130th commencement ceremonies are May 13

The 130th Commencement of the UI at Urbana-Champaign will be held in two ceremonies May 13 at the Assembly Hall.

The speaker at both ceremonies will be Stanley O. Ikenberry, the president of the American Council on Education and president emeritus of the UI. Six guests at the ceremonies will receive honorary degrees.

W I L L - A M (www.wiill.illinois.edu) will provide live audio streaming on its Web site at www.will.illinois.edu and live broadcasting of the 2 p.m. ceremony.

At the 10:30 a.m. ceremony, candidates in the colleges of Applied Life Studies, Communications, Law, Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Veterinary Medicine; the institutes of Aviation and of Labor and Industrial Relations; the School of Social Work; and the Graduate School of Library and Information Science will receive degrees.

Candidates in the colleges of Agricultural Consumer and Environmental Sciences; Commerce and Business Administration; Education; Engineering; and Fine and Applied Arts will receive their degrees at the 2 p.m. ceremony.

Doors will open at 9:30 a.m. for the morning ceremony and at 1 p.m. for the afternoon ceremony. After all students and their guests are seated, remaining seats will be available to the public. Shuttle buses will stop at various locations on campus, including Assembly Hall, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

All students who have earned bachelor’s, master’s, doctoral and professional degrees and advanced certificates during the preceding year are honored at the UI’s annual commencement. Ikenberry, the 14th president of the UI, plans to return to the UI faculty in June after five years as president of the American Council on Education, the nation’s principal higher education association. A professor of education and in the UI Institute of Government and Public Affairs, he plans to teach, write and consult.

Ikenberry assumed the UI presidency on Sept. 1, 1997. Accomplishments under his leadership include consolidation of the Chicago Circle and Medical Center campuses into the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; establishment of state-of-the-art facilities such as the Beckman Institute for Advanced Science and Technology, and the National Center for Supercomputing Applications; the creation of a more diverse student, faculty and staff population; and greatly expanded financial support. Ikenberry’s tenure ended Aug. 1, 1995.

During his tenure at the ACE, Ikenberry helped lead the development and passage of the Clinton administration’s Hope Scholarship and Student Aid Alliance. He also led the effort to develop a strong policy position in preparation for the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act in 1998.

The UI Board of Trustees later this month, Chancellor Michael Aiken, who has held the post since 1993, will retire Aug. 20. Hundreds of administrators, faculty and staff members and students as well as community leaders crowded into the South Lounge during the reception to meet Cantor.

Hearty welcome Nancy Cantor, the next chancellor of the Urbana campus, addresses the crowd at the Illini Union’s South Lounge April 23. Hundreds came to greet her at a reception held in her honor.

During her remarks she promised to do lots of visiting across campus. “I hope you won’t mind when I show up in your offices,” she said. “I grew up in New York City. I love to walk.”

She also said she hopes to have regular contact with students, and referred to the “fireside chats” she began at Michigan.

New chancellor visits with campus and community

When asked about controversial issues such as Chief Illiniwek, Cantor said, “We don’t turn away from things that are hard to face.”

“When truly complex issues … reasonable people will have different views,” she said. “We’ve got to remind ourselves that we are one community.”

“At the end of the day, the board or others will make the decision … but it’s critical that we feel the campus has really talked,” Cantor said.

Her two-day trip to Champaign-Urbana included a busy campus itinerary as well as time for looking for a house and schools for her two children.

Cantor will be the seventh chancellor for the Urbana campus since the system began in 1967 and the campus’s first female chancellor.

Student aid and research funding also increased sharply during Ikenberry’s tenure at the ACE, spearheaded by efforts such as The Student Aid Alliance.

The ACE also led efforts on several legal issues in the federal courts, and worked to relieve institutions from burdensome regulations. Among other planned activities in her first visit to Champaign-Urbana, Cantor will be hosting a reception to meet campus and community leaders.

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Senate supports offering benefits to employees’ domestic partners

By Craig Chamberlain
News Bureau Staff Writer

Once again the Urbana-Champaign Senate voted at its April 23 meeting in favor of university benefits for domestic partners of its employees.

The previous vote came more than 4 1/2 years ago, in September 1996, and was joined with endorsement votes by the Chicago and Springfield senates, and by the University Senate Conference (USC). But UI President James H. Stukel never recommended the proposal to the UI Board of Trustees, citing advice from the Office of University Counsel. In an April 1998 letter to the USC chair, Stukel stated that such unilateral extension of benefits by the university “would be contrary to Illinois law and public policy.”

With the vote on April 23, the senate essentially said it would try again. On an almost-unanimous voice vote, the senate called for the university to provide to both same-sex and unmarried opposite-sex partners “the same benefits currently provided to married partners” of UI employees “to the maximum extent permitted by state law.”

The proposal came from the senate’s Committee on Equal Opportunity, to which the matter had been referred by the Senate Council last November. In its report, the committee said it found “no legal impediment to extending benefits.”

The committee, chaired by Priscilla Yu, a professor of library administration, also provided lists of colleges and universities, Fortune 500 companies, and state and local governments offering health benefits to domestic partners. The list of colleges and universities included 125 institutions, five of those from the Big Ten.

Jenny Barrett, representing the campus Association of Academic Professionals, spoke in favor of the proposal, calling it a “win-win situation” for the university and its employees. Joseph Stucki, a professor of soil sciences, voiced a concern that the measure would chip away at threatened institutions of marriage and family.

H. George Friedman, a professor emeritus of computer science, said he sympathized somewhat with Stucki’s concerns about those institutions, but still strongly urged passage of the proposal. Not offering such benefits would not alter people’s choices, he noted, and would show the university as hypocritical in its policies against discrimination.

