From welfare to work

Numbers may be hiding extensive job instability

By Becky Mahry

Welfare rolls have shrunk dramatically in recent years, and states’ surveys show that most of those who have left the rolls have jobs. But many of those surveys have measured employment at just one point in time, hiding a lot of job instability and on-again, off-again employment, say UI researchers who produced a study last fall for the state of Illinois.

“When we look at the aggregate statistics, they make people leaving welfare look like a stable population,” says Steve Anderson, a UI professor of social work. “But if we really look at the majority of people in our study, most of them experienced some type of job change or some loss of employment” during the time they were off the rolls – less than a year for those in the Illinois study.

“Numbers may be hiding extensive job instability,” Anderson said. Only 51.2 percent, however, were employed when they left TANF in December ‘97. By “the same job when interviewed less than a year later,” Anderson said. Only 42.6 percent of those who were employed when they left TANF in December ‘97 had the same job when interviewed less than a year later.

In addition, a segment of the far north campus that is east of the Beckman Institute will have a similar assortment of newly constructed buildings filled with small- and medium- and large-sized firms whose directors want to be close to the variety of professionals and research projects at the UI.

For the time being, these proposed research parks are called the North Center and South Center, and for the most part they exist mainly in the plans of campus developers and administrators.

But the South Center will likely see some construction activity this spring since Motorola Inc. has decided to relocate from its existing facility in Urbana to a site on the southwest corner of St. Mary’s Road and First Street.

“The South Center is the one getting most of the attention right now,” said Dave Dressel, associate vice chancellor for administration. “We can launch that one fairly quickly because the land is available. On the north campus, there are some complex and expensive land acquisitions that will take us a little longer to resolve. So we’re going to see the South Center develop first.”

Motorola would like to be in its new 72,000-square-foot building by Dec. 1, 2000. A sheep barn and some other outbuildings will be torn down to clear the site.

In association with UI staff, a developer is refining a master plan for the South Center Research Park, but Dressel said the initial phases of the South Center will extend from the southern boundary of the Motorola property down First Street to AITS and the state regional office building.

“But we’re also trying to have a more grand vision, so we’re also looking on the east side of South First Street to provide more space,” Dressel said. “We may end up with a research park that runs along either side of South First Street, and on the east side it may extend all the way to Windsor Road. If that is done we may have a research park down there that’s more than 100 acres with a building-occupancy capacity in excess of 1 million square feet.”

“the North Center Research Park will be a closer look

Steve Anderson (left) and Tony Halter, both professors of social work, analyzed data showing work history at several points in time after leaving welfare. They learned that people didn’t necessarily remain at one job for a long time. Only 20.8 percent of those who were employed when they left TANF in December ‘97 had the same job when interviewed less than a year later.

Some results were better than the researchers expected. A large majority of those who had been employed, for instance, had worked full-time jobs, rather than collections of part-time jobs. And their average hourly pay was $7.59 at TANF exit, and $7.78 on their current or most recent job. But these wages still put people in or near poverty, Anderson said. And combining that with the apparent job instability, he suggested that states need to structure their social service systems accordingly. “It’s important for the system to be responsive as people move in and out of jobs if we really want to get them to work, and if we want to support work,” he said.

Paul Simon to address May graduates

By Becky Mahry

Former U.S. Sen. Paul Simon will be the featured speaker at the UI Commencement ceremonies May 14.

Simon, who retired from the Senate in 1997, is a professor at Southern Illinois University, teaching political science and journalism classes. He is the founder and director of the Public Policy Institute at the Carbondale campus, and also teaches classes occasionally at SIU’s campus in Edwardsville.

He served in the Senate for 12 years, and was Illinois’ senior senator prior to his retirement.

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Campus crime down; assaults, robberies still a concern

By Becky Malny
Assistant Editor

Although fewer crimes against people occurred on the UI campus during the fall 1999 semester, police officials still are concerned about the numbers of aggravated assaults and robberies and that puts students in harm’s way.

UI police responded to 27 criminal re-ports of aggravated assaults and batteries in the campus reporting area in the fall, compared with 37 reports in 1998 and 45 in 1997, according to crime data statistics.

The campus reporting area extends to University Avenue on the north, Neil Street on the west, Windsor Road on the south and Race Street to the east.

Similarly, the numbers of robberies fell to 17 – down from 26 in the fall of 1998.

“They pleased, but we still have signifi-cant problems with aggravated assaults and robberies,” said UI Police Chief Oliver J. Clark. “And I think the people on this campus need to be reminded about the time of the day these crimes are occurring, and who the victimes are.”

Victims of aggravated assaults are usu-ally men between the ages of 18 and 20 out between 9 p.m. and 3 a.m., Clark said. The statistics show that more than half of the victimes had been drinking when they were assaulted. Slightly more than half of the assaults were made by acquaintances of the victims, according to the statistics.

Robbery victims also tend to be males, out between 9 p.m. and midnight. The vast majority of the robbers are strangers to the victimes, and police have found that most robbers have no affiliation with the UI.

They seek out U1 students, police said, because students often make themselves easy targets by walking alone in dark areas.

An unusual statistic from the fall crime reports is that the number of incidents of public indecency increased from three in 1998 to eight in 1999. That could be the result of one or two men who continue to expose themselves from buildings located on the west side of the Quad, according to Capt. Kris Fitzpatrick of the UI police.

“Witnesses should use the emergency phones on the Quad,” Fitzpatrick said.

“The majority of our incidents are happen-ing in the Quad area.”

As for criminal sexual assaults, those numbers are down to six from 10 the previous fall, but Fitzpatrick said those statistics are not reliable because criminal sexual assaults are the most under-reported crime on campus.

A good indication of how under-re-ported those crimes are is that between 130 and 150 students seek assistance for sexual assault from the UI Office of Women’s Programs each year, said Patricia Morey, assistant dean of students.

“Not all those assaults occurred on cam-pus – but the majority of them were inci-dents that occurred here, while they were students on campus,” Morey said.

