the challenges of a baby life sciences company is to get access to high-tech labs with fancy equipment and infrastructure," Walcer said. "The company will bring talented professionals and jobs to campus, and we will give [Glycobia] what they might not have the required time and money for."

DeLisa said Glycobia had recently outgrown its current laboratory space, adding that he hopes forging ties with the University will open opportunities for the company.

"The quality of space and location will be a game changer for us to recruit the best possible talent to Ithaca and to our company," DeLisa said. "We think that having space and proximity to the University will help us

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Sweat for sweatshops



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Cornell United Students Against Sweatshops and the Cornell Organization for Labor Action "sweat for sweatshops" in a demonstration against the University's ties with the Fair Labor Association, in front of Olin Library on Monday.

Vet College Plans \$22M Expansion

School aims to expand class sizes after receiving N.Y. State grant

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The College of Veterinary Medicine will begin renovations in summer 2013 to accommodate its plans to increase the size of its graduating class sizes from 102 to 120 students by 2016 or 2017. The \$22 million expansion will be paid by New York State through its 2008-2013 Capital Improvement Program.

The \$22 million was originally designated by the state to the renovation of the veterinary research

tower, according to Paul Streeter, assistant dean for finance and administration. However, Streeter said the veterinary school's first priority is to increase its class size, and the grant was not large enough to cover renovations of the research tower. The University has since decided to reallocate the funds to the class size expansion, Streeter said.

Streeter said that if the vet school hopes to accept more students in the future, it will need to expand its physical space on campus.

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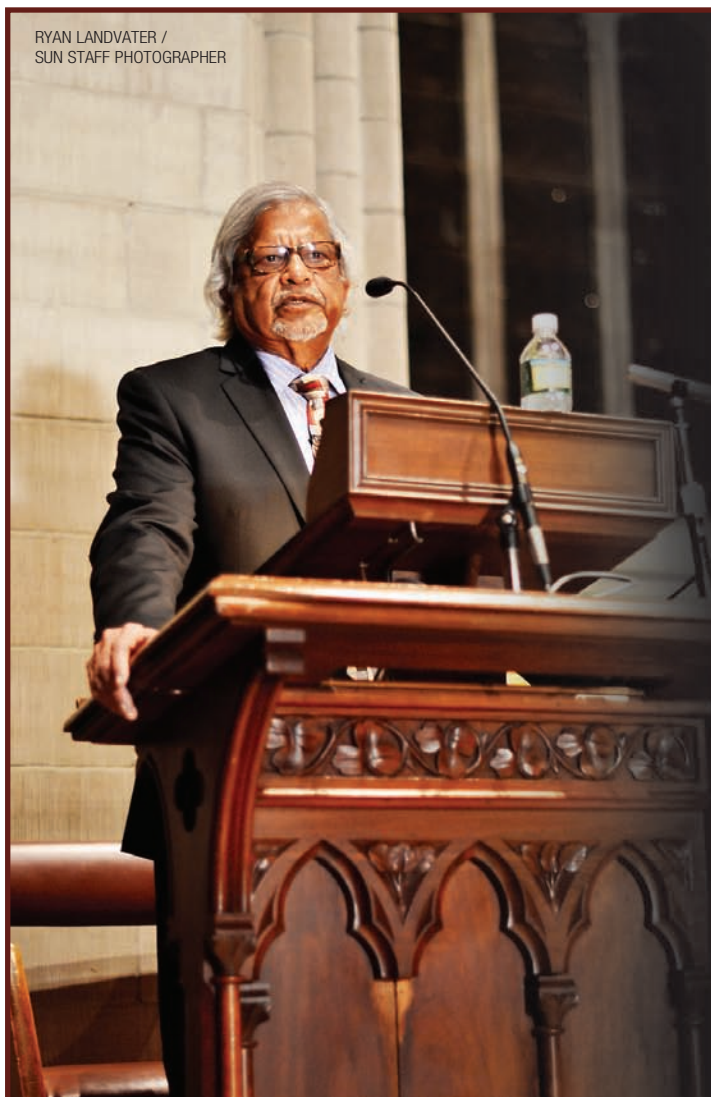
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Arun Gandhi, Mahatma's Grandson, Urges Nonviolence in Speech at Univ.

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Arun Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, delivered the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Lecture Monday night in Sage Chapel, linking his grandfather's theory of nonviolence to King.

"I changed the two words, 'non-violence' to one word, 'nonviolence,'" Gandhi said during the speech. "It stands on its own [and] it is not the opposite of violence. Nonviolence is very positive. It brings out the good in us."

According to Rev. Kenneth Clarke, director of Cornell United Religious Works and chair of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Committee, Mahatma Gandhi's theory of nonviolence inspired King during the civil rights movement of the 1960s.

"King visited India soon after his Montgomery speech and saw that nonviolence was more than a social

change movement," Clarke said. "In King's case, [the visit] reinforced and augmented his Christian commitment to nonviolence."

Clarke said that Arun Gandhi was a fitting speaker for the commemoration, because King's perception of nonviolence was shaped by his trip to India and the principles of Mahatma Gandhi.

"[Arun Gandhi] grew up in South Africa, but spent 18 months between the ages of 12 and 14 with his grandfather," Clarke said. "That experience laid the foundation to his own commitment to nonviolence."

He went on to explain the theory of nonviolence, interspersing anecdotes about his personal experiences with Mahatma Gandhi and stories about his own efforts to exemplify the principles of the theory.

Gandhi emphasized the idea that active physical violence originates in "passive violence" and anger. He told a story of his grandfather teaching him

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