Henry Gerlach, a professor of German, said he could understand the rationale for offering benefits to same-sex domestic partners, but not for offering benefits to unmarried opposite-sex partners for whom marriage is an option. He proposed that the two be voted on separately, but that was voted down on a voice vote.

In another action, the senate reapproved a proposal, first approved at its Feb. 12 meeting, that effectively would move the Campus Research Board from the Graduate College to the province of the vice chancellor for research.

The motion to reconsider the action was made by Peter Loeb, a professor of mathematics, who was entitled to do so because he voted in favor of the proposal at the previous meeting. Loeb noted that there had been confusion at the previous meeting on the part of a number of senators over whether the vote was for an amendment or the proposal as a whole.

Several amendments to the measure were suggested and debated before the proposal was approved for a second time. The only amendment approved before the vote called for the dean of the Graduate College to be consulted by the chancellor in appointing members to the board. The original proposal called for consultation only with the vice chancellor responsible for research.

The senate also approved, on a strong voice vote, an item from its Committee on Faculty Benefits calling for support of a bill then in the Illinois General Assembly that would provide 100 percent tuition discounts to the children of UI employees and retired employees.

In a vote conducted by mail-in ballot, and counted April 3, Robert Fossum, a professor of mathematics, was elected chair of the Senate Council for the coming academic year. Edwin Herricks, a professor of environmental biology, was elected vice chair.

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Inside Illinois

Flash index shows positive growth for Illinois economy

By Mark Reutter
News Bureau Staff Writer

After a month below the 100 mark, the UI Flash Economic Index rebounded in April, indicating positive growth for the Illinois economy.

The April reading of 101.3 was a sharp rise from the 99.7 level in March. “It is too early to label the April results as a turnaround,” said J. Fred Giertz, a UI economist who released the Flash Index today (May 1).

But Giertz said the reading did indicate that the economy was not in a recession (as officially defined by two quarters of negative growth), but rather in a period of slow growth similar to the pace of the second half of 2000. A year ago in April, the Flash Index stood at 103.2.

“The results over the next few months will answer the question of whether the economy has made a soft landing and avoided the much-talked-about recession that has, in fact, not yet happened,” Giertz said.

The engine of growth in the Flash Index last month was individual income-tax receipts. The state of Illinois registered the first $1 billion month in individual income-tax collections in its history. Corporate profits were also up in “real” (inflation-adjusted) terms.

The Flash Index is a weighted average of growth rates in sales-tax receipts, individual income-tax receipts and corporate earnings in Illinois. The growth rate for each component is then calculated for the 12-month period using data through April 30.

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Correction

In the April 19 edition of Inside Illinois, it was stated that lawyers for the UI and the American Civil Liberties Union “agreed to extend Judge Mihm’s initial 10-day ruling that said NCAA rules do not prohibit faculty members and students ‘who do not represent the athletic interests of the university and who do not intend and will not recruit prospective athletes from talking to high school recruits about the Chief,’ “

The article was incorrect in stating that it was the court’s ruling that the NCAA rules do not prohibit such contacts. The court’s Temporary Restraining Order restrains the enforcement of the requirement contained in Chancellor Michael Aiken’s March 2-e-mail that faculty members or students obtain authorization from the director of athletics prior to contacting prospective student athletes. The order did not prohibit enforcement of the NCAA rules.

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Inside Illinois

University physics professor wins Guggenheim Fellowship

By James E. Kloepel
News Bureau Staff Writer

Dale J. Van Harlingen, a professor of physics at the UI and a researcher at the Frederick Seitz Materials Research Laboratory, has won a 2001 Guggenheim Fellowship.

Van Harlingen will use his fellowship to explore phase coherence and dynamics in superconducting circuits – and their implications for quantum computation – in a sabbatical at the University of California at Berkeley next year.

Quantum computing is one of the newest and most exciting areas in physics. This field has attracted considerable attention because of its potential to reduce dramatically the time for complex calculations essential for cryptography, meteorology and the dynamical simulation of complex systems.

Although practical implementation of quantum computing is likely many years away, there is intense interest in designing and implementing technologies for qubits, the basic building blocks of a quantum computer, and assessing their performance.

At Berkeley, Van Harlingen will fabricate and test electronic circuits based on the phase coherence in superconducting circuits that can serve as elements in a quantum computer architecture. His research plan involves the design and fabrication of superconducting electronic devices and measurements of their Josephson tunneling properties, superconducting phase dynamics and decoherence times.

The Guggenheim Foundation of New York awarded more than $6 million to 183 scholars, artists and scientists this year. The foundation trustees selected the winners from over 2,700 applicants. Past Guggenheim fellows include: Ansel Adams, Aaron Copland, Henry Kissinger and Linus Pauling.

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What is your educational background?

I’m a licensed radiographer by the Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety. I trained on people over at what used to be Lakeview Memorial Hospital in Danville. From 1961 until the end of 1969 I radiographed people, but then I went to the dogs.

Why did you decide to ‘go to the dogs’?

It was something different. I have two miniature schnauzers at home: Rhett “Buddy” Butler and Katie Scarlett O’Hara.

What kinds of animals do you work on?

In the ultrasound, the CT and the MRI, it’s primarily dogs and cats that are referred to the Small Animal Clinic. I guess you’d say we’re like the Mayo Clinic for animals in this area.

Do you do MRIs on horses and cows, too?

