Geology professor digs finding Antarctic fossils

By James E. Kloepfel
News Bureau Staff Writer

Geologist Dan Blake is not dreaming of a white Christmas. In fact, he’s dreading snow in December. That’s because Blake, a professor from the UI, hopes to be collecting fossils on a small island off the Antarctic Peninsula, and a blanket of snow would stop his work cold.

Although December falls during summer in the Southern Hemisphere, the Antarctic weather will be far from warm, with temperatures hovering near freezing. “Any snowfall will cover the fossils and halt our collecting,” he said. “Then, all we can do is sit around and hope that it melts before we have to head home.”

In addition to the occasional blizzard, the expedition to Seymour Island presents other hazards as well. “Antarctica is not a user friendly place,” said Blake, who had to pass a rigorous health exam as a requirement for going on the trip. “It’s not necessarily unsafe, but you must be careful and avoid risks. If you get into serious trouble, the nearest physician is thousands of miles away.”

This will be Blake’s third trip to Seymour Island. During previous expeditions, he and colleague Richard Aronson – a marine biologist at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab in Alabama – documented how a long-term trend of

Increased consumption of soy protein may help lower cholesterol

By Jim Barlow
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People with total cholesterol levels exceeding 240 could benefit substantially by eating 25 to 50 grams of soy protein daily, according to a scientific advisory directed to health-care professionals across the United States.

“There is increasing evidence that consumption of soy protein may help lower blood cholesterol levels in some people with elevated cholesterol levels, and it may provide other cardiovascular benefits,” said John Erdman, a UI professor of nutrition who wrote the advisory for the American Heart Association Nutrition Committee.

The advisory appeared in the medical journal Circulation, which is published by the association.

The Food and Drug Administration allows producers to claim health benefits on foods containing 6.5 grams of soy protein and suggests four servings, or 25 grams, daily. The journal cited 38 clinical studies and concluded that consuming between 25 to 50 grams per day is both safe and effective in reducing low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol by up to 8 percent. LDL is considered the “bad” cholesterol in blood.

“When foods containing intact soy protein were substituted in these studies for animal protein,” Erdman said, “they significantly lowered blood levels of total cholesterol as well as LDL cholesterol and triglycerides, and they actually increased the levels of the good HDL, [high-density lipoprotein].”

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Out of this world
Scott Altman, right, an astronaut and alumnus of the UI’s Urbana campus, visited the Alumni Association offices Nov. 30 to return some donated UI items that he took with him on a recent Space Shuttle mission. Loren Taylor, the president of the Alumni Association, shows Altman an “Illio” yearbook from 1981, the year Altman graduated.

University scholars
Ten Urbana faculty members have been named University Scholars. The recognition program is now in its 18th year.
Single software system to replace UI’s outdated business systems

If it’s hard enough keeping up with the fast pace of changing technology, but UI’s aging business systems on its three campuses don’t stand a chance, considering some of them are almost 30 years old.

Many of the university’s business systems are not only outdated but also most are not able to communicate or share data with each other. In addition, the university has not kept pace with the way business is conducted outside its boundaries, it’s possible that if the systems are not updated, in the future the university would be unable to do business with banks, vendors, government contractors and even other educational institutions.

Last year the university began to search for a single software product suite to replace its more than 100 disparate systems, an approach known as Enterprise Resource Planning or ERP. The new software is an integrated product – the student, human resources and financial software all work in tandem and processes – thus the project was christened UI-Integrate.

Systems and Computer Technology (SCT), a leading global provider of e-solutions, was selected as the vendor to provide the new ERP system. The university also has hired Andersen Consulting to implement the system.

SCT systems are found in universities throughout the world, including nearly half of all colleges and universities in the United States with enrollments greater than 3,000 students. UI is SCT’s largest implementation to date. The milestone testing that simulated an actual integration period within an hour the system registered the equivalent of 54,000 students for 10 courses each.

Rich Mendola, associate vice president of Administrative Information Technology Services (AITS), is project executive for UI-Integrate. Margaret Krol is the interim project director. Universitywide teams responsible for human resources, finance and student systems are in place and have already devoted many months of work to the project.

Because UI-Integrate will affect all university employees and student, a smooth transition to the new system is vital. Implementation will evolve over the next four years.

Presentations about UI-Integrate are being planned at all campuses. Groups interested in scheduling a UI-Integrate presentation can send requests to: ui-integrate@uiuc.edu. For more information about UI-Integrate, go to the AITS newsletter at: www.ui-integrate.uiuc.edu.

UI negotiating new contract with American Express

UI employees who have a corporate American Express card may be affected by changes that the university and the credit card company are renegotiating.

Employees who travel on university business — including emeritus faculty members — will continue to be eligible for the UI’s corporate American Express program.

