Message from the Chancellor

As you may recall, on March 2 I sent an e-mail message to people associated with the university regarding “Contact with Potential Student Athletes.” My e-mail message stated, in part, that: “No contacts are permitted with prospective student athletes, including high school and junior college students, by university students, employees or others associated with the university without express authorization of the director of athletics or his designee.” However, in light of Judge Mihm’s order of April 6 and more recent testimony by representatives of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), I have concluded that express authorization of the director of athletics or his designee should not be required. Therefore, effective this date, I am permanently retracting the above-quoted sentence of my March 2 e-mail message.

The retraction of the above-quoted language from my earlier e-mail message does not lessen the university’s commitment to complying with NCAA rules in the recruitment of student athletes at the UI. I continue to call upon all members of the university community to abide by the rules of the NCAA when dealing with potential student athletes. Should you have questions concerning NCAA rules, contact Vince Ille, assistant director for compliance, at the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Thank you.

Michael Aiken
Chancellor

Summer Reading heats up

“Reading has become more of a national pastime than it ever has been,” said Paul Confaiti, general books buyer for the Illini Union Bookstore, although he’s not sure that people actually read more during the hot, lazy days of summer.

“What people are interested in is a good book,” Confaiti said. “Books that will take them to where they need to be – whether that’s an escape or getting more information from a non-fiction book. If it’s well-written it’s going to sell.”

Whatever the national trends show, Inside Illinois readers believe in summer reading and have said they missed the once-annual Summer Reading series.

So here it is, back by popular demand. Throughout the summer, we will feature a couple people every issue with their favorite authors and books.

Chris Beuoy, college editor, College of Veterinary Medicine
Maeve Reilly, editor, Patterns magazine, WILL-AM-FM-TV

As former English majors, we missed discussing the books we read. About 8 years ago when we both worked at the Office of Publications, we met for several months with a reading group of Ph.D. English students but we were put off by the esoteric angles that interested them.

Partly in reaction to that experience, we started the “Normal Person’s Book Discussion Group” three years ago. Between three and eight people show up every four weeks and, surprisingly, really do talk seriously about what we’ve read. Most of our picks have been contemporary fiction, but we’ve read a couple 19th-century titles too. It’s really rewarding when you’ve struggled through a book but develop a strong appreciation for it because of the discussion.


Daniel Sullivan receives Tony Award

UI theater professor Daniel Sullivan received the Tony Award for best director of a play for his work on David Auburn’s “Proof.” The award was announced at ceremonies June 3 at New York City’s Radio City Music Hall. The American Theater Wing’s 55th annual Tony Awards also honored “Proof” as the best play and Mary-Louise Parker, its star, for the best performance by a leading actress in a play.

Sullivan, who holds a Swanlund Chair – the highest endowed title that can be awarded to a UI professor – has been nominated for three other Tonys for his theater direction: “The Heidi Chronicles” (1989), “Conversations with My Father” (1992) and “The Sisters Rosenzweig” (1993). In 1990, as artistic director of the Seattle Repertory Theater, Sullivan accepted the Regional Tony Award for Seattle Repertory Theater’s distinguished record of developing new plays.

Another UI theater professor, Robin McFarquhar, was fight choreographer for Dale Wasserman’s “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest,” which received the Tony Award for best play revival.

Champaign-Urbana audiences will be able to view Sullivan’s work July 17 when he directs a Illinois Blitz or who want to sign up to participate can visit the event’s Web site at www.coned.uiuc.edu/tacp/bio blitz/ or contact Jeffords at 333-5986 or jeffords@uiuc.edu.

Insects beware Colin Foret (left), assistant support scientist, Illinois Natural History Survey, and entomologist Michael R. Jeffords, public relations and education liaison for the Survey, set up an insect trap at Allerton Park. The trap is similar to those that will be used during the Biodiversity Blitz, June 29-30.

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The scientists hope to break the temperate zone Blitz record – 1,905 species – set at Walden Pond, near Boston, during the mid 1990s.

Although the Survey has been doing inventories and collecting specimens for 140 years, this will be the first time it has done a blitz, said entomologist Michael R. Jeffords, the event chairman and public relations and education liaison for the Survey.

Allerton Park was chosen as the site for the first Blitz because the park is a nationally recognized natural area with diverse habitats and is large enough to be challenging for the survey teams but not so large as to be beyond the ability of the teams to survey it.

“The event will be geared after the rapid assessment teams who work in the tropical rain forests,” Jeffords said. “The general public will have a unique opportunity for intimate interactions with the scientists and to observe their methods.”