The weight of the animal is the limiting factor and the size of the animal. The table holds up to 350 pounds and after that, we can’t do it, because it won’t index the patient in with accuracy. Believe it or not, you X-ray cows for what’s called ‘hardware disease.’ They graze and pick up a nail or something, and it can perforate the wall of one of their four stomachs. So they’ll put a magnet down, and it collects and holds all the ferrous metal.

Working with animals, you must have had some unusual situations come up.

You have to remember one thing: A horse is a very big, nice-looking thing, but they have a very small brain, and they can kill you. So you have to learn how to read what the horse is telling you: If the ears are laid back, look out. If they’re agitated, they can stand up and strike or they can kick you very quickly. Dogs and cats, same thing. The animals will tell you straight up what kind of mood they’re in, and you go accordingly.

Have you been kicked, bitten and all those good things?

Let’s see, in 31 years, I’ve been bitten four times by dogs, twice by cats and stepped on several times by horses, but I’ve never been seriously injured.

How many patients do you typically see in a day?

In radiology, we run upward of 40 patients a day. And you take multiple sites, so each site has two views, if not more.

Who are easier patients to work with: people or animals?

You can talk to people, but I have a little more compassion for the animals. It’s a lot like working in the geriatric section or the pediatric section of a hospital: You have to humor them and be gentle and kind to get the films you want. But our patients never complain about the table being cold like people do.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

Trying to X-ray the pelvis on a cow because you have the udder sitting right over the pelvis. Soft tissue is a great absorber of radiation, so you have to get this udder out of the way so you can radiograph that hip. It’s a chore.

What is the most unusual thing you’ve ever X-rayed?

A mummy from Kranert. We didn’t have a CT scanner at the time, so we took it over to Burnham City Hospital. We tried to run it through the MRI, but you have to have hydrogen protons, which is water, and the mummy’s desiccated, so there’s nothing there to get a signal out of. But we got the CT scan, and I think they determined the sex and the age and took some of the stuff off for carbon dating.

And I’ve done clay artifacts and a Japanese wooden statue to see if it was in its original condition, if it had been restored.

– Interview by Sharita Forrest

More commencement ceremonies

Additional commencement ceremonies have been scheduled by many individual UI units. All take place on May 13, except as noted:

Colleges

- Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences – for undergraduate degrees, 9:30 a.m., Great Hall, Kranert Center for the Performing Arts; for graduate degrees, 10 a.m., Recital Hall, Smith Memorial Hall.
- Applied Life Studies – 4 p.m., 100 George Huff Hall.
- Commerce and Business Administration – Departments of accountancy and business administration, 4:15 p.m. May 12, 100 George Huff Hall; MBAs and Executive MBAs, 2:30 p.m., May 12, Great Hall, Kranert Center for the Performing Arts; departments of economics and finance, 12:30 p.m., May 12, 100 George Huff Hall.
- Communications – 2 p.m., Foellinger Auditorium.
- Education – 10 a.m., 100 George Huff Hall.
- Engineering – 4:30 p.m., Assembly Hall.
- Law – 11 a.m. May 12, Great Hall, Kranert Center for the Performing Arts.
- Veterinary Medicine – 1:30 p.m., Great Hall, Kranert Center for the Performing Arts.

Schools

- Architecture – 10 a.m., Foellinger Auditorium.
- Art and Design – 10 a.m., Tryon Festival Theater, Kranert Center for the Performing Arts.
- Graduate School of Library and Information Science – 1:30 p.m., Recital Hall, Smith Memorial Hall.
- Life Sciences – 1:30 p.m., 100 George Huff Hall.
- Music – 5:30 p.m., Recital Hall, Smith Memorial Hall.
- Social Work – 4 p.m., Illini Rooms, Illini Union.

Departments

- Chemical Engineering – 1:30 p.m., 100 Noyes Laboratory.
- Chemistry – 1:30 p.m., Tryon Festival Theater, Kranert Center for the Performing Arts.
- Economics (LAS) and Finance (LAS) – 11 a.m. May 12, Foellinger Auditorium.
- Humanities I – 1:30 p.m. May 13, Foellinger Auditorium.
- Humanities II – 4 p.m. May 13, Foellinger Auditorium.
- Landscape Architecture – 10:30 a.m., Sunken Garden, Allerton Park; in case of rain, Miller School Gymnasium, 100 W. Jefferson St., Monticello.
- Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science (LAS) – 4 p.m., Tryon Festival Theater, Kranert Center for the Performing Arts.
- Physics and Astronomy – 2 p.m. May 12, 151 Loomis Laboratory of Physics.
- Psychology – 4:30 p.m., Great Hall, Kranert Center for the Performing Arts.
- Social Sciences – 9 a.m. May 12, 100 George Huff Hall.
- Theater – 10 a.m., Colwell Playhouse, Kranert Center for the Performing Arts.
- Urban and Regional Planning – 10 a.m., Levis Faculty Center.

Institute

- Labor and Industrial Relations – 3 p.m. May 12, 141 Wohlers Hall.

Congratulations programs

- African-American Cultural Program – 7:30 p.m. May 12, 100 George Huff Hall.
- La Casa Cultural Latina – 7 p.m. May 12, Foellinger Auditorium.

Initiation program

- Phi Beta Kappa – 7:30 p.m., May 11, Illini Union Ballroom.

Commissioning program

- All-Service ROTC Commissioning Ceremony – 1 p.m. May 14, Foellinger Auditorium.
World Police and Fire Games offer Ortiz Olympic-style competition

By Shanta Forrest

News Bureau Staff Writer

Officer Tony Ortiz will become the first member of the UI police department to compete in the World Police and Fire Games, an international Olympic-style competition for police and firefighters. The world games will be June 9-16, at various venues in and around Indianapolis.