However, those current cardholders who have not used their cards for 12 months will have their cards terminated. Letters have been sent to them by the university to notify them of this action. Those employees with future travel needs will have the option of having their card reactivated in the future.

The cards of all former employees, including retirees, will be terminated. They have been sent letters as well. Cardholders in good standing will have the option of transferring their cards to a private account.

The current corporate credit card program was established at the UI in the mid-1980s so that employees who travel on university-related business do not have to pay for travel-related expenses out of their own pockets and then wait for reimbursement. The card is issued in the employee’s name and the employee is then responsible for paying the bill. Employees are able to charge their expenses while away, submit their travel-related expenses upon their return and usually be reimbursed before the bill comes from American Express.

American Express reports that nearly 4,800 cards are currently issued on behalf of the UI’s three campuses with at least one-third of the cards inactive during the past 12 months. To keep the program viable, the UI plans to streamline it so that fewer cards are issued and only to those employees with travel-related needs. Anyone with questions or concerns about the American Express corporate credit card program should call Maxine Sandretto, assistant director of business affairs, 333-6797.

New integrated software system will...

... provide a more understandable and user-friendly environment with Windows and Web-based accessibility.

... integrate the data from our many separate data systems into a single database, allowing us to purge the data, eliminate duplicate records, maintain a single source of directory information, and update information with immediate availability to authorized users.

... provide self-service “Web for Students” and “Web for Faculty and Adviser” applications, making information easier and more efficient to access.

... allow us to redefine and standardize our accounting system to better meet our data analysis and reporting needs.

... continue to move the University toward its “paperless environment” goals.

... streamline our student, financial, and human resources business processes by taking advantage of new technology as it develops.

New issue of Inside Illinois this semester

Inside Illinois will resume its regular publication schedule Jan. 18. Inside Illinois is published on the first and third Thursday of each month (except December and January). Below is the publication schedule with deadline information for the spring 2001 semester.

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On the job Janette Bradley Wright

Job Staff secretary for the College of Communications, department of advertising for about a year, and she's been in the department for about 10 years. She started working at the UI 12 years ago as clerk typist and has worked her way up with three promotions and is currently working on achieving the title administrative secretary. She and her husband, James Michael Wright, live in Champaign, with their two children, Brianna, 4, and Bradley. 6. Janette was recently named Parent of the Year at the Eager Beaver Preschool her daughter attends.

Do you like the job of a secretary?
Oh yeah. I always thought I’d be a teacher for some reason, but when I went in the military I was an administrative assistant, and that’s what I’ve been doing ever since 1981. I like it.

Did you go in the military right after high school?
After I graduated I went to Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, Mo. I got pretty good grades, but my study habits weren’t too great, therefore, I decided to enlist in the U.S. Army and I did four years of active duty service.

Where did you serve?
I was stationed at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, for basic training and then I spent a year and a half at Fort Devens, Massachusetts. Then I transferred to Seoul, Korea. I was originally scheduled to do a one-year assignment in Korea but I extended it to two because I liked it so much.

What did you like about Korea?
Clothes. Everything was really inexpensive. Whenever I got homesick I went shopping, which was every weekend.

What did you do after you got out of the Army?
I didn’t know what I was going to do. I spent some time in Maryland, Mo., and Chicago and then one day in August 1989 I decided to visit a sister who lived in Urbana and I’ve been here ever since.

What did you like about Champaign?
It seemed like a nice town. It wasn’t too big or too small. I consider myself a country girl. Anyway, I liked Champaign, and I decided to stay. I also think it’s a nice place to raise children.

Where are you from?
I grew up in East Prairie, Mo., which is about 10 to 15 miles from Cairo, Ill. The population is about 1,400. My mom and dad live 15 to 20 miles from town. My dad has been a farmer all his life – raising soybeans, milo, wheat and corn.

Did your mom help him farm?
She was always a stay-at-home mom. They had 11 kids – five boys and six girls.

Where were you in the family? What was that like?
I’m fifth from the oldest. It wasn’t fun. I always felt like no one paid any attention to me. I always got teased quite a bit and it caused me to lose self esteem. I think it turned me into an unhappy person. I had gotten to a point where I didn’t even like looking at myself in the mirror, I never smiled. But I remember when I was 12 or 13 I looked in the mirror one particular day and I saw somebody totally different than I had seen before to that day on I began to smile and that made me feel better about myself. I didn’t feel totally confident until I was a senior in high school, and I was the first black homecoming queen in the history of the school. That was a wonderful experience that I will never forget. To this day, I have a very positive outlook on life. I try to treat everyone the same way I would like to be treated.