She said the women’s program office doesn’t keep statistics on whether alcohol was involved in those assaults, but she estimates that between 60 to 75 percent of one or both parties were intoxicated when the assaults occurred.

“And probably 95 percent of the as-saults are by an acquaintance,” Morey said.

Prevention efforts on campus focus on both men and women, Morey said. First-year students are required to attend work-shops on the issue in their residence halls early in the first semester, she said.

“One of the things about our campus I hope people do is to report it. It is very helpful if we’ve taken a very proactive approach,” Morey said.

“This is a serious issue and we’re taking it very seriously.”

Fitzpatrick noted that solutions to crime on campus cannot come from police alone. Student use of alcohol, she said, has a significant impact on crimes on campus, but arresting students for using alcohol doesn’t stop the problem.

And drinking on campus continues to be a major concern for police, deans and all others who oversee student safety.

“There’s no doubt that most of the stu-dent-on-student crimes that occur are a result of the overconsumption of alcohol,” Clark said.

The students tend to either react more aggressively when they’ve been drinking, or sometimes do things they wouldn’t do if they were sober, said Ilene Harned, the coordinator of the Alcohol and Other Drug Office on campus.

In addition, there’s a concern about the students who drink until they are so inca-pacitated they need medical attention. Dur-ing the fall semester, 45 students were transported to local hospitals for overcon-sumption of alcohol, Harned said. Seven students were transported for drug-related medical problems and 120 other students were referred to her office for disciplinary matters, such as having liquor in their rooms or receiving a city violation for drinking as a minor.

“The Alcohol and Other Drug Office just opened in the fall so it can’t compare alco-hol use by students with other years. But Fitzpatrick and Clark believe the problem may be increasing. Clark said studies have shown that some students have drinking problems before they arrive at the univer-sity.

“It’s a changing attitude and behav-ior,” Clark said. “And as we’ve said, arresting students is not the solution to the problem.”

Brian Clark
Assistant Editor

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Everyone knows there are farms at the South Farms, but exactly what kinds of animals are kept there? We have eight animal research units – a dairy farm, the poultry farm, a horse farm, the beef cattle farm, the sheep farm and three swine farms. In addition we have two service units – whose main job is to service the research units. The General Farms Unit grows and harvests the forage and crops for the units and services the farm roads by clearing pens, mending fences and general maintenance to facilities and equipment. Staff members at the Feed Stores Unit are responsible for feed ingredients, blending diets and delivering them to the various livestock research units.

How many employees do you oversee? We have about 48 full-time staff on the farms and about 25 to 30 part-time students.

Does your job as farms manager keep you tied to a desk or are you out in the barns? In the past it was split about 50-50, but in the last couple of years, I have spent a lot more time behind the desk. In recent years I have had to spend a lot more time working on regulatory issues, as well as gathering and preparing information necessary for the eventual move of the South Farms. Recently we have moved more into the planning phase for the new South Farms.

The move of the South Farms farther south has already started hasn’t it, with the building of the Motorola facility in the new research park? Yes, I guess you can say the move has started, as the university is developing a research park at the corner of St. Mary’s Road and First Street, onto what is called the Old Swine Farm. Motorola is the first firm planning to move into the research park. We have about four different facilities being affected. All of the old facilities are going to be torn down but they will be replaced somewhere else on the farms.

Why were you interested in a career in animal science? I really didn’t grow up on a farm but I grew up in a farming area near Detroit, Mich., and I ended up working on a lot of farms that were nearby. I’ve always loved being outdoors and working on farms with livestock. I also spent a lot of time building fence and putting up hay and things like that. I liked working with livestock and animals and so when I went to college it was just kind of natural to go into the animal sciences.

Do you live in the country with livestock of your own? I live in rural Urbana at Seller’s Corner. But we just have dogs and cats right now. We’ve had a zoo, believe me, from guinea pigs and hamsters to birds and fish and everything in between.

Would you and your wife eventually like to have a livestock farm? I just don’t have time. Most of my time off work is spent with my two daughters. They’re both really active in sports. My oldest daughter, Megan, is playing junior high volleyball and last night we had a game in Pontiac so we had to cut out of here and go to the game and it was 8:30 before we got home and there’s just not time for much else.

She finished basketball in the fall and when volleyball is over, there’s track. And before track finishes, summer softball begins. A good friend and I coach summer league softball and my oldest daughter’s always been on our team. And that lasts until the first of August. It keeps us very busy. She will start high school and high school sports this fall. My youngest daughter, Lindsey, has played softball for two years now, and will begin other sports as she enters the fifth grade this fall.

Managing the South Farms must be one of the coldest jobs on campus, don’t you think? No. Those guys in the dairy barns, the horse barn and the beef cattle barn are outside a lot and they’re the ones who take most of the brunt of this weather. I go in and out a lot. I keep a lot of insulated clothes here for the cold, but generally, I don’t even wear a coat lots of the time just because I’m not out that long.

What do you like best about your job? One of the best parts is that it’s so varied. I do a lot of different things. There are always lots of issues to think about and the possibilities with this move are exciting. The biggest problems we face right now on the farms is that they’re very old. They’re run down. And they’re just really not good facilities to do research in or to raise animals in anymore. And the possibilities of us moving into new facilities is very exciting and the planning process is exciting. And I think everybody will feel much better about their jobs when we are moved into well-designed facilities.

What about the animals? Do you have a favorite? Well, most of my experience has been with beef cattle and they’re still my favorite. But I like them all.

Ever been hurt? Not seriously. I’ve been kicked, been stepped on, been bumped and I’ve been rolled over, but I’ve gotten nothing more than a bruise. But you have to be careful. What’s play to a 1,200- or 1,400-pound cow will hurt you and me. So you have to be cautious.

- Interview by Becky Mabry

Abstract provides wealth of information about
Land of Lincoln

By Mark Reutter
News Bureau Staff Writer

Need a Lifeline?” A million bucks is riding on the question – what county in Illinois boasts the most number of hogs?