More than 10,000 active and retired police and firefighters from 60 countries will come together at the games to test their athletic prowess and job-specific skills. Athletes will compete in more than 70 traditional sports and 350 events, including martial arts, rowing, swimming, a triathlon, bucket brigades and S.W.A.T. team competitions.

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"This is the test of tests," Ortiz said. "Some of these police officers are in the Olympics, and there are semi-pros and pro-level people. I’ll be competing against some of the best. It’s a chance to compete against people who just may blow you away, but it’ll still be a great experience."

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In college, Ortiz played on the UI at Chicago handball team before coming to the Urbana campus to complete his bachelor’s degree, and later his master’s degree, in kinesiology. While a graduate student, Ortiz served as the strength coach for Intercollegiate Athletics, helping train and condition athletes from several university teams.

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Ortiz’s wife, Gwen, and daughters Melissa, Erin and Adriana and numerous family members from the Chicago area will be at the games to cheer him on. Ortiz said he has appreciated the support he has received from his sponsors, the UI Employees Credit Union and James Carnahan, a professor of general engineering.

In addition to the athletic challenge the games pose, Ortiz said he’s excited about the opportunity to meet and share good times with police officers from around the world.

A May 11 torch-lighting ceremony in Indianapolis will mark the advent of the games. On May 19, teams originating in Quebec City, Quebec; Vancouver, British Columbia; San Diego; and Tampa, Fla., will begin a simultaneous relay. The four flames will be carried to 72 cities throughout the United States and Canada before they’re returned to Indianapolis for the June 9 opening ceremonies.

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Campaign Illinois sets university, campus fund-raising records

By Sharita Forrest
News Bureau Staff Writer

As leaders from the University of Illinois and the UI Foundation met in Chicago April 20 at the annual Spring Gathering of the Presidents Council, they acknowledged the success of Campaign Illinois, the recently concluded billion-dollar fund-raising effort, and discussed its effects on the three UI campuses.

Only the second university-wide fund-raising campaign, at the close of the campaign on Dec. 31, 2000, gifts and pledges from faculty, alumni, corporations and other donors for all three campuses had reached $1.5 billion. The campaign surpassed the university’s goal by more than 50 percent and tripled the size of its endowment.

Cash gifts, private grants, pledges and deferred commitments totaling more than $1.1 billion were received by the Urbana-Champaign campus. More than 130,000 alumni and friends made a gift to the campus during the campaign.

"The initial goal for the Urbana campus seemed a stretch -- and yet we were able to exceed it," said Chancellor Michael Aiken. "Throughout the campaign I talked with thousands of donors and they all said the same thing -- they wanted to give something back to the university that had given them so much. I am grateful to our donors and I am grateful to the deans, directors, faculty and staff members and developed staff both on campus and in the foundation for their efforts to ensure the success of the campaign." One of the first billion-dollar fund drives launched by a public university, Campaign Illinois was begun in 1991. At the close of 1998, the campaign’s original end date, the campus had already exceeded its $700 million goal. The UI Foundation Board of Directors voted to extend the campaign through 2000, in order to continue to build the university’s active endowment.

Gifts and pledges to the campaign have raised the campus’s endowment from approximately $414 million to more than $589 million. Endowment is a permanent form of financial support created by investing the principal and spending the interest income for a designated purpose.

"The continuing income stream from this endowment is a very important part of our efforts to remain a leading public institution of higher learning," said Richard F. Wilson, associate chancellor for development.

"The heart of the campaign focused on securing support for people and programs," Wilson said. "Eighty-five percent of the gifts we received were directed toward these two priorities. Through the campaign, we made significant progress in terms of endowed faculty positions, merit- and need-based scholarship support for undergraduates and fellowship support for graduate students. We still have lots of work to do in these areas, but the Campaign helped us take a big step forward." Pledges and gifts earmarked for endowed fellowship support for graduate students. We still have lots of work to do in these areas, but the Campaign helped us take a big step forward.

Faculty chairs and professorships

These medals are presented to those who hold endowed chairs and professorships and to the donors who fund these academic honors.

Eight gifts totaling more than $10 million earmarked for programs at the Chicago and Urbana-Champaign campuses of the UI were announced April 20 in Chicago by University President James J. Stukel. The gift announcements were part of the 25th spring meeting of the Presidents Council, the university’s highest donor recognition program which is administered by the UI Foundation, the university’s private gift-funding arm.

Four individuals were recognized for their gifts to the Urbana-Champaign campus.

• In honor of her husband, Nancy Tarika has made a $1.5 million gift that will create the Elio Elkahim Tarika Endowed Chair in Chemical Engineering. Elio Tarika, a native of Cairo, Egypt, arrived in the United States on the first Liberty ship that sailed from Alexandria, Egypt, after World War II. He had a long and successful career as a researcher and executive in the chemical industry, mostly with Union Carbide. He retired as chairman of the board of the Viskase Corp. The Tarikas live in Naples, Fla.

• A seven-figure gift from political commentator and columnist Robert D. Novak will create the Robert D. Novak Endowed Chair in Western Civilization and Culture in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. A 1952 UI graduate, Novak is a syndicated newspaper columnist, political commentator, co-host and analyst on several television programs, including CNN’s “Crossfire,” “Capital Gang” and “Inside Politics.” He also is author or co-author of five books on politics.

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But what do you do for an encore after completing the most successful campaign in the university’s history? “Through Campaign Illinois, we built new relationships with alumni; we identified many new friends of the university; we developed a great sense of pride among our faculty, students and alumni; we generated tremendous momentum for continued support of the university; and, in the process, we also found that there exists a remarkable untapped potential for future university support,” said Sid Muck, UI Foundation president. “In all, we’ve discovered that the highly successful conclusion of Campaign Illinois represents not an end, but a new beginning.”