Tell me about your husband.
We’ve been married since 1993. He’s a Local 44 union carpenter. He’s really involved in the community. He’s also involved in a great deal with the church we attend and he’s studying to become a minister. He gave his first sermon back on June 15 and it was really nice. We attend St. Luke OME Church in Champaign.

What do you like about being a secretary in the advertising department?
I like the people I work with most of all. Cindy Robbins-Cornstubble (department head) Linda Scott. It’s like we’re best friends, but we know how to be professional and how to laugh and joke at the same time. I love working with them. They’re the best, and there is nothing I couldn’t ask of them. I also have three student workers who really do a great job in keeping the department running smoothly.

Have you learned a lot on the job?
I definitely have. I like every part of my job. I have some bad days, everybody does. But overall it’s a great place to work.

So you’re pretty glad you stopped in Champaign to visit your sister back in 1987?
Oh yes. When I went home at Thanksgiving to visit my family – I either talked about my job or the people I worked with. I’m just happy and I think everyone in my family knew that I loved working here. – Interview by Becky Mabry

Death
Francis “Jack” Althaus, 64, died Nov. 16 at his Urbana home. Althaus was employed for 30 years by the UI dairy microbiology department. He retired in 1990. Memorials: Provena Covenant Hospice Program or the American Cancer Society.
Donald Bollman, 68, died Dec. 2 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Bollman was a steam fitter in the UI’s Division of Operation and Maintenance. He retired after 35 years of service. Memorials: American Heart Association.
Florence Edmison, 70, died Nov. 22 in Bloomington. Edmison retired after 16 years as a secretary at the UI Memorials: St. Joseph’s Medical Center Foundation Council or the American Diabetes Association.
Violet Gaschler, 96, died Nov. 28 at her Urbana home. Gaschler was a secretary at the UI for 35 years before she retired in 1974.
Van Norman, 94, died Nov. 9 at the Carle Arbours, Savoy. Norman served as the assistant director of Housing at the UI for many years. Memorials: The Carle Hospice or the building fund of First United Methodist Church of Champaign.
Kathryn Thomberb, 89, died Nov. 19 at the Mark Twain Care Center, Poplar Bluff, Mo. Thomberb taught in the English department at the UI for more than 40 years. Memorials: Caring Center, Poplar Bluff, Mo.

Senate to review rejection of book by teaching associate
By Becky Mabry
Assistant Editor
The Urbana-Champaign Senate voted overwhelmingly Nov. 27 to have its Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure look into why “Dancing at Halftime,” a book by Carol Spindel, was rejected by the UI Press. Spindel is a visiting teaching associate in the department of English.

Harry H. Hilton, senior research scientist, National Center for Supercomputing Applications, presented the revision. He notes that since the Press “withdrew its offer of publishing” Spindel’s book after the book “received a favorable review based on its scholarship and suggested revisions,” the Senate’s committee should look into the matter for possible Senate action.

In other matters, the Senate gave its approval to a proposal for a new minor in technology and management from both the colleges of Engineering and Commerce and Business Administration.

Members also approved a new undergraduate minor in international arts in the College of Fine and Applied Arts.

Robert Rich, chair of the Senate Council, reported that the search committee for a new chancellor hopes to have interviews with candidates by Feb. 1, and to present a list of finalists to the UI Board of Trustees by March 1.

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People with total cholesterol profiles of under 200, a count considered “normal,” will gain little in place of some animal or milk protein, also would reduce a person’s intake of cholesterol and fat. Consumers with high cholesterol, Erdman said, should look for products that provide 10 grams of soy protein per serving and eat two to three servings per day. Studies at the UI have consistently shown that 20 grams of soy protein a day can significantly lower total cholesterol levels.

Soy protein, an edible component of the soybean, is different from many other proteins derived from vegetable sources because it is complete. Like animal protein, it contains all the essential amino acids in sufficient quantities to support human life. Among the components of soy protein that may contribute to its cholesterol-lowering ability are tryptophan inhibitors, phytic acid, saponins, isoflavones and fiber. Soy protein is available as a liquid, flour and concentrated powder.

It’s important that all of these components be left intact during processing,” Erdman said. “Otherwise, the benefits may be diminished or lost.”

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Local residents These penguins are lounging about on Seymour Island, which is about 13 miles long and from 2 to 5
miles wide. It is called an "oasis" because it has extensive dry valleys with bare rock and little snow. Volcanic dust
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High-resolution acoustic system detects objects buried in soil

At Illinois, researchers are developing a transduction device that is much
better matched to the impedance of soil than the "torpedo head" designed for
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Committee charged with developing plans to improve campus diversity

By Becky Mabry
Assistant Editor

Chancellor Michael Aiken and Provost Richard Herman have charged a new campuswide committee with developing plans for improving diversity on campus.