“Regis, I’m just not sure.” A good stall, but that’s not going to bring home the bacon. You need facts and you need them fast.

“I’d like to poll the audience.” The audience looks befuddled except for a young person in the third row. She thumbs through a thick paperback book and shows the relevant page.

“Henry County,” she blurts out, referring, of course, to table 17-19 of the latest Illinois Statistici Abstract. Regis nods, and the audience applauds with enthusiasm.

Talk about putting all your eggs in a basket, the 1999 abstract is packed with tables that take the collective measure of the state’s economic and demographic life. The 740-page book was compiled under the direction of the College of Commerce and Business Administration at the UI and was edited by Susan R. Harter, James Bang and Zarrin Baig.

Unlike in some reference books, the information is arranged in a sensible way. “You don’t have to be a statistician to use this book,” Harter said. “We’ve gathered material from more than 45 different sources and placed it in a convenient, easy-to-use format.”

County by county, from Adams to Woodford, the book lists figures on agriculture, livestock, employment, retail sales, health and vital statistics, crime and punishment, outdoor recreation, public education, export trade, transportation, even fishing licenses and seat-belt usage.

The UI abstract may be purchased for $50 from the Office of Research, College of Commerce and Business Administration, 430 Commerce West, 1206 S. Sixth St., MC-706, 333-2331. The material also is available on disk and CD-ROM.

FROM THE 1999 ILLINOIS STATISTICAL ABSTRACT:

- There were 4,417 Illinois residents who picked up trapping licenses in 1997; up 63 percent from 1995, while turkey-hunting permits jumped to 47,584, nearly half again as much as in 1995.
- The priciest single-family homes are found in the Barrington area northwest of Chicago (median price, $398,700), and the least expensive homes are in Stark County, near Peoria ($42,700).
- Based on a 40-hour week, the weekly earnings of Illinois coal miners were $725, pre-school teachers $371, computer programmers $866 and surgeons $2,401.
- Following Henry County, Knox and Johnson counties are home to the second and third largest number of swine.
- One of three drivers does not wear a seat belt, and the noon hour on weekdays is the highest period of non-compliance.
By James E. Kloeppel  
News Bureau Staff Writer

N  early 1,000 years before St. Louis became known as the Gateway to the West, another expanding cul-
ture had created a major ceremonial mound complex that is now called Cahokia. By all accounts, Cahokia was huge, consisting of hundreds of platform mounds, supported by a population numbering in the thou-

ands. At issue, however, has been whether Cahokia was part of a regional trade net-
work that stretched from the Great Plains to the South Atlantic.

"Cahokia was strategically centered at the juncture of the Missouri, Illinois and Mississippi rivers on the vast alluvial flood plain of the American Bottom," said Tho-
mas Emerson, a professor of anthropology at the UI and the director of the Illinois Transportation Ar-
chaeological Re-
search Program. "An interesting debate has centered upon whether the artifacts found at Cahokia repre-
sent a vast so-
cial, religious and
cultural complex that exerted a major regional influence, or merely ex-
otic 'prestige goods' acquired by an elite few as a symbol of power."

When the Inter-
state-270 bypass was constructed around St. Louis, Emerson and colleagues re-
covered a number of artifacts, including numerous pipe frag-
ments and five figu-
rines that appear to have been ceremo-
nially destroyed.

"The stone figures portray female idols associated with agri-
cultural symbolism and classic fertility myths," Emerson said.

The figures now appear to be a local product, we need to rethink the role Cahokia played in ancient society," Emerson said said. "We figured that if I gave my papers to the UI, then 100 years from now and beyond, my papers would be there, and be well cared for."

The papers will be housed in the Rare Book and Special Col-
lections Library. A data-
base of the items is being developed, through which scholars and oth-
ers can do searches by means of the Internet. A professor of Afri-
can studies and English at the State University of New York at Albany, Slade is the author of 13 books – 10 of them vol-
umes of poetry. His lat-
est book, "Elisabeth and Other Poems," was just released. Slade, who also has been published widely in magazines and journals, including Ebony, Essence and U.S. News & World Report, is the pre-
cident of the Langston Hughes Soci-
ty. Slade previously taught at Kentucky State University. He was also the chair of KSU’s Division of Literature, Languages and Philosophy, and dean of its College of Arts and Sciences. For many summers he was writer-in-residence at Bennington College, the Bread Loaf Writers’ Confer-
ence at Middlebury College and at the Ragdale Artists’ Colony in Lake For-
est, Ill. Of the many awards he has received, he said he is most proud of his excellence in teaching awards from KSU and SUNY-Albany. Slade’s poetry has been described as “authentic and joyous celebrations of the human spirit.” Maya Angelou called his “Lilacs in Bloom” a “wel-
come salve to all of us who are in need.” In that volume, published last year, Slade devoted six poems to Abraham Lincoln; in one poem, he tells Lincoln: “You taught a people how to unite and triumph. You taught the world the power of love.”

The eldest of nine children, Slade was raised on a farm in North Carolina. His childhood and his heritage, he said, are “the source material for my writing.” When asked what motivates him to write poetry, Slade cited another poet. “You know what Langston Hughes said about poetry. He said, ‘Poetry is the human soul entire, squeezed like a lemon or a lime, drop by drop into atomic words.’ So, I suppose I wanted to share my soul with the world. It’s therapeutic for me to write. It’s a tonic for my soul to express my feelings. I also hope I’ve written something beau-
tiful, something that will elevate other people’s souls.”

Poet, citing debt to alma mater, donates personal papers to university

By Andrea Lynn  
News Bureau Staff Writer

For "sentimental reasons," including deep gratitude to his alma mater, Leonard A. Slade Jr., an acclaimed and prolific poet, has given his per-
sonal papers to the UI Library. His gift, which includes correspon-
dence, manuscripts, published works, re-
views, photographs and memorabilia, becomes the University Library’s first collection of papers of an African-American literary figure.

"The UI has been very good to me and to my wife," Slade said.