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Moving in or out?
 Barely two months into office, Chancellor Aiken is helping this student move in Aug. 22, 1993. Throughout his time at the UI, Aiken has shown continued concern for students and student issues. During his tenure, the campus added a Discovery Program, designed to provide freshmen with exposure to senior faculty members in small classes, and five new living/learning communities in the residence halls.

Expanding south
 Updating of the South Campus Master Plan will relocate agricultural research facilities farther south and allow for other developments on the vacated land, such as a research park. Motorola Inc. is the first tenant.

The Aiken Years at Illinois

Shortly after Michael Aiken became chancellor, he initiated a planning process that would focus and shape the direction of the Urbana campus through-out his tenure - and for years to come. The Strategic Plan Committee, Council of Deans, cabinet and 10 working groups of faculty, students and staff spent 18 months discussing and planning the campus’s future. “The Framework for the Future” was finished in May 1995, and it guided the activity of the campus during Aiken’s eight years as chief executive officer.

Accomplishments during those eight years included:
• the rebuilding of faculty quality and strength
• innovative changes in undergraduate education
• a billion-dollar fund-raising campaign to increase faculty support and student aid and provide enhanced facilities
• reformulation of the budget process
• renovating Campustown; enhancing security; and leading an unprecedented outreach effort in the local community and beyond.

“Michael Aiken has done a tremendous job as chancellor,” according to President James J. Stukel. “He has been energetic and effective on a variety of fronts, and in the process has raised the quality of the institution. In particular, he should be recognized for his leadership in improving undergraduate education, raising funds through Campaign Illinois, reaching out to the local community and beyond.”

Many of the changes Aiken has wrought evolved from the “Framework,” which brought numerous faculty, staff members, and students together to recommend goals in key areas.

“This wouldn’t have happened without Aiken’s leadership,” said Richard Schacht, a professor of philosophy and past chair of the Senate Council. “He was able to convince people that this was for real, that this was not just another meaningless exercise, and he got good people to be willing to participate.”

Schacht has talked to academic colleagues around the country about their schools’ strategic plans.

“Our ‘Framework for the Future’ is better than almost any of them,” he said. “The action plan that emerged from the ‘Framework’ and the way it has been implemented have been as important as the plan itself.” To revitalize undergraduate education – and to ease the transition from high school to college – the campus created the Discover-eY Program, designed to provide freshmen with exposure to senior faculty in small classes; revived and revamped the long-dormant freshman convocation ceremony; added five new living/learning communities in the residence halls; increased by more than a third the number of students taking advantage of study abroad opportunities; began several initiatives to improve teaching, such as the Teaching Advance-ment Board; and worked to reduce class sizes.

Many of the undergraduate initiatives implemented during Aiken’s tenure were developed in places like the Council on Student Scholarships

Student scholarships
Several new student scholarship funds have been established, including a merit-based scholarship fund, the James Newton Matthews Scholars Program. Thus far, 125 undergraduate students have been designated Matthews Scholars. Chancellor Aiken is shown with Alison Heimburger, a Matthews Alumni Scholarship recipient.

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Campus improvements

Many new buildings and enhancements have been completed during Chancellor Aiken’s tenure, including a $12 million renovation and expansion of the College of Law building in 1994. Those present for the rededication of the law building were (from left) Chancellor Michael Aiken, UI Board of Trustees president Kenneth R. Boyle, Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, College of Law alumnus and fund-raising chairman Peer Pedersen, Sara Pedersen, Thomas M. Mengler, dean of the law school; Richard F. Wilson, associate chancellor for development; and UI President Stanley O. Ikenberry. The building’s new entry hall and atrium are named the Peer and Sara Pedersen Pavilion.
Boneyard

Local governments came to an agreement to proceed with the Boneyard Creek Drainage Project during Aiken’s tenure. The solution was not only a practical one but also an aesthetic one with the new walkway that was built over the Boneyard in Champaign from the newly constructed retention pond near First Street to Sixth Street.

Gateways

Chancellor Aiken was a strong advocate for a new signage program referred to as the campus gateways. There are currently four of these new signs – with four more planned – that let visitors know they are entering the university by clearly defining the boundaries of the campus, according to Kevin Duff, assistant director of Project Planning and Facility Management. In addition, a new information center will be built this summer on Windsor Road. It will be similar to the one on Florida Avenue near Neil Street.

Public service

Although UI has always engaged in many forms of outreach, part of the mission of Partnership Illinois was to catalog the programs, help residents of Illinois become more aware of these programs and to target areas where the campus should be doing more. Through some of the Partnership Illinois programs, farmers like Homer’s Ken Krukewitt – with son Brian – are able to tap into the latest business and technology information they need to succeed. Partnership Illinois grew out of “A Framework for the Future.”
Dan Perrino honored with Chancellor’s Medallion

By Sharita Forrest
News Bureau Staff Writer

When Dan Perrino received a call from Chancellor Michael Aiken requesting a meeting, Perrino said he thought perhaps he’d be receiving a reprimand.

Instead, he learned that he’d be receiving the Chancellor’s Medallion, bestowed in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the university during his 28 years on the faculty and since his retirement in 1988.

“I was dumbfounded,” Perrino said about receiving the award.

The Chancellor’s Medallion recognizes individuals whose service to the campus has exceeded all expectations and precedents.