The committee comprises 27 members, including students, profes-
sors, deans, assistant deans and campus administrators.

"Any successful plan will require multiple actions on multiple fronts across the campus," Herman said. "It is important that we move forward to create a truly diverse community that enhances the campus educational environment.

We want our graduates to be citizens of the world. As the demog-
rphy of our state and nation changes, as the professions our students enter demand a greater understanding of world cultures, we must provide more diverse experiences for our students."

One purpose of the committee is to develop proposals that will increase the gender and ethnic diversity of faculty and staff members. Other proposals will offer students an educational and living experience that encourages them to understand their own limitations and what they and those of other back-
grounds can bring to bear on societal issues.

The Diversity Initiatives Committee will start its work in the spring semes-
ter. Herman said he anticipates it being able to start work.

Your charge to the committee mentions an action plan. Are you asking the committee to come up with specific suggestions to act upon?

Yes, the fact that both the chancellor and I endorse this concept is testament to the fact that we’re asking some very wise people on this campus to develop a plan of action, which in turn we are promising to implement.

Do you mean you’re willing to put money into these efforts and make their recommendations happen?

Exactly. To be fair, I think an enormous amount of progress has taken place in a very, very constrained financial environment. I think that speaks well of the attention given to this issue on this campus.

What we’re saying in the formation of this committee is that we’re raising the priority of investment in diversity.

Why did you want to include a new campuswide committee with such a controversial issue as Chief Illiniwek on campus? They may wonder if this is a sincere effort.

I suspect there will be a certain amount of cynicism associated with this. The alternative to me would be that because the issue of Chief Illiniwek is such a burning issue that we cannot have a committee of this nature. To me, that alternative is just flat-out unacceptable. I cannot let one issue stand in the way of us dealing with the broader concerns surrounding diversity. We just need to go forward.

Are they being directed to put the Chief Illiniwek issue aside, out of their areas of concern?

In essence we expect this committee to develop its own charge and set of activities. Fundamentally, what the chancellor and I are saying is that we’re faced with a set of issues of how to make the campus more diverse and we are turning to the committee as a group of wise individuals to help us solve this problem.

Our promise to them in turn is that if they give us some things to act on, we guarantee we will act.

Why did you want to include students in the committee?

We don’t want to do something for the students; we want to do something with the students. And we need to understand what the student point of view is.

Why is this an important one for the campus now?

The long-term demographics of the state are changing. For example, we know that the Latino/Latina population is on the rise. But that is just one point.

The other is that we need to prepare students to work in a different environment than we did 10 or 15 years ago when this whole international/global movement started. Those are two particular reasons for moving forward.

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Diversity Initiatives Committee

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Andrew G. Alleyne, professor, mechanical and industrial engineering
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Adlene Torres, assistant professor, anthropology
William T. Trent, professor, educational policy studies, sociology
Emily S. Watts, professor, campus honors program, English
George T. Yu, professor, director East Asian and Pacific Studies Center, political science
Colina Trajillo and three other students whose names were not available at press time.

The focus is also on increasing diversity among the student population, right?

It’s on students and faculty. One does not go without the other. You’ll find that the presence of a significant number of minority students will bring more minority scholars or scholars who are interested in minority issues to our door. Likewise the presence of distin-
guished minority scholars will bring minority students here to study, both at the undergraduate and graduate level.

Do you think this committee can come up with anything that hasn’t been done before?

I think by virtue of our geography, we have to try a little harder. What we’re asking these individuals on the commit-
tee to do is point us in the right direc-
tion by coming up with specific plans of action. The fine words that appear in the ‘Framework for the Future’ form an important umbrella for us, but under-
neath the umbrella we need to have some very specific plans of action in the area of diversity.

Why such a large committee?

In a very real sense, it does represent the diverse nature of the campus. There are many viewpoints to be taken into account as we weave this tapis- Cyriles may wonder how can we have a committee looking at diversity issues with such a controversy?

I are grateful for his leadership.

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Ten honored as University Scholars

Ten faculty members at the UI at Urbana-Champaign have been chosen to be the 2000-2001 University Scholars. The program recognizes excellence while helping to identify and retain the university’s most talented teachers, scholars and researchers.

Now in its 16th year, the program provides $10,000 to each scholar to use to enhance his or her academic career. The money may be used for travel, equipment, research assistants, books or other purposes. Seven scholars were recognized at the Urbana campus and one at Springfield.

“The University Scholars Program is the premier recognition accorded to faculty at the UI by their colleagues,” said Chet Gardner, acting vice president for academic affairs for the university. “In honoring these outstanding members of the faculty, selected by their peers, we recognize at the same time the highest values of the university.”