"We have special feelings for our great alma mater." Slade earned his doctorate in English from the UI in 1972. His wife, Roberta Hall-Slade, earned her master’s degree in musicology at Illinois in 1977. Slade also said he gave Illinois his pa-
ers “because it is one of the top universi-
ties in the world, and because the library is one of the top libraries in the country. I

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Revenues expected to keep Illinois fund balance near record

By Mark Reutter
News Bureau Staff Writer

Buuoyed by a stable economy and increased receipts from tobacco, liquor and gaming, the state of Illinois will enjoy another year of fiscal plenitude.

“Year 2000 will be a good one from a revenue standpoint,” said J. Fred Giertz, a UI economist. Giertz predicted that the state will end fiscal 2000 with actual revenues above projection, with sales tax especially strong,” he said in an interview. Sales-tax receipts were up 7.6 percent in the second half of calendar 1999 compared to the figure a year earlier.

Individual income taxes also rose 3.3 percent despite a phase-in that raises the personal exemption level for residents from $1,000 to $2,000 over three years. The exemption for last year was $1,650 and will increase to the full $2,000 in 2002.

A new single-annuity-point tax formula for corporations doing business in more than one state resulted, at least temporarily, in a full-off in corporate receipts. While the measure was tagged as revenue neutral by its supporters, corporate income taxes in Illinois dropped 15.8 percent in the first half of fiscal 2000. Although there is likely to be some pick-up this fall, corporate income taxes will probably lag throughout the year, Giertz said.

Several other revenue streams will favorably affect the state budget. Illinois has received $140 million from the national tobacco settlement in the first installment of a projected $9 billion to be paid by tobacco companies over the first half of fiscal 2000. Although there is likely to be some pick-up this fall, corporate income taxes will probably lag throughout the year, Giertz said.

Sunny forecast

J. Fred Giertz, a UI economist, predicted that the state will end fiscal 2000 with a general fund balance very close to last year’s historic high of $1.35 billion. “Midway through fiscal 2000, actual revenues are above projection, with sales tax especially strong,” Giertz said.

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Anxiety about presence of household molds frequently unwarranted

By Melissa Mitchell
News Bureau Staff Writer

Most people know that locking doors and windows and installing security systems are front-line defenses for keeping burglars at bay. Yet, according to UI building researcher William Rose, few homeowners are as vigilant when it comes to defending their homes from a more insidious, potentially harmful intruder: mold.

“Homes shouldn’t be moldy places,” said Rose, a research architect with the UI’s Building Research Council who, along with colleague Jeff Gordon, is overseeing a moisture-monitoring project that is part of a new three-year study funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Rose, who has been charged with monitoring the demonstration-research project in homes in the Cleveland area, concedes that “there is always a little mold everywhere — in the air and on many surfaces... though surfaces ideally should not support mold.” A “little bit of mold is OK; a lot is bad.”

And some molds are definitely worse than others in terms of health risks for people. Nonetheless, Rose believes that media reports about deaths and home abandonments attributed to a toxic variety of mold, known as Stachybotrya atro, may be setting off unnecessary panic attacks among some homeowners. Documented incidence of Stachybotrya is fairly rare, he said. Further, he maintains that allegations linking new-home construction methods and materials to a higher incidence of deadly mold growth aren’t necessarily supported by fact.

“Part of it is paranoia,” in essence a rerun of an episode from the annals of home-construction and maintenance history that occurred in the 1950s when the home-insulation industry warned of the “evils of moisture,” Rose said. Illustrating his claim, Rose points to pamphlets with Cold-War cover graphics that personified moisture as “the pernicious Bolshevik that kills.”

The industry “scared people into buying different products and caused them to lose their confidence in their ability to monitor their own homes effectively,” Rose said.

That’s not to say, however, that moisture — especially when it collects behind walls, in crawl spaces and other areas typically hidden from homeowners’ view — can’t create headaches for homeowners. Mold can damage surfaces, and likely contributes to human respiratory ailments. Rose said researchers have yet to determine a single cause for a worldwide increase in the number of asthma sufferers, but common household molds frequently turn up on everyone’s short list of suspects.

To avoid all manner of problems, Rose advises homeowners to “go on a crusade to visit all those places in the house they rarely visit or inspect — particularly crawl spaces and access panels for plumbing.” Additionally, he said, “if there’s an interior finish on basement walls, the base- ment has a bad odor, remove the finishes.” And if you just can’t live with bare concrete walls, Rose suggests using Velcro to install rigid insulation panels, with some sort of finish, which can be removed to accommodate frequent inspection and cleaning.

United Methodist Church Construction Fund

Harl R. Ray, 82, died Jan. 17 at Taylorville Care Center, Taylorville. Ray worked in the UI dairy department from 1951 to 1958. He then served as an operating engineer at the UI Power Plant from 1958 to 1972. Memorials: Westminster Presbyterian Church, Taylorville.

Robert Ruelle, 68, died Jan. 18 at Meadowbrook Health Center, Urbana. Ruelle worked at the UI from 1964 until he retired in 1993. He was a flight instructor and for many years was a pilot for the UI’s staff air transportation service that provided air travel for UI administrators, faculty and staff members, and board of trustees members. Memorials: American Cancer Society, The Salvation Army.

Jane Busey Scott, 84, died Jan. 23 at Meadowbrook Health Center, Urbana. Scott worked for the UI Visual Aids Service. She also was employed from 1961 to 1976 as a technical editor for the Illinois State Geological Survey. Memorials: American Cancer Society.

Chester G. Starr, 84, died Sept. 22 in Ann Arbor, Mich. Starr was a lecturer in the department of history from 1940 to 1953 and a professor of history from 1953 to 1970.


Charles Philip Wilson, 68, died Jan. 26 at Provena Covenant Medical Center, Urbana. Wilson was a steamfitter at the UI for 20 years. Memorials: American Lung Association.