Birds, mammals, plants, fungi, insects, fish, reptiles, amphibians and microbes will be among the taxa surveyed. The results of the Blitz will be published at the completion of the event and will become part of a permanent exhibit at Allerton Park.

Experts and amateurs can pre-register and accompany scientists in the field and assist with select activities such as bat surveys, black-lighting for insects or sorting collections. Those who aren’t quite as adventurous can learn more about biodiversity and the scientists’ methods through guided tours, short presentations and observations of the surveyors as they work.

The Blitz will begin at 2 p.m. Friday, June 29, and end at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 30. Commemorative T-shirts will be available for purchase before, during and after the event.

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By Craig Chamberlain
News Bureau Staff Writer

Faculty and staff members in need of convenient campus parking may see their prospects improve in coming years, but it will cost them.

The Campus Parking Master Plan, presented to the UI Board of Trustees at the May 23 meeting in Springfield, proposed up to five new parking decks containing more than 5,000 total spaces to be constructed during the next 10 years.

But since spaces in structures are much more expensive to build and maintain than those in surface lots, parking permit fees would more than double over the next eight years if the entire plan was put into effect. On-street meter rates also would double, to $1 per hour, and citation charges would increase substantially.

According to Pam Voitik, the assistant vice chancellor for business affairs, the university has over 5,800 parking spaces on seven levels. (For comparison, the two structures west of Sixth Street, between John and Daniel streets, contain a total of 2,500 spaces on five levels.)

To accommodate a relative lack of support services on the north campus, the deck also would include 25,000 to 40,000 square feet of retail space at the ground level. The project is estimated to cost $31.8 million, with construction scheduled to start next April and be completed one year later.

The other deck, which could be either one or two structures, would be built on parking lots C8 and C9, on the first block west of Sixth Street between Chalmers Street and Armoiry Avenue. That deck will contain seven levels and approximately 1,000 spaces, and cost an estimated $24.1 million.

Based on the master plan, it’s tentatively scheduled for completion by 2005.

The other three decks together (see chart above), as currently planned, would contain 2,600 spaces.

If all the structures are approved and built on schedule, the cost of an annual parking permit would increase from the current $30.50 set for the 2001-02 fiscal year to almost $750 in 2008-09, an average increase of almost 13 percent annually.

The increases are necessary in part, according to Voitik, because “artificially low” rates have prevented the accumulation of funds for deck construction. And campus parking is part of the university’s Auxiliary Facilities System, a self-supporting system that covers a number of university facilities not supported by state tax dollars. Among the other facilities included in the system are residence halls, unions, and athletic and recreation facilities.

Administrators hope that campus employees will accept the increase in permit fees, Voitik said.

Voitik noted that the current permit fee is well below an average of more than $400 for Big Ten schools, and even further below an average of more than $600 for institutions considered to be the UI’s peers.

Chief Illiniwek Issue

Board president George W. Sears, Burr Ridge, followed through on a commitment made March 7, at the last board meeting, to appoint a committee to further explore the Chief Illiniwek issue. He made that commitment at the end of a session in Foellinger Auditorium in which most of the board members formally responded to a report is last fall as part of the “Dialogue on Chief Illiniwek” process.

But rather than a committee, Sears recommended that board member Roger L. Plummer, of Chicago, be assigned the responsibility. The change in thinking came after discussions with members of the board and others, he said, and having a single member “will improve the chances that flexibility and expedience.

In comments after the meeting, Plummer said that he expected to provide a report to the July board meeting, but did not specify a timeline for completing the task. He was careful to say he would keep all options open and consider all views on the issue as he sought out a means to resolve the issue that could be brought back and discussed with the board.

“What we resolve as a board, this will not be one person deciding how this is going to be handled,” Plummer said.

Throughout his comments, Plummer suggested that the board and administration were seeking to resolve the issue rather than draw out the debate.

“It’s important that this be resolved in a way (so) that we can move on,” Plummer said. “I don’t think the objective is to make everyone happy. That is an impossibility.

And it’s not about making the most people happy. It’s about looking at this tradition and asking ourselves what is the best way to move forward.”

Other business

The board:

• Approved the sale and issuance of up to $97 million in bonds to fund several projects within the UI’s Auxiliary Facilities System. The only project on the Urbana SEE TRUSTEES, PAGE 4

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Tanya M. Gallagher, dean of the College of Applied Life Studies and professor of speech-language pathology, was honored by the American Speech-Language Hearing Association at its convention with its Awards of Excellence, ASHA Honors. This award is the highest award given by the association and recognizes significant scholarly achievement. The association noted that Gallagher was “one of the pioneers of the ‘pragmatics revolution’ and most recently has worked in the exploration of the neurophysiology of language and speech using sophisticated imaging.”