Since the program began in 1985, 363 scholars have been named and about $8.5 million has been awarded to support their teaching and research. Funding for the program comes from private gifts to the UI Foundation’s Advancement Fund. A dinner honoring the scholars took place Nov. 27 at the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts.

The Urbana scholars, their departments and a summary of their expertise:

- Ulf Böckenholt, psychology: Since coming to Illinois in 1985, Böckenholt has established himself as one of the most productive and original quantitative psychologists, and he is widely recognized as a rising star and one of the leaders in this field.

- Elizabeth (Betsy) G. Hearne, library and information science: Hearne’s central concern is children’s literature – its impact on the reader and listener, its critical value and its creation as creative writing. She is an internationally acclaimed children’s author, literary critic and an original contributor to the field of folklore. Just as anthropologists have struggled with the ownership of religious artifacts and the meaning of cultural property, Hearne is opening up these questions to the world of children’s literature. Her 1997 book, “Seven Brave Women,” won a number of important awards and was called “splendid” by the New York Times, which chose it among the notable books of that year.

- Marcelo Garcia, civil and environmental engineering: Garcia is a particle physics experimentalist whose research probes the fundamental nature of matter at very small distance scales. His primary research contribution has been his remarkably creative work on the pieces of the Standard Model of particle physics, where he has made a name for himself as an innovator and a leader. He has led research in a broadly based array of experiments, including the atomic physics associated with exotic atoms, the interactions of antimatter with matter to produce strange matter (hyperons and anti-hyperons), the fundamental symmetries in T and CP invariance, the search for exotic particles and high-precision tests of electroweak physics.

- Sergei Ivanov, mathematics: Ivanov’s work has been supported as a Principal Investigator by the National Science Foundation since 1993, a major sign of national recognition of his work. He is

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University Scholars continued

Sergei Ivanov, mathematics

Susan Fahrbach, entomology

Mark D. Steinsberg, history

Nancy Ambrose King, music

Arlette Willis, curriculum and instruction

David G. Cahill, materials science and engineering
Before leaving for the holiday

O&M offers free holiday cleanups

The Division of Operation and Maintenance’s Building Operation Section will again provide cleanup following departmental holiday parties at no cost to the department. Departments are asked to allow sufficient notice of one to two weeks when requesting this service and also should complete an initial cleanup of major items prior to Building Operation Staff arrival. Requests may be sent to the superintendent of building services, Randy Kornegay, Garage and Car Pool Building, MC-821 or faxed to 333-3711.

The Chicago art gallery of the UI

Art of architecture featured

The art of architecture takes center stage in two new exhibitions at I space, the Chicago gallery of the UI.

“Vivre l’Architecture/Living Architecture: The Architecture of Dürich + Noll” is on view through Jan. 20. The exhibition features new work by the husband-and-wife architectural team Pia Durisch and Aldo Noll. They are from Switzerland’s Ticino region, which produced a number of innovative modernist architects who captured the imagination of international critics during the second half of the 20th century.

The I space exhibition, curated by UI architecture professor Rebecca Williamson, was designed to explore continuities and discontinuities in recent Ticino architecture. It includes a new installation of eight "luminous bodies" – floating walls of translucent materials lit from within; models; large-format images; and the architects’ sketchbooks.

A catalog, with essays by Williamson, Dürisch, and Noll, and an architectural historian, Mercedes Daguere, accompanies the exhibition. For information about its availability, contact Williamson at rwillmsn@uiuc.edu, or the UI Building Research Council at 333-1801.

Also at I space is "Tall Buildings Case Studies: UI School of Architecture," on view through Dec. 30. The show will feature a selection of drawings and models by students in architecture professor Paul Armstrong’s design studio.

I space gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Christmas concert

UI German Choir performs Dec. 10

The UI German Choir will perform its annual Christmas concert at 3 p.m. Dec. 10 at the Chapel of St. John the Divine, 1011 S. Wright St., Champaign. A Magnificat of Praetorius will be featured. The concert is sponsored by the Spurlock Museum.

Office of Continuing Education

Brochure deadline is Dec. 22

The Office of Continuing Education’s Division of Summer Session and Special Programs distributes its Summer Programs brochure each March. In order to make the brochure as comprehensive as possible, the Office of Continuing Education is requesting all departments complete a Summer Special Programs form. Forms may be submitted in three ways. Forms are online at www.conted.uiuc.edu/sos/specProg/form.html. They also may be requested by e-mailing chummam@uiuc.edu. For a paper form, or for more information, call 333-6883. The deadline for submitting forms is Dec. 22.

The Mothers Association

Nominations sought of UI women

The Mothers Association is accepting nominations through Dec. 18 for its 2001 Medalion of Honor award.

