



Movers

PERU RISING. Iván Ghezzi of Lima's Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (PUCP) has become the archaeology director for the Instituto Nacional de Cultura—in effect, the nation's head archaeologist and overseer of one of the world's most important archaeological patrimonies. The Yale-trained researcher, who will keep his PUCP post, succeeds Yuri Castro.

Ghezzi belongs to a growing cadre of Latin American archaeologists who are gaining international prominence. Although Peruvians have made essential contributions to Andean studies since the days of Julio C. Tello (1880–1947), the field has typically been dominated by better-funded, better-equipped, and better-trained scientists from North America and Europe. Now, says archaeologist Luis Castillo of PUCP, “there’s a new generation of researchers who can work as leaders or equal partners with people from France, Spain, and the U.S.” The increase in local expertise, he says, is leading to “more and better work.” One example: Ghezzi’s study of a 2300-year-old observatory in northern coastal Peru that appeared in *Science* last week (2 March, p. 1206).

MONEY MATTERS

PUBLIC HEALTH INC. The founder of the world's largest pharmaceutical data services company and his wife have pledged \$50 million to the institution at which he began his academic career. Biostatistician Dennis



Gillings, who once served on the faculty of the School of Public Health at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and now heads Quintiles Transnational, wants the school to stimulate innovation on key local and global

health challenges. In recognition of the gift, the school has been renamed the Dennis and Joan Gillings School of Global Public Health.

The school's dean, Barbara Rimer, says the funds will be used to start an endowment that will support “innovation laboratories” to

work on issues such as access to drinking water and efficiency of clinical trials. “There must be a faster and maybe safer way [to conduct trials], particularly where our computing power can come in,” Gillings says. The school hopes to foster the use of “business practices so that the discoveries [made by the labs] can be disseminated,” Rimer adds. “There are too many good discoveries in public health that sit on shelves.”

INSIDE GOVERNMENT

FUSION HEAD. Raymond Fonck is the new head of the Office of Fusion Energy Science at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). Fonck, who earlier this year became chief scientist of the U.S. project office for the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor, will be responsible for overseeing DOE's participation in the \$12 billion effort. He comes to the post—vacant since former head Anne Davies retired in April 2006—from the physics faculty of the University of Wisconsin, Madison.



Pioneers >>

PACK 'N PLAY. While studying to diagnose disease in chimpanzees, Taranjit Kaur (above, left), a pathobiologist at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, wondered whether there was a way to reduce the environmental impact of her research. With the help of architect colleague Matt Lutz (above, right), she's come up with an answer: the world's first fully collapsible, mobile laboratory.

The two-story facility can hold laboratory equipment on the bottom floor, including computers, microscopes, and a refrigerator, and four researchers on the second floor. It's made of fiberglass rods and sliding aluminum panels that lock into place. The lab will be deployed this summer in Tanzania, where Kaur's group is establishing a health-monitoring program for chimpanzees.

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They Said It...

“I also want to show that people need not be limited by physical handicaps as long as they are not disabled in spirit.”

—Physicist Stephen Hawking, who has Lou Gehrig's disease, on why he wants to take a zero-gravity flight this April. He says his primary reason is to encourage public interest in space flight.

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