John D. Anderson, 87, died Jan. 19 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Anderson joined the UI faculty in 1949 as an instructor in physiology. He was promoted to assistant professor in 1952, to associate professor in 1957 and to professor in 1965. He retired as associate dean of the School of Basic Medical Sciences in 1977. Memorials: Channing-Murray Foundation in Urbana.

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In 1980, he was elected lieutenant governor of Illinois and was the first in the state’s history to be elected to that post with a governor of another party. He ran for governor in 1972 but narrowly lost to Dan Walker. He then started the public affairs reporting program at Sangamon State University in Springfield (now the UI at Springfield) and lectured during the 1972-73 school year at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Simone was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1974 and served Illinois’ 22nd and 24th congressional districts for 10 years before beginning his career in the U.S. Senate.

Simone was born in Oregon 71 years ago. He attended the University of Oregon and Dana College in Blair, Neb. At the age of 19 he became the nation’s youngest editor—publisher when he accepted a local Lion’s Club challenge to save the Troy Tribune in Troy, Ill., near St. Louis. Simone built a chain of 13 newspapers in Southern and Central Illinois. He sold the papers in 1966 to devote full-time to public service and writing.

Simone lives in the tiny village of Makanda in Southern Illinois with his wife, Jeanne. They have two children and four grandchildren.

COMMEMCENCEMENT CONTINUED ON PAGE 1
Group finds Internet courses can be effective, suggests guidelines

By Matt Hanley
News Bureau Staff Writer

As the world rushes toward life online, education is in the thick of it with classes – and even degrees – being offered through the computer.

To determine how beneficial the move to online learning has been, 16 UI faculty and staff members examined the pros and cons of online teaching. Charged with their task in September 1998, the group released its “Report of the UI Teaching at an Internet Distance Seminar” in December.

The report’s main conclusion? Moving classrooms from concrete buildings to computer bytes can be effective, if done correctly.

“This notion of distance learning – that it’s hard to gauge whether your students are learning,” said Linda Smith, one of the seminar participants and the associate dean for the Graduate School of Library and Information Science.

“The technology doesn’t have to be a barrier. For someone who values good teaching, they don’t need to abandon their teaching techniques, they have to re-think their methods.

“They have to learn to talk with their fingers, not with their mouths,” said Smith, who currently is in charge of the online graduate degree program in library and information science.

But not all the participants were as familiar, or as comfortable, with the technology as Smith is. Chosen from UI campuses in Chicago, Springfield and Urbana-Champaign, the seminar’s participants were selected to represent a variety of fields and varying levels of familiarity with online technology. And, as the report notes, the group consisted of technology “skeptics” and those who have been “converted.”

While the report celebrated success stories such as Shapley’s, it also raised some cautions for people who believe online education will become a cheap, easy way to educate thousands of students at once. In fact, the report cautioned against putting courses the size of Shapley’s online.

According to the report, only through “elaborating” efforts by Shapley to communicate with each of her students every week was she able to manage such a large class without losing any students in the electronic ether. Although some experts believe that online learning was a tool that could be used to teach thousands of students at once, the report suggested that keeping class sizes small was the key to teaching students.

Even Shapley conceded that her class size would have been unmanageable by herself.

“I was able to do my class online with over a hundred students only because of the help of teaching assistants,” she said. “We had someone online 24-hours so students could work at their convenience.”

The report also pointed out that this type of extra effort was that required to keep online classes manageable also contradicted what many people believed would be two other advantages of putting a course online: lower cost and less work for teachers.

Instead, because of equipment costs and the need for additional teaching assistants, the cost of an online class has not been shown to be lower than that of the typical “offline” class. Professors also faced a heavier workload when they moved their class online because of the individual attention each student requires and the time necessary to master the technology.

“With online instruction, teachers can explore the technology box sitting in their drawers, and provide photos of some.

“Your VIEW Point

For as long as offices have existed, the office with a window has been a coveted thing. Perhaps some desire it for the status they think it brings them but for many others that same window simply offers natural light and a view of the outside world.

The views from windows across campus are as varied as the people sitting in those offices. Inside Illinois would like you to tell us about the view from your office or laboratory window. Whether you consider the view breathtaking or quirky, send us a brief description of what you see when you look out your window. Perhaps the view changes from season to season or semester to semester. Or you’ve been in the same office for many years but the view has done anything but remain the same.

We’ll share as many views in Inside Illinois as possible and provide photos of some.

Send your campus view to: Doris Dahl, Inside Illinois, 807 S. Wright St., Suite 520 E., MC-314 or d-dahl2@uiuc.edu.
Open to all UI employees
Credit union offers workshops
The UI Employees Credit Union is offering the following free financial services workshops to UI employees (credit-union members and non-members).
- Feb. 17: Tax Strategies
- March 7: Long-term Care
- March 30: Retirement Planning
- April 27: Estate Planning

All workshops begin at 7 p.m. and will be at the Credit Union, 2201 S. First St., Champaign. Reservations are required. Call 333-8047.

Natural history classes for kids
Saturday Safari classes announced
Reservations are being accepted for spring Saturday Safari natural history classes sponsored by the UI’s Spurlock Museum. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis.
Kindergarten and first-grade students may sign up for “Wild Cats” (Feb. 19), “Butterflies” (March 4) and “Rainforest Wonders” (April 1). Second- and third-grade students may register for “The Clever Hare” (Feb. 26), “The Lazy Fox” (March 25) and “Rare and Endangered” (April 15).
For each class, a morning session will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. An afternoon session will be added from 1 to 2:30 p.m. if needed, to accommodate a large number of registered students. Classes are in 231 Natural History Building. A fee of $5 is charged for each class to cover materials and resources. The fee is refundable if cancellation is made at least three days prior to the class.
For registration forms or more information, contact Kim Sheahan at 244-3355 or ksheahan@uiuc.edu.