Nominations should be of women who are or have been associated with the UI and who have used their talents to enrich the lives of others. The award will be presented in April during Moms Day Weekend.

For more information and nomination procedures, contact Nancy Rotzoll, 333-7063 or rotzoll@uiuc.edu.
Holiday work schedule
Dec. 25: Christmas Day
Dec. 26: Designated holiday
Jan. 1: New Year’s Day
Jan. 15: Martin Luther King Day/holiday
Dec. 27, 28 and 29 are work days. Campus functions are expected to operate normally on these days. Campus employees will be expected to work unless specifically excused.

Building opening and heating
Buildings will be heated and ventilated according to the usual vacation and holiday schedule. Office spaces will be heated and ventilated for the following days:
- Jan. 16: Resume normal schedule
- Jan. 27: Normal delivery
- Jan. 28: Closed
- Jan. 29: Normal delivery

Paycheck distribution
Academic employee paycheck distributions will be closed Dec. 21. Staff employee paycheck distributions will be closed Dec. 20. Student checks will be distributed Dec. 27. To provide additional security during the holiday period, departments are to return all undistributed paycheck checks to Check Distribution in 100 Henry Administration Building by noon Dec. 22.

Parking
The Division of Campus Parking and Transportation offices will close at 7 a.m. Dec. 23. With the exception of 24 hours, central and handicapped rental spaces, meters and rental lots will be available for unrestricted use during this time. The Motorist Assist Program will not be available during this time. If you need assistance, contact the University Police. All services and enforcement will resume at 7 a.m. Jan. 7. In addition, the Campus Parking office will be closed from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 22 for its annual holiday party.

Krahnert Art Museum
Galleries and offices will close at 5 p.m. Dec. 24 and reopen at 10 a.m. Dec. 27. Galleries close again at 5 p.m. Dec. 31 and reopen at 10 a.m. Jan. 2 and then regular hours.

Krahnert Center for the Performing Arts
Building schedule:
- Dec. 18-23: Open 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- Dec. 24-26: Closed
- Dec. 27-30: Open 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- Jan. 1-2: Closed
- Jan. 3-16: resume normal hours of operation
- Jan. 17: Normal delivery
- Jan. 18-22: No delivery
- Jan. 23-26: Normal delivery
- Jan. 27: Normal delivery
- Jan. 28: No delivery

Chancellor, Office of the: Staff associate. Bachelor’s degree and a background in communications, management, business, public relations, development or related field required. At least four years’ relevant public contact experience (graduate study may be substituted for some work experience) and excellent interpersonal and communication skills required. Available immediately. Contact Babette Hilts, 333-6394. Closing date: Dec. 11.

Business and Communication Administration, Associate director for commerce graduate career services. Bachelor’s in business, counseling or other directly related field required; master’s preferred. A minimum of five years’ experience in career counseling, recruiting, job placement or related work required. Previous experience with MBA corporate recruiting of both domestic and international students is a plus. Strong interpersonal skills, excellent written and oral communication skills, good customer service and teamwork skills, supervisory skills, initiative, a knowledge of standard database technologies and career software, PC skills, and appreciation and understanding of the needs and concerns of a diverse MBA/graduate student population required. Available immediately. Contact Babette Hilts, 333-6394. Closing date: Dec. 11.

Computer Science, Research programmer. Bachelor’s degree in computer science or a related field, two years’ UNIX experience, and one year’s relevant systems administration experience required. Available Jan. 9. Contact Lori Melch, 244-7949, melch@cs.uiuc.edu. Closing date: Dec. 29.

Computer Science, Program administrator. Bachelor’s degree in computer science or a related area of study required. Available Jan. 8. Contact Lori Melch, 244-7949, melch@cs.uiuc.edu. Closing date: Dec. 29.

Coordinated Science Laboratory, Research program. Bachelor’s degree in computer science or a related field required. Two years’ experience mentoring Solaris and Linux system administrators desirable. The candidate must have demonstrated ability to configure and support hardware and software systems and applications. Available Jan. 5. Contact Victor Mizell, vicm@cs.uiuc.edu. Closing date: Dec. 9.

Cooperative Extension, Specialist in education (75 percent time). A doctorate in psychology, sociology or education is required; a social work degree is acceptable. Available Jan. 22. Contact Dennis Vukin, consultative committee chair, Counseling Center, 110 Student Services Building, MC-306. Closing date: Dec. 14.

Curriculum and Instruction, Visiting scholar in education, sociology, history or a related field with expertise in qualitative research and the analysis of historical documents required. Available Jan. 16. Contact Dennis Baron, 333-2190, dbaron@uiuc.edu. Closing date: Dec. 15.