“Nearly every letter of recommendation that was sent on Dan’s behalf uses the word ‘amazing,’” in describing his contributions to this campus,” Aiken said, presenting the award to Perrino on March 26.

In each role that he has played on campus, in more than 40 years of service, Dan has always built goodwill between the university and the people it serves,” Aiken said.

A UAlumn, Perrino earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in music education in 1948 and 1949, respectively.

Perrino joined the UI faculty on Feb. 1, 1960, as assistant professor of music and music extension in the division of university extension. A year later, he became director of music extension and the Illinois Summer Youth Music Program.

Over the course of his career, he held seven different appointments, including eight years as dean of campus programs and services. Perrino helped launch several cultural diversity programs, including the Black Chorus, La Casa Cultural Latina, Quad Day and the African-American Cultural Program.

“Has, by dint of his energy and his active commitment to the best ideals of this institution, raised the standard by which we should measure service and the hope for what Martin Luther King Jr. called a ‘beloved community,’” said Clarence Shelley, associate vice chancellor for student affairs, in a letter recommending Perrino for the award.

From 1976 until his retirement in 1988, Perrino served as associate dean of the College of Fine and Applied Arts, where he was director of the Illinois Summer Youth Music program, director of Continuing Education in music and coordinator of Alumni Affairs and Development.

After his retirement, Perrino returned to the School of Music part time in 1989 as coordinator of alumni affairs. In 1992, after yet another unsuccessful attempt at retirement, Perrino was selected to chair a university task force on ethnic and cultural diversity, designing programs to unify the campus through cultural enrichment.

Since 1993, Perrino has been working part time at the Alumni Association, where he coordinated the Medicare 7, 8 or 9 program and created a senior alumni program, which sustains ties between the university and Champaign-Urbana area alumni through continuing education and cultural events.

Perhaps Perrino’s most celebrated achievement is his founding of Medicare 7, 8 or 9, a jazz ensemble. The group’s first informal performance at the Illini Union in 1969 was intended to help soothe campus unrest by bringing faculty and staff members and students together through music.

Much to his surprise, Perrino said, the group’s jam session at the Union was not its last. The band’s Dixieland sound was enormously popular, and the ensemble became a goodwill ambassador for the university, traveling to 38 states and delivering more than 2,000 concerts before its final farewell performances at Kramert Center for the Performing Arts in November 1998.

More than 120 different musicians played with the group during its 30 years and the ensemble made nine recordings and five television appearances.

The name Medicare 7, 8 or 9 was derived from offhand remarks Perrino and another band member made to a Daily Illini reporter at the initial performance, alluding to age and number of musicians, which varied according to how many showed up to perform.

On June 1, the 80-year-old Perrino plans to try retirement again, although he said the prospect scares him a little because he doesn’t have any hobbies.

However, Perrino is already working on another project related to the university. Perrino and Hugh Satterlee, retired on-putsman, are coordinating an oral history for the university archives in which 25 student affairs personnel give their perspectives on campus events between the years 1968 and 1972.

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vice issues.

“As a faculty member, I appreciate the fact that Michael thinks of himself as a faculty member, as opposed to an administrator,” Rich said. In Rich’s view, the principal area in which Aiken should be recognized for his leadership is in faculty excellence.

Aiken became chancellor during a period of lean state budgets that allowed for only meager raises, precipitating a drop in the number of faculty members as Illinois became less competitive and lost some outstanding faculty to other institutions.

In the better financial years that followed, Aiken worked to reverse those trends. Rich noted. With Provosts Larry Faulkner and Richard Herman, Aiken won increased state funding for improving faculty salaries and restoring lost faculty positions, used discretionary funds to further improve salaries, and led the drive for endowed chairs.

As a result, salaries for full professors moved from seventh to third in the Big Ten, and endowed chairs and professorships increased from about 30 to more than 200, about half of those filled and half committed for future funding.

Aiken has devoted considerable attention to increasing the campus’ outreach to the community. In January, the Champaign County Chamber of Commerce recognized his efforts by naming Aiken Champaign County’s “Most Valuable Citizen” for 2000.

Aiken was key in the formation of Campus 2000, a community and university partnership to improve the Campus 2000 area, according to Andrea Ruedi, the Chamber’s executive director.

“She really pushed for that … getting the community to recognize that for a lot of visitors to the campus, the first thing they see is Campustown, and that we really needed to make a better impression on folks,” she said.

Aiken also spearheaded the formation of Project 2000 Plus, a group that includes the campus, the Chamber, and all taxing bodies in the county, and meets quarterly in an effort to improve communication and cooperation, Ruedi said. It was the kind of group “that didn’t exist before the chancellor got involved in the community.”

Aiken also was the first UI chancellor to serve on the Chamber’s board, Ruedi noted, and the board even changed its by-laws last year to allow for his reelection to a second term.

Other campus accomplishments during the Aiken years included:

• Establishment of an annual Faculty Status Report to assess departmental hiring patterns.
• A significant increase in the base stipend for all graduate students, along with improvements in benefits.
• Implementation of a mandatory Campus Acquaintance Rape Education program for first-year students.
• Establishment of the James Newton Fellowship.
• Implementation of a bilateral research and exchange agreement with France’s National Center for Scientific Research.
• Reorganization and renaming of the Cooperative Extension Service, now known as “University of Illinois Extension.”
• Establishment of Partnership Illinois to provide a means for expanding the university’s public service mission.
Hosts needed for Japanese students

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Hosts – either families, couples or single people – are needed to spend a few hours a week with one or more of the students, so that the students can meet people outside the classroom and practice their English while sharing common, everyday activities such as meals, shopping and entertainment.