NCSA Faculty Fellows
Applications due Feb. 28
The National Center for Supercomputing Applications invites Urbana faculty members to apply for the new NCSA/UIUC Faculty Fellows Program. The program, jointly funded by NCSA and the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research, seeks to extend opportunities for multidisciplinary collaboration with colleagues in virtual reality environments, computing support, and other technology to faculty members on the Urbana campus. It offers the Vice Chancellor for Research, seeks to extend opportunities for multidisciplinary collaboration with colleagues in virtual reality environments, computing support, and other technology to faculty members on the Urbana campus. It offers

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Information, program guidelines and required application forms are available at www.ncsa.uiuc.edu/campusolutions/facultyfellows.html.

Allerton Park
Hausmusik concert is Feb. 13
The Allerton Park Conference Center will host “Hausmusik at Allerton,” a benefit concert at 4 p.m. Feb. 13. Hausmusik rekindles a centuries-old tradition of music and fine food in an intimate setting.

Suren Bagratuni, cellist, and Donna Faire McHugh, pianist, will perform works of Chopin, Brahms and Rachmaninoff. Following the concert, an informal buffet will be served. Tickets are $75 per person; reservations can be made by calling 328-6269. Proceeds from the concert will benefit the Allerton Park Conference Center. For more information about this and other events at Allerton, call 333-2127.

College of Veterinary Medicine
Conference examines diseases
The College of Veterinary Medicine is hosting the third annual Conference on New and Re-emerging Infectious Diseases on April 20-21. The purpose of the conference is to provide an overview of disease emergence and to discuss recent developments in the study of microorganisms that cause these diseases.

The conference will be from 8 to 7 p.m. April 20 and from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 21. The cost is $25 for faculty members, $10 for students. Paper submissions are being accepted. Authors are required to submit an abstract for poster displays. Abstract deadline is April 3. Registrations and abstract forms are available on the Web at www.cvm.uiuc.edu/chid.

For more information, contact Roberto Dacampo, 333-3845 or rodac@uiuc.edu.

Student Leadership Award
Award nominations due Feb. 16
The Office of Student Affairs is accepting nominations for Student Leadership Awards. Since 1987, Student Affairs has presented annual awards, which include a monetary prize, to students who demonstrate exemplary leadership. Recipients are honored at a luncheon, scheduled this year for April 15.

Award information, descriptions and nomination forms can be found at www.odos.uiuc.edu/awards/index.htm.

Nomination forms must be received by 5 p.m. Feb. 16. If you have questions, contact Willard Broom at 333-0055.

Historical markers to feature campus achievements
Nominations due Feb. 18
The Council of Deans recently approved a proposal to create a series of plaques to be placed across campus in commemoration of research achievements by UI faculty members and students throughout its history. A committee will begin the process of researching and selecting the initial series of plaques to be included on the historical markers.

Anyone may nominate an achievement for consideration by the committee. For a nomination form or more information, contact Robin Kaler, 333-5510 or rkaler@uiuc.edu. Forms are due by Feb. 18.

Armory Free Theater features performance art
Installation explores ‘pretty’
Popular-culture myths and perceptions about beauty will be explored in a performance-art installation by an all-female ensemble at the Armory Free Theater Feb. 14-19. The program is free and open to the public.

Gallery hours for viewing the installation piece, titled “pretty,” are 8 to 11 p.m. Feb. 14-17; 8 p.m. to midnight Feb. 18; and 1 to 4 p.m. and 8 to 11 p.m. Feb. 19.

The project— which will feature painting, installation work, a documentary film and live and interactive performances— is directed by UI theater student Rachel Reynolds. The ensemble includes more than 30 UI students and faculty members as well as community members.

For a preview of part of the show, the public may attend open rehearsals of a Marilyn Monroe dance piece choreographed by dance student Rachel Germond Feb. 9-12. The rehearsals will take place at noon Feb. 9-12 at the Krannert Art Museum.

Sponsors include the Body Pride Project, SORF, Women’s Studies Program and dance and theater departments.

A bevy of trios
Mélange, a chamber music group, will perform traditional and contemporary trios beginning at 2 p.m. Feb. 13 at WILL-PM’s Second Sunday Concert.
Mélange is composed of faculty members from four universities: Wesley Baldwin, cello; University of Tennessee; Rudolf Haken, violin, UI; J. William King, clarinet, Millikin University; and Sylvia Wright, piano, Northwestern University. Performing with them will be Marlen Varekho, oboe, a UI doctoral student.
The free concert at the Krannert Art Museum and Kinkead Pavilion also will be broadcast live on WILL-PM (99.0/100.1 in Champaign-Urbana) with host Vic DiGeromino.
On the program are Mozart’s Trio for Clarinet, Viola and Piano, K. 488; Randall Thompson’s Suite for Oboe, Clarinet and Viola; Alvin Segall’s “Larghetto;” and Brahms’ Trio for Piano, Clarinet and Cello, Op. 11.

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benefits news
Retirement planning series offered
The Office of Human Resources and the Benefits Center are presenting a free retirement planning series for faculty and staff members.
Faculty and staff members may enroll in sessions of interest or select all sessions.
Representatives from the Benefits Center, MetLife, Aetna, TIAA-CREF, Fidelity and American Century will lead the discussions.
Topics:
- March 2: “Goal Setting,” 401 Illini Union
- March 9: “Financial Planning,” 405 Illini Union
- March 23: “Budgeting,” 405 Illini Union
- March 30: “Basis of Investing,” 209 Illini Union

This interactive workshop is designed to provide a better understanding of investments. Learn the fundamental concepts of investing and how investments can work for you.

April 6: “Tax-Deferred Annuity,” 405 Illini Union
An overview of the various tax-deferred savings plans available at the UI and their importance in increasing your retirement income.
Each seminar is offered twice a day from 11 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.
Faculty and staff members can register on the Web at https://webster.uhr.uiuc.edu/free/. For more information, contact the Benefits Center at 333-3111.

403(b) contribution limits raised
The elective deferral limit for 403(b) tax-deferred annuity contributions was raised by the IRS from $8,000 to $10,500 effective Jan. 1, 2000. The 402(g) lifetime catch-up limit of $15,000 and the 457 limit of $8,000 remain unchanged.