Electrical and Computer Engineering, Assistant professor or associate professor. Requires proven skills and written or oral communications with scientifically oriented researchers, familiarity with higher education resources, procedures and organization. Available immediately. Contact Staci Tankerly, 333-9911. Closing date: Dec. 15.

Extension, Regional director, southern region. Earned doctorate in a field closely related to the responsibilities of the position; candidates who can demonstrate substantial progress toward the completion of the doctorate degree will be considered. Five years’ professional experience in a field closely related to Extension experience, demonstrated ability to work effectively with the Extension staff, volunteers and members of county governing bodies, as well as with research, governmental and professional organizations. Available immediately. Contact John von Exs, 333-4333, vonex@uiuc.edu. Closing date: Feb. 3.

Foundation, Trust relations officer (planned giving). Bachelor’s degree required with three years’ experience in planned giving, preferably in a university or in related areas of law, trust administration, giving search and public service required. Must be available immediately. Available immediately. Contact Planned Giving Search, hr@uif.uillinois.edu. Closing date: Dec. 9.

News Bureau, Editorial assistant. Candidates must have a bachelor’s degree in journalism or a related field, a minimum of five years’ experience in newspaper reporting or experience providing requisite qualifications and skills; demonstrated excellence in understanding complex information and communicating it to the public; understanding of major research-oriented universities. Available immediately. Contact Jan. 10. Contact Search Coordinator, 333-1085. Closing date: Dec. 8.

Planning and Budgeting, Resource and policy analyst. Master’s degree in an area of specialization that provides a strong background in data collection and assessment, statistical analysis and information management. At least three years’ professional experience in areas related to the duties described above. Knowledge and experience in information technology and management information reporting required. Available immediately. Contact University Office for Planning and Budgeting, 338 Henry Administration Building, MC-366, mcyclin@uillinois.edu. Closing date: Dec. 9.

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President, Office of the: Chancellor. UI at Urbana-Champaign. Provides teaching and substantial scholarly accomplishments or demonstrated accomplishments in a non-academic environment; a strong commitment to diversity and to the academic values appropriate to the University of Illinois, three to five years of experience in teaching, research and public service required. Must be available immediately. See JOB PAGE. ID 12
People's soup choices reflect their personality types, professor says

By Mark Reutter
News Bureau Staff Writer

You not only are what you eat, you also are what you slurp, at least according to Brian Wansink, who has done a study that links soup choices to personality types.

The UI marketing professor has come up with “lifestyle and personality clusters” based on soup preferences, which were published last month in the Journal of Database Marketing.

“The foods we eat do say a lot about who we are as people,” Wansink asserted in an interview. “Because soup is one of America’s favorite comfort foods, we thought it would be interesting to examine personality types based on strongly expressed soup preferences.” The UI professor, who runs the campus Food & Brand Lab, defines comfort foods as “soothing and satisfying foods” that provide a source of emotional balance during times of stress and turmoil.

Adults over 18 years old (602 women and 401 men) were surveyed by telephone to assess their opinions of 12 common soup products. From these varieties, the four most popular soups—chicken noodle, tomato, minestrone and vegetable—were cross-tabulated with personality and lifestyle traits to create the following “soup personality types.”

If you have a hankering for chicken noodle soup, you scored high on the church-going scale, are fond of pets, are more likely to be social and also tend to enjoy books and pets.

Wansink said many aspects of soup consumption seemed to mirror childhood memories and remembered comforts. Two-thirds of those surveyed agreed that soup made them feel better about themselves, and more than half said chicken noodle soup made them feel better when sick, just as mom would have wanted it.

While Americans rank ice cream, hot chocolate and cookies as their favorite “sweet” comfort foods, soup is popular because “of an over-reliance on convenience and speed and the disappearance of the traditional meal occasion,” according to Wansink.

What’s more, soup is the comfort food that consumers “feel least guilty eating” in times of stress or unhappiness. Half of the respondents described themselves as “stressed out” when they eat comfort foods.

Americans increasingly seem to seek comfort foods that seem to meet the “mom” taste standard of “being good for you.”

Any physical activity, at any age, is better than remaining sedentary

By Craig Chamberlain
News Bureau Staff Writer

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Buying decisions
Brian Wansink, director of the UI Food & Brand Lab, interviews a shopper at County Market, Urbana, under the electronic eye and ear of the British Broadcasting Corp. A BBC film crew followed Wansink around Urbana-Champaign for two days last week as he researched the “psychology” of grocery shopping and package sizes. The UI marketing professor is set to appear on a four-part BBC series on consumer trends to be aired next year.

Just do something
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Only about 15 percent of adults over 65 get a recommended level of physical activity, based on a 1996 report from the U.S. Surgeon General, and as many as one-third get none at all, Chodzko-Zajko noted in an article for the November issue of the journal Quest, titled “Successful Aging in the New Millennium: The Role of Regular Physical Activity.”