In the past, hosts have said that they greatly enjoy spending time with the students and that the experience allows them to learn more about Japan and Japanese lifestyles.

Anyone interested in being a host should call Anna Kasten at the Intensive English Institute at 333-6598.

Summer memberships available

Summer with Campus Rec

Campus Recreation summer memberships go on sale May 3. Memberships are available to UI students, faculty and staff members and their spouses or partners for only $42 and are valid through Aug. 21. Members have access to all Campus Rec facilities, discounts on outdoor equipment rentals and adventure trips, free group fitness classes, free admission to public skating sessions, and eligibility for intramural sports, and more.

To purchase a membership, visit Member Services, in Room 140 IMPE. Or download the membership form at www.campusrec.uiuc.edu/membership/fees.html or call 333-8306 for more information.

Japan House

Kasada visits UI, community

Visiting artist Toshie Kasada, a kimono specialist at the Hakubi Kyoto Kimono School in Japan, is visiting the UI and local communities through May 18.

Kasada will give demonstrations at area elementary schools. For dates and times of school visits, contact Nancy Lockmiller at Japan House, 244-9934, or Melissa Mitchell at the News Bureau, 333-3806 for more information.

WILL-FM Second Sunday Concert

Amasong to perform May 13

The LGBTQ community choir Amastrong will perform its 10th anniversary season with a May 13 performance at the WILL-FM Second Sunday Concert.

The free concert begins at 2 p.m. at the Krannert Art Museum and Kinkead Pavilion and will be broadcast live on WILL-FM (90.9/101.1 in Champaign-Urbana).


Founded in 1991, Amastrong has become one of the nation’s best-known lesbian-feminist choirs. It has been named Best Choral Group at the Gay/Lesbian American Music Awards (GLAMA) for its two CDs, “Ama’i” and “Over Here the Water is Sweet.”

Campustown Infrastructure Streetscape Project

‘Streetscape’ workshop is May 3

A public workshop for the Campustown Infrastructure Streetscape Project will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. May 3. The purpose of the workshop is to obtain public input for the conceptual design of infrastructure and streetscape improvements. Primary emphasis will be on presentation of conceptual design parameters and schedules.

The workshop will be held in the fourth floor conference room #403, of the Champaign Urbana Mass Transit District Illinois Terminal Building, 45 E. University Ave., Champaign. For reservations, call 351-4466. Because of the structure of the forum, attendance at the entire workshop is requested.

For more information, contact Laurie Davis at 351-4466 or laurie.davis@ci.champaign.il.us or Verónica González at 351-4486 or veronica.gonzalez@ci.champaign.il.us.

‘Panel on Bisexual Issues’

Ally Network meeting is May 4

The Ally Network will hold its last meeting of the semester from noon to 2 p.m. May 4 in 210 Illini Union.

The session will feature a panel on bisexual issues and continues the series theme “Increasing understanding on issues of sexual orientation within the university community.”

The network is co-sponsored by the Student Affairs Office for LGBT Concerns and the Counseling Center. Through its members, the Ally Network works to ensure that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students and faculty and staff members find the UI campus welcoming and inclusive.

For more information, contact the LGBT office at 244-3277.
New exhibition showcases museum’s Toulose-Lautrec collection

By Melissa Mitchell

May 3, 2001

The Academic Office of Human Resources, Suite 420, 803 W. State St., maintains listings of academic openings that can be reviewed during regular business hours. Listings also are available online. Academic professional positions are listed at www.uiuc.edu/jobs. Faculty job opportunity information can be found in http://www.ac.uiuc.edu/cao/indexes. Prospective employees and students can receive e-mail notification of open positions by subscribing to the academic jobs listserve (look under Career Information at http://www.uiuc.edu/cao/indexes).

Job market

Toulose-Lautrec’s art continues to be popular in the U.S. An exhibition at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign this spring features about 100 works by the artist. Professor of art history at Northwestern University, Reinhold Heiber, professor of art history at the University of Chicago.

Henri de Toulose-Lautrec: Artist of Montmartre.

Toulose-Lautrec: Artist of Montmartre. Through Aug. 5, Krannert Art Museum. This museum’s new exhibition of lithographs, posters and drawings by Toulose-Lautrec also includes images by prominent artists whose works prefigured or paralleled Toulose-Lautrec’s.

"Dialogue on Toulose-Lautrec."

3 p.m. May 3, Krannert Art Museum auditorium.

Job market

 flatten excitement. Requires a bachelor’s degree with at least two years’ experience in creative writing. Contact Amanda Winn, 244-7000 or awinn@uiuc.edu. Closing date: May 31.

Beckman Institute.

Visiting artist. The artist will spend a minimum of two years at the Beckman Institute. A bachelor’s degree and two years’ experience required. Available: May 21. Contact David Shapiro, 333-5211. Closing date: May 23.

Business and Financial Services.

Assistant director, business informatics. Requires a bachelor’s degree in computer science, management, management information systems or related field required. Must have a minimum of two years’ experience in analysis, design and development of computer applications. A minimum of two years’ experience in the health care industry is also required. Must have excellent oral and written communication skills. A graduate degree in business administration is preferred. A bachelor’s degree in computer science or related field required. Must have previous experience in the health care industry. A bachelor’s degree in computer science or related field required. Must have experience in project management. Available immediately. Contact Cathy Thurston, 244-7005, cthursto@uiuc.edu. Closing date: May 23.

Business and Financial Services.

Assistant, associate or full professor. Requires a doctorate in biological specimen collection, processing and preservation, and proficiency in documentation, processing, and preservation. The position is available immediately. Contact Cheryl Gantz, 333-3814. Closing date: May 14.