Two faculty members of the College of Commerce and Business Administration were honored during an investiture ceremony April 19 at the Krannert Art Museum and Kinkead Pavilion.

Gregory B. Northcraft was invested as the Harry I. Gray Professor in Executive Leadership by the department of business administration. Northcraft, whose research interests include conflict management, managerial decisionmaking and employee motivation, joined the department of business administration in 1995. The Gray professorship was established to support a research scholar of national reputation in the field of management and organizational behavior.

Ira Solomon was recognized as the R.C. Evans Endowed Chair in Commerce by the department of accounting. A well-known expert in accounting information technology and in the statement auditing, Solomon has been in assurance, attestation and financial management since 1969. He was recognized Monday by students of political science, receptionists and the faculty of the department of political science. In his acceptance speech, Solomon said his “best friend” was his wife, Nancy, and that his “second best friend” was his dog, Rosie.

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William Trent, professor of educational policy studies, will serve on the Century Foundation Task Force of the Common School. The Task Force will meet during the next year to report recommendations for a politically viable process of increasing both diversity and performance in significant numbers of public schools.

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Summer Music Festival
UI School of Music will be honoring a series of four concerts during its Summer Music Festival, June 16-22. This year’s theme is “Cultures Considering One Another in Music.”

A report on honors, awards, offices and other outstanding achievements of faculty and staff members

Classical music and barbershop singing
Concert in the Park is June 16
WILL-FM’s annual free Concert in the Park features an afternoon of classical music and barbershop singing on the Gate House Lawn at Robert Allerton Park in Monticello. The music begins at 5 p.m. June 16.

‘Bring Your Story to Life’
Sale to benefit WLL Radio
Vintage Vinyl sale is June 9
WILL radio’s ninth annual Vintage Vinyl sale will be from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. June 9, next to the former J.C. Penney store at Champaign’s Market Place Mall, 2000 N. Neil St.

‘Preserving Family Documents on Paper’
Family Heritage Days, June 23-24
Family Heritage Days will be held at locations throughout Champaign County on June 23-24. Co-sponsored by the Museum at the Crossroads and the Illinois Heritage Association, Family Heritage Days includes family-centered activities throughout the weekend. Among the sponsors are UI’s Krannert Art Museum and Spurlock Museum.

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Iris Murdoch; and “The Unconsoled,” by Kazuo Ishiguro.

‘Tips & Tricks of Home Textile Care’ will be offered from 12:20 to 1:30 p.m. on June 23 at Krannert Art Museum, hosted by Spurlock Museum. The course will provide information on textile care in your home. Pre-registration required. Call Kim Sheahan, 244-3355.

“The French View,” a Chamber Music Concert at 8 p.m. June 21 in the Foellinger Great Hall at Krannert Center for the Performing Arts with faculty members Olle Wallin, Davis Davis, soprano, and James C. Scott, flute.

Prairie Ensemble, under the direction of Kevin Kelly, makes its first appearance at Concert in the Park with performances of Handel’s “Music for the Royal Fireworks,” Copland’s “Old American Songs” with bass-baritone Ronald Hedlund, and Beethoven’s Symphony No. 8.

This year’s opening act is the barbershop quartet known as 4 O’Clock Sharp. The group, featuring tenor Ken Steinsaulz, melody Martin Mauri, baritone John Muir and bass Vern Knapp, will perform selections from gospel and traditional barbershop music to big band music and jazz.

For more information about the concert and/or a map, call WILL at 333-0850. Tune to WILL-AM (580) or WILL-FM (90.9/101.1 in Champaign-Urbana) for weather updates the day of the concert.

Tickets may be purchased individually, or for the entire series at a discount. For ticket information, contact the Krannert Center ticket office, 333-6280 or kran-tix@uiuc.edu or on the Web at KrannertCenter.com. For more information about the Summer Music Festival, visit the School of Music Web site at music.uiuc.edu/Music.

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benefit performance of A.R. Gurney’s “Love Letters” for the theater department’s “SummerFest 2001” at the UI’s Krannert Center for the Performing Arts. The production will feature Kathleen F. Conlin, dean of the College of Fine and Applied Arts, and Henson Keys, chair of the UI acting program.

This summer, Sullivan will direct a play that was developed in a workshop at the UI last fall. Charlaine Woodard’s “In Real Life” opens July 29 at the Mark Taper Forum in Los Angeles, where Sullivan will collaborate with UI professors James Berton Harris (costumes) and Kathy Perkins (lighting).
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