An effective date of Jan. 1, 403(a) (17) retirement contribution limit increased from $160,000 to $170,000.
However, since the university’s plan year is July 1 to June 30, the increased limit of $470,000 will go into effect until July 1, 2000, for UI employees.
probably have about 600,000 square feet of building-occupancy capacity," Dressel said. "So we could well see over 1.5 million square feet of business space in the research parks for emerging companies and corporate affiliates. But it will take some time—perhaps more than 20 years to complete the build-out."

Dressel envisions a mix of building sizes in the research parks. There will probably be one large incubator building in the south. The buildings are called "incubators" because they provide small amounts of space for fledgling start-up companies working on ideas that may allow them to grow into larger firms.

"And as the incubator companies mature, you have to have a place for them to graduate to," Dressel said. "So we'll have multi-tenant buildings in the South Center, and we'll also probably have some major single-occupant facilities, not unlike Motorola. We expect a mix of tenancies.

"My guess at this point is that the two centers will be dominated by multi-tenant buildings and one or two incubator buildings and there would probably be several major corporate buildings."

The South Center Research Park fits in with plans to move the South Farms south of Windsor Road, a $200 million project that means the acquisition of land all the way south to Airport Road. Plans call for the construction of new research facilities and developing new research fields for the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences.

On the North Campus, east of the Beckman Institute, there's a large surface parking lot. Plans call for building a parking deck along University Avenue with 1,000 or more spaces to accommodate the people working in the northeast corner of campus, Dressel said.

On land just south of the proposed parking deck, the UI hopes to build a new facility to house the National Center for Supercomputing Applications. The UI is seeking state money for that building in its capital projects request to the state legislature this year. A new NCSA building is estimated to cost between $30 million and $35 million, Dressel said. Gov. George Ryan included $30 million for the NCSA building in his budget request this week.

Located directly south of the proposed NCSA building will be the new $74 million computer science building and Quad, which is being funded from a variety of sources.

With the new computer science building, the proposed NCSA building, and the North Center Research Park, about 2,500 people could be working in that area of the campus, Dressel said.

All of it will mean big changes in the campus in the next 15 to 20 years. Dressel said there's been talk for many years about developing research parks, but the timing is good now because of the economy and a strong commitment from the UI and campus administration.

And there's no doubt that corporations will be interested in coming to the UI's new research parks, he said.

"There are interested because the university is a national and world power in research," Dressel said. "And we also have specific individuals who are doing very interesting research and that is attracting corporations. We also expect these corporations to 'harvest' our graduates for their work force."

This year's requests for capital projects also include $45 million to build the chiller building, the air conditioning center for the campus; an incubator building in the South Center Research Park; and a large biotechnology science building, sometimes called the construction of new research facilities means there is always a lot of activity going on.

Here's an update on some of the current building projects on campus, according to Dave Dressel, associate vice chancellor for administration.

- Construction of the new Spurlock Museum, located due east of Krannert Center for the Performing Arts, will be finished in a few weeks. However, museum staff members will take a year or more to move the extensive collection of artifacts and build the five permanent galleries. Unlike the museum's former home on the top floor of Lincoln Hall, the new museum will be open year-round and have ample parking for visitors. In addition to collections from the former World Heritage Museum, it will feature selected artifacts from the UI's Museum of Natural History and the anthropology department. Visitors will have virtual access to the museum's collections through its Web site, www.spurlock.uiuc.edu.

- The $12.5 million indoor football practice facility, located at southwest corner of Fourth Street and Peabody Drive, is scheduled to open in August. Damage to some reinforcing steel in the north buttress during a windstorm may cause a slight delay. Dressel said the building will be done in time to ensure that the "bubble" does not have to be put up again over the Memorial Stadium field. Money to build the facility came entirely from donations.

- Construction of the Spurlock Museum will not open for another year or more so that all the artifacts from the closed World Heritage Museum can be moved and exhibits built.

- The library for the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences currently is a steel skeleton. It is directly south of the Animal Sciences building on Lorado Taft Drive and is due to be completed in spring 2001. It's a $21 million project, funded with state money and gifts.

- The new Natural History Survey building is in the design stage. To date, about $9.1 million has been appropriated for a building that will cost many times that amount. The building will be located due south of the new parking garage and fire substation on the corner of Dorner and Gregory drives. It will allow the Natural History Survey to move from the current cramped quarters it shares with the State Geological Survey in the Natural Resources Building.

- Construction activity will begin this spring on the site of the new parking deck and fire substation. The $13.5 million building is scheduled for completion in February 2001. It will have about 750 parking spaces; the new fire substation will replace the old substation on the UI's engineering campus.

- Bidding is under way for the women's softball field, a $1.7 million project funded by a gift to the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics. The field is scheduled for completion in the fall although it will not be used for competition until the spring of 2001.

- Construction of the new University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Beckman Institute, which would be dedicated to integrating the fields of biology, agriculture, veterinary medicine, and other life sciences, similar to the Beckman Institute on the north campus.
calendar of events

Feb 3 to 20

The beat goes on

The Ethos Percussion Group and Grammy Award-winning frame drummer Glen Veloz explore the visual, textural and musical excitement inherent in percussion instruments when they present "Earth Drum." The Feb. 12 performance begins at 8 p.m. in Krannert Center for the Performing Arts' Foellinger Great Hall. The program features a wide array of instruments—the Egyptian rig, Irish bodhrán, Japanese odoriko, Indian tabla, marimbas and vibraphones among others—to create a persuasive extravaganza of a global nature.

The Ethos Percussion Group has been performing contemporary and traditional percussion compositions and celebrating extraordinary music making for almost a decade. The ensemble’s hallmark is the programming of a wide variety of musical styles on an eclectic battery of instruments from around the world. The group will perform with UI students at the Courtyard Café in the Illini Union at 3 p.m. Feb. 9. The ensemble also will host a community drumming circle at the University YMCA/YWCA at 7 p.m. Feb. 11; percussion aficionados young and old are invited to bring their own drums and join in.