Crop Sciences.

Assistant professor of weed science. A PhD in discipline related to weed biology, with a minimum of two years’ experience in documentation and management, including weed science, weed ecology, and/or the management of invasive plants. Available immediately. Contact Fritz Drasgow, 333-2739, fdrasgow@uiuc.edu. Closing date: May 23.

Environmental, Urban and Regional Planning.

Assistant professor. Requires a master’s degree in environmental studies and significant experience in urban and regional planning. A minimum of two years’ experience in the field is required. Available immediately. Contact Karen MacKenzie, 333-7070. Closing date: May 22.

Environmental Science and Policy.

Visiting professor. Required experience will include the implementation of complex database systems. A strong working knowledge of project management is required. This experience requirement must include a significant degree of consultation with one or more historically Hispanic, Premier, East Asian, or African Diaspora biological scientists. Closing date: July 15.

Facility.

Animal Sciences.


Anthropology.


Crop Sciences.

Assistant professor of weed science. A PhD in weed science or a closely related discipline required. Candidates must possess excellent interpersonal and communication skills, demonstrated ability and desire to conduct and deliver advanced educational programs, and proven leadership/management skills. Available immediately. Contact Karen MacKenzie, 333-7070 or kmackenz@uiuc.edu. Closing date: July 15.

Preparation and Facility Management.

Assistant director. Requires at least a bachelor’s degree in architecture, interior design, technology and history. A working knowledge of project design is essential. The experience required must include a significant degree of consultation with one or more historically Hispanic, Premier, East Asian, or African Diaspora biological scientists. Closing date: July 15.

Special Education.

Visiting student coordinator. Minimum of master’s degree in education and idealization training experience. Must have broad knowledge of special education and related fields. Experience and management skills, including the ability to work well with others in the school setting and with parents. Available immediately. Contact Karen MacKenzie, 333-7070 or kmackenz@uiuc.edu. Closing date: May 10.

Supercomputing Applications, National Center for. Asso- ciating director, National center director. Requires at least a master’s degree in computer science, engineering, computer engineering, or related field and a minimum of two years’ experience in a management position. Must have previous experience in billable time charge, resource utilization and project management. bachelor’s degree in computer science or related field required. A minimum of two years’ experience in project management. Available immediately. Contact Karen MacKenzie, 333-7070 or kmackenz@uiuc.edu. Closing date: May 10.

Supercomputing Applications, National Center for. Research programmer (open to technical consultant). Bachelor’s degree in computer science, electrical engineering, or related field required. Available immediately. Contact NCSSA Researcher, request #004, 533-3880 or fax 533-3885.

"Avant-Garde Parisian Theater and the Modern City: 1870–1900." This exhibition of the art museum’s new exhibition, "Toulouse-Lautrec: Artist of Montmartre." The show, which will likely travel to other museums, features selections from Krannert’s substantial holdings of works by Toulouse-Lautrec, as well as by Honoré Daumier, Edouard Manet and Berthe Morisot, whose works relate thematically or stylistically to Toulouse-Lautrec’s. It is an important collection," said Krannert Art Museum Director Josef Helfenstein. "The only thing we don’t have in this exhibit is one of Toulouse-Lautrec’s paintings. But the fact that we do have more than 40 lithographs, posters and drawings is unusual." Exhibition curator Gisèle Atterbery said the show includes the artist’s largest and smallest posters. The largest, "Moulin Rouge – La Goulue," remains one of his most popular images, depicting a kicking can-can dancer La Goulue, or the Glutton (the name of Moulin Rouge star Louise Weber), and her partner, Valentin Deoiseau, or The Bonelou (a stage name of Jacques Renaudin). The smallest poster, "Au Concert," shows a man and woman seated in a theater box. Also part of the exhibition is another widely recognized poster: "El Dorado: Aristide Bruant," a simple and dramatic representation of popu- lar culture and cutting-edge fashion. Laws was being liberalized with regard to freedom of the press … the large-scale, color poster technologically and legally began to flourish in 1890. Atterbery noted that artists often had to face censors and their stars. They were being resurrected in various quarters as fast as they could be hung.

Accompanying the UI exhibition is a catalog featuring full-color images and de- tails about each work, along with an essay by UI art historian Marcel Franciscus.
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**Joy Ride**

Charlotte Brownfield jokes with her Concert Band after taking a spin in a university police patrol car April 27. Brownfield, a business manager in the department of computer science, was not under arrest, she was celebrating her retirement from the UI after 40 years of service. And for some reason she “just felt like riding in a police car across the Quad. So her supervisor, Kathy Venh, helped make it happen with a call to the Division of Public Safety.

Brownfield was taken away from her retirement dinner without her car — with the knowledge of the request and driven around campus, including a drive across the Quad.

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Kranzert Center announces new season

The schedule for Krannert Center for the Performing Arts’ 2001-2002 season presents powerful art experiences representing a broad range of cultural and artistic expression.

The Marquee Season opens Sept. 9 with Cirque Orchestera – a stunning aerial and acrobatic ballet presented to the accompaniment of classical selections performed by the Champaign-Urbana Symphony.

During September, celebrated jazz artist Joshua Redman, the winner of the Eleventh Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, and the Los Angeles Guitar Quartet also perform. The Great Hall Series begins with Maestro Wolfgang Sawallisch’s farewell tour as music director of the Philadelphia Orchestra. Krannert Center joins seven other co-commissioning partners in the presentation of Marcel Duchamp, James Joyce, Erik Satie: An Alphabet, a work by John Cage that began its life as a radio play in 1982.

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