“Part of the problem,” he said in an interview, “may be that we’ve adopted a medical model of exercise, where exercise is sort of a bitter pill, and you get a prescription and you’re expected to stick to it... But the bottom line is it takes time to change behavior, and I personally feel the broader you can define your activity program, the less likely you are to be demoralized.”

Chodzko-Zajko suggests that some people might benefit from strategies such as keeping a diary of all their physical activity, including even things like short walks to the store or working in the garden. “It will motivate you to avoid days in which you have nothing to write down.”

Another simple strategy he said he liked, heard from a well-respected academic, was “buy a dog.”

“We used to think in terms of physical activity as traditional exercise, but now we realize that physical activity can be gained from a large number of different activities,” Chodzko-Zajko said. And once people get started, they gradually can increase the intensity and duration at their own rate.

In his Quest article, however, Chodzko-Zajko argues that more research is needed on what motivates seniors to be physically active. Part of the answer may lie in finding ways to integrate physical activity with other important needs, as part of the same program or in the same facility.

In order to age successfully, older persons will need to be not only physically active, but also socially, intellectually, and (for many seniors) spiritually active,” he wrote. “One of the challenges for our profession in the new millennium will be to learn how to integrate physical activity into the wider societal, cultural, and economic context of active aging as a whole.”
Dec 7 to Jan 21

Family notes
With its musical interlude and family chemistry, the Ying Quartet has earned recognition both for its brilliant performance and for its generation of a new chamber music generation. They will perform a series of Schubert, Prokofiev and Tchaikovsky at 3 p.m. Dec 10 in Foellinger Great Hall at Krannert Center for the Performing Arts.

Lectures
Dec. 7 Thursday “Human-Computer Cooperative Problem Solving,” Patricia M. Jones, UI. 3 p.m. 5062 Beckman Institute. Roach Director’s Seminars.

colloquia

The Debate Scene in Euripides,” Markus Dubois, University of Munich. 2 p.m. Lucy Ellis Lounge, 1080 Foreign Languages Building. Claustro.


Dec. 8 Friday Theater 263, Theater of the Black Experience. Time: TBA. 160 Army. For more information and for times, call 333-2371 or 333-8295 or see the web site at www.uiuc.edu/tormany. Army Free Theater.

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Dec. 13 Wednesday “Child of the Promise.” 7:30 p.m. Assembly Hall. A celebration of the 2000th anniversary of the birth of Christ. The first half of the show features artists singing classic Christmas carols. The second half is a Broadway-style musical with a full orchestra and a very adult choir. Admission charge.

Dec. 19 Friday Broadway: “Nora.” Bagby, voice and lyre. 8 p.m. Studio Theater, Kramerian Center. Bagby, co-founder of the medieval music ensemble Sequitura, uses all the conventions of a modern day bard to offer a rare theatrical experience. With supertitles. Admission charge.

Jan. 20 Saturday “Brummard,” Benjamin Bagby, voice and lyre. 8 p.m. Studio Theater, Kramerian Center. Bagby, co-founder of the medieval music ensemble Sequitura, uses all the conventions of a modern day bard to offer a rare theatrical experience. With supertitles. Admission charge.

Jan. 26 Tuesday Faculty Recital. William Heilos, piano. 8 p.m. Foellinger Great Hall. Kramerian Center. Admission charge. School of Music.

Jan. 16 Tuesday Faculty Recital. William Heilos, piano. 8 p.m. Foellinger Great Hall. Kramerian Center. Admission charge. School of Music.

Jan. 16 Tuesday Moscow Festival Ballet: “Giselle.” Sergei Rachmaninoff, artistic director. 8 p.m. Tryon Festival Theater, Kramerian Center. Featuring outstanding dancers from across Russia in performances of the first two classic ballets. Mythology permeates the story of the peasant girl Giselle. I love one for only one above her station in life. Admission charge.

Jan. 17 Wednesday Moscow Festival Ballet: “Don Quixote.” Sergei Rachmaninoff, artistic director 8 p.m. Tryon Festival Theater, Kramerian Center. Featuring outstanding dancers from across Russia in performances of the first two classic ballets. Mythology permeates the story of the peasant girl Giselle. I love one for only one above her station in life. Admission charge.

Jan. 27 Thursday Nursery School Recital. Youtube Kiyo. 7 p.m. Recital Hall, Smith Hall.

Jan. 16 Tuesday Faculty Recital. William Heilos, piano. 8 p.m. Foellinger Great Hall. Kramerian Center. Admission charge. School of Music.


Jan. 10 Sunday Men’s Wrestling. U1 vs. Penn State University. 7 p.m. Huff Hall. Admission charge.