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19 Saturday

**Slaughter City**

Janet Lein, director. James Will, musical director. 8 p.m. Foellinger Hall, Krannert Center. Admission charge.

**Masters of Music Recital.** Amanda Pond, flute. 7 p.m. Memorial Room, Smith Hall.

**Master of Music Recital.** Malinda Lewis. 7 p.m. Memorial Auditorium, Krannert Center. Admission charge.

**Faculty Recital.** Donald Schleicher, conductor. 7 p.m. Music Building auditorium.

**Senior Recital.** Benjamin Stuecker, trombone. 7 p.m. Memorial Auditorium, Krannert Center. Admission charge.

**International Festival 2000.** Featuring arts of Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, the Middle East, and Latin America. Noon-3 p.m. Memorial Union East and West Union buildings. Free admission.


**Ice Hockey.** UI vs. Marquette University. 7 p.m UI Ice Arena. Admission charge.

**UI vs. Nebraska.** 7 p.m. Memorial Stadium. Admission charge.

**UI vs. Michigan.** 7 p.m. Mahaffey Stadium. Admission charge.

**UI vs. Penn State.** 7:00 p.m. Memorial Stadium. Admission charge.

**UI vs. Wisconsin.** 7:00 p.m. Memorial Stadium. Admission charge.

**UI vs. Ohio State.** 7:00 p.m. Memorial Stadium. Admission charge.

**UI vs. Minnesota.** 7:00 p.m. Memorial Stadium. Admission charge.

**UI vs. Northwestern.** 7:00 p.m. Memorial Stadium. Admission charge.

**UI vs. Indiana.** 7:00 p.m. Memorial Stadium. Admission charge.

**UI vs. Purdue.** 7:00 p.m. Memorial Stadium. Admission charge.

**Friday Night Studio Recital.** Daniel Kelly, trumpet. 8 p.m. Recital Hall, Smith Hall.

**Student Recital.** Amanda Pond, flute. 7 p.m. Memorial Room, Smith Hall.

**Senior Recital.** Brian Murphy, piano. 7:30 p.m. Memorial Room, Smith Hall.

**Senior Recital.** Anna Klein, piano. 8 p.m. Recital Hall, Smith Hall.

**Senior Recital.** James Earl Jones II. 1 p.m. Recital Hall, Smith Hall.

**Senior Recital.** James Earl Jones II. 8 p.m. Recital Hall, Smith Hall.

**Senior Recital.** unquestioned. 7 p.m. Memorial Room, Smith Hall.

**Senior Recital.** Andrew Fettig, jazz piano. 8 p.m. Music Building auditorium.

**Student Recital.** Jian Jiang, violin. 8 p.m. Recital Hall, Smith Hall.

**Student Recital.** Brian Murphy, piano. 8 p.m. Recital Hall, Smith Hall.

**Master of Music Recital.** John O’Donnell, organ. 8 p.m. Music Building auditorium.

**Master of Music Recital.** James live. 8 p.m. Recital Hall, Smith Hall.

**Master of Music Recital.** Cecilia Sunmi Hwang, piano. 8 p.m. Recital Hall, Smith Hall.

**Master of Music Recital.** Linda Cucchi, mezzo-soprano. 8 p.m. Recital Hall, Smith Hall.

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3 Thursday
Coffee Hour: Turkish. 7:30 a.m. Cosmopolitan Club. 307 E. John St., Champaign.

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16 Wednesday

Day Party. Great Tusken and his Orchestra. 6:30 p.m. Illini Rooms, Illini Union. For more information, call 333-8860. Admission charge. Illini Union Faculty Staff Social Committee.

244x3355 for more information, call 333-2371 or 333- 8295 or visit the Web site at www.uiuc.edu/ariumy. Armory Free Theatre.

17 Thursday
Financial Services Workshop: "Tax Strategies." 7 p.m. UI Employees Credit Union, 220 E. First St., Champaign. Open to members and non-members. Workshop is free, but reservations are required. Call 333-8847. UI Employees Credit Union.

Tuesday 5 p.m.-midnight. 160 Armory Building. For more information, call 333-2371 or 333- 8295 or visit the Web site at www.uiuc.edu/ariumy. Armory Free Theatre.

10 Thursday
Poetry Reading and Book Signing. 4 p.m. Author's corner, second floor, Illini Union Bookstore. Michael Madonick, UI. Featured book, "Waking the Dead Dog." For more information send e-mail to yuchandle@uiuc.edu or call 333-2050. Illini Union Bookstore and Robert J. Car Visiting Writers Series/English.

Coffee House: Valentine's Day Party. 7:30 p.m. Cosmopolitan Club, 307 E. John St., Champaign. Bring your dancing shoes. For more information, call 333-2371 or 333- 8295 or visit the Web site at www.uiuc.edu/ariumy. Armory Free Theatre.

18 Friday
"pretty: A Performance Art Installation Piece. Rachel Reynolds, project director. 8- 11 p.m. 160 Armory Building. For more information, call 333-2371 or 333-8295 or visit the Web site at www.uiuc.edu/ariumy. Armory Free Theatre.

19 Saturday
National Wildlife Week. Cats. 10 a.m.-10:30 a.m. 211 Natural History Building. For kindergarten and first grade. Learn to identify wild cats that live in and around the Champaign-Urbana area. Call 333-3555 for more information. Natural History/Spurlock Museum.

Children's Book Readings: "The Cat in the Hat." 10:30 a.m. Author's corner, second floor, Illini Union Bookstore. Children of all ages are welcome. For more information send email to yuchandle@uiuc.edu or call 333-2050. Illini Union Bookstore.

Sunday 4 p.m.-6 p.m. The Armory. "pretty: A Performance Art Installation Piece. Rachel Reynolds, project director. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Illini Union Ballroom. For more information call 333-4447 or visit the Web site at www.uiuc.edu/ariumy. Armory Free Theatre.

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