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**UNIVERSITY BANK'S STEPHEN LANGE RANZINI ELECTED TO THE ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF WASHTENAW COUNTY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Ann Arbor, Michigan, December 17, 2004 - **Stephen Lange Ranzini**, Chairman and President of Ann Arbor based University Bank® (NASDAQ:UNIB), was appointed to the board of directors of the Washtenaw County Economic Development Corporation by Washtenaw County's Board of Commissioners. The term of his appointment is until December 31, 2010.

Mr. **Ranzini** commented, "I am honored to be able to serve my county in this capacity and look forward to working with the board to make Washtenaw County a better, more sustainable, diverse and environmentally friendly community based on the principles of New Urbanism." Ranzini also serves on the Ann Arbor Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors, a position to which he was appointed by City Council in November 2003. He also previously served for two years on the City of Ann Arbor Housing Policy Board, a position to which he was appointed by City Council in March 2001. The Housing Policy Board advises City Council on the use of all federal, state and city housing and affordable housing funds under the HUD HOME, HUD Community Development Block Grant and Ann Arbor Housing Trust Fund programs. Ranzini lives downtown in the 101 North Main St. building.

Outside of his role as President and Chairman of University Bank, and as Chairman of University Bank's University Insurance & Investment Services and Midwest Loan Services subsidiaries, Ranzini serves as President and CEO of University Bancorp, Inc. and as President and Chairman of both the Michigan Business Development Company and Northern Michigan Foundation, which are economic development organizations funded by the state of Michigan Economic Development Corporation and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, respectively.

His other civic and professional associations include:

Industry Associations:

United Nations CEFACT (Business Trade and Facilitation Group) TGB5 (Finance), New York, NY, Member and the sole U.S. delegate on the committee representing the United States, the Standards Setting Body of the United Nations establishing standards for extensible markup language (XML) and international Internet payment instructions in harmonization with the International Standards Organization (ISO).

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International Standards Organization (ISO) Technical Committee (TC) 68 (Financial Services), U.S. observer to the ISO de jure global standards setting body for the global financial services industry.

Accredited Standards Committee X9, Annapolis, MD, Member of the Board of Directors. X9 is the ISO U.S. affiliate that sets standards for the U.S. financial services industry.

Financial Services Technology Consortium, New York, NY, Member, FSTC's Security Committee and member, FSTC's Counter-Phishing Project Steering Committee and Member, FSTC's eAuthentication Project. FSTC is the collaborative research and development arm of the nation's largest banks, the IT vendors to the banking industry and government agencies involved in banking. The counter-phishing project is analyzing potential financial industry response to the proliferation of electronic identity theft attacks, including email based identity theft attacks. The eAuthentication project is developing the business and technical rules to implement federated identity management solutions for the U.S. Government in conjunction with the U.S. General Services Administration and the U.S. Treasury Department. These solutions will serve both agency personnel and the general public for secure online ecommerce.

Civic Associations:

President of the Yale Alumni Association of Michigan;
Member of the Kingsley Trust Association, New Haven, Connecticut;
Member of Legatus, a worldwide, non-profit civic association of Catholic Company CEOs.

A picture of Mr. Ranzini is available at www.university-bank.com/bancorp.htm.

Ann Arbor based University Bancorp owns 100% of University Bank. University Bank is an FDIC insured, locally owned and managed Community Bank primarily serving the Cities of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti of Washtenaw County. University Bank's vision is "We build the foundation for your future." The Community Banking operation focuses on serving local businesses, minorities and non-profit organizations. Other Community Banking specialties include highly competitive deposit products for business owners, residential mortgages, commercial real estate lending and insurance, investments and money management through its wholly owned subsidiary University Insurance & Investments, Inc. In addition to its Community Banking operations, University Bancorp specializes in mortgage subservicing through the Bank's Houghton-based 80% owned subsidiary, Midwest Loan Services. Midwest currently subservices \$2.3 billion in mortgage loans.

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