SUMMER READING

By Craig Chamberlain
News Bureau Staff Writer

This summer’s reading so far has included an autobiography by ice skater Scott Hamilton, a Rosamunde Pilcher novel called “Winter Solstice” and Jane Smiley’s “Moo,” which is a must read for anyone who works at a land-grant Midwestern university.

Being an Anglophile, I like to curl up with Murye Binchy (all right she’s Irish, but close enough), P.D. James, Barbara Vine, Elizabeth George (all right she’s American but the books are set in England) or Pilcher. In Pilcher’s world, tired folks routinely have a hot bath and a cool gin but hesitate to admit to in public.

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Mark Kushner, interim head, electrical and computer engineering, Founders Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering

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During its meeting July 12 in Urbana, the UI Board of Trustees approved the permanent appointment of Chester S. "Chet" Gardner as vice president for academic affairs and provost. Gardner has built on an active base of faculty and management more than a year-and-a-half. The board also named Gardner’s replacement. David L. Chicheone, dean of the UI’s College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, was named university vice president for economic development and corporate relations.

Chicheone, 54, has been dean of the College of ACES at the Urbana-Champaign campus since 1996. A member of the college’s faculty, Chicheone also is a member of the universitywide Institute of Government and Public Affairs. His appointment is effective immediately.

In his new position, Chicheone will be the university’s senior officer on economic development issues and initiatives and lead adviser to the president on these matters as well as state and federal agencies.

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Office of Business and Financial Services
Fall workshops offered

The Office of Business and Financial Services (OBFS) is offering fall workshops for university financial and administrative systems. These sessions, which promote continuous improvement of campus financial management, are offered to department heads, as well as departmental business office staff members. Selected refreshers training every other year is appropriate and recommended. Workshop locations will vary. Reservations may be made at www.oba.uiuc.edu. Class descriptions and the most current workshops also are on the Web. The workshops:

- **Allowable Costs** 10:30-noon Oct. 24
  - Isabel Busch, 244-4748
- **Cash Handling** Issues held for individual departments upon request Jane Brown, 244-2918
- **Confidentiality Workshop** 11-noon Sept. 12, Oct. 7 or Nov. 28; Diane Wayne, 244-0471
- **Contracts – Basics (New)** 10:30-3:30 p.m. Oct. 10; Joanne Berbaum, 333-6679
- **Contracts – Advanced (New)** 1:30-3:30 p.m. Nov. 7; Joanne Berbaum, 333-6679
- **Credit Card and Pledge Web site (New)** 10-11 a.m. Aug. 21; Teresa Brown, 333-6637
- **Electronic Order System (EOS)** 9-11:30 a.m. Oct. 3, Nov. 7 or Dec. 5; Alana Bennett, 333-6232
- **Electronic Standards Time Report (ESTR) – Hands-On** 1-3:30 p.m. Sept. 6 or Nov. 15; Gloria Gehrt, 333-2443
- **Endowment Administration** (New) 9-10:30 a.m. Oct. 16; Teresa Brown, 333-6637
- **Foundation Financial Accounting System** (New) 9-11 a.m. Oct. 24; Teresa Brown, 333-6637
- **Foundation Fund Web site** (New) 10-11 a.m. Sept. 26; Teresa Brown, 333-6637
- **Gift Processing and Stewardship Services** 9-11 a.m. Oct. 10; Teresa Brown, 333-6637
- **Internal Controls – The Essentials of** 9-11 a.m. Sept. 26 or Nov. 7; Ed Mascorro, 333-0900
- **Invoice-Vouchers** 9-10 a.m. Sept. 27 or Nov. 15; Bobbie Pittman, 333-0780
- **KEY/MASTER – Individually arranged instruction**; Alice Luftus, 244-2924
- **ledger 3 Accounts** 8:30-10 a.m. Oct. 11; Marcia Miller, 333-4568
- **Non-disclosure Agreements – Policies and Procedures** (New) 11 a.m. Sept. 27; Candie Adams, 333-0560
- **Property Accounting – Custodial Responsibilities** 9-11 a.m. Nov. 21; Cheryl Ballinger, 244-0039
- **Property Accounting – Introduction/Acquisitions** 9-11 a.m. Nov. 14; Cheryl Ballinger, 244-0039
- **Property Accounting – PAS Online** 9-10:30 a.m. Sept. 20 or Dec. 4; Mary Shoie, 333-3985
- **Proposal Systems Access** 1-3:30 p.m. Sept. 18; Isabel Busch, 244-4748
- **Proposals and Overview Procedures** 10:30-noon Oct. 19; Isabel Busch, 244-4748
- **Purchasing Card – (P-Card)** 9-11 a.m. Sept. 26, Oct. 30 or Nov. 11 or Dec. 12; Alaina Benett, 333-6232
- **Sales Invoice/General Accounts Receivable** Individually arranged instruction; Susan Cotter, 244-6022
- **Stewardship Services** (New) 9-11 a.m. Nov. 6; Teresa Brown, 333-6637
- **Stores Services/Transfer and Transfer Voucher Preparation** 10:30-3:30 p.m. Sept. 19; Marcia Miller, 333-4568
- **Transportation Functions** 10:30-noon Oct. 24; Robin Fumer, 333-5861
- **Travel Vouchers – Completion of** 9-10:30 a.m. Sept. 18 or Nov. 15; Bobbie Pittman, 333-0780
- **Travel Vouchers – Policies and Guidelines** 9-11 a.m. Oct. 25; Bobbie Pittman, 333-0780
- **UFAS, Introduction** 1-3:30 p.m. Nov. 14; Marcia Miller, 333-4568
- **UFAS, Online** 1:30-3:30 p.m. Oct. 17; Marcia Miller, 333-4568
- **University Payables** 9-10:30 a.m. Oct. 3; Nov. 15 or Dec. 13; Bobbie Pittman, 333-0780

Get questions about college?
College Preview Program is Aug. 7

The Office of Admissions and Records will again host a College Preview Program to assist UI faculty and staff members with high school students beginning the college search process. The program is from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Aug. 7 on the third floor of the Levis Faculty Center.

The College Preview Program has been designed to offer guidance in developing a plan to gather information in an organized manner and to approach the college search in a way that allows families to make an informed decision. The information presented will not be specific just to the UI. A member of the Office of Student Financial Aid as well as the Career Center also will be participating in the evening’s activities. Topics will include:

- How students and families can prepare for the college search.
- How to select an institution with the best fit for the student.
- What students can do to enhance their chances in the application process.
- How to make an informed decision when selecting a major and career path.
- How to get the most out of financial aid.

To make a reservation or for more information, contact Amy Rozek at ajrozek@uiuc.edu or 333-0824. Include your name, department, campus e-mail address and the number of people attending.

Do you experience pain?
Physician/Research participants needed

If you have experienced significant pain in the past 60 days that affects what you do, you will be paid $10 to participate in a 20-minute health-related phone survey. Research is being conducted by Sharon Shavitt, research assistant professor, Research Laboratory, interviews are confidential. For more information or to enroll, contact the SRL toll-free at (877) 692-5300. Prospective participants also may enroll in the study by e-mailing their name and a day or evening phone number to Project Coordinator Jane Burris at janeb@srl.uic.edu.

University YMCA
Communiversity instructors wanted

The University YMCA is looking for people to teach its fall ‘Communiversity’ courses.

Communiversity is a program of non-graded, non-credit classes offered through the University YMCA to the general public. Classes are taught by people who have a special skill or interest they want to share with others. Earn extra money as you create your own design of a subject of your interest. Instructors develop their teaching skills in a low-pressure, relaxed environment. Course topics include but are not limited to arts and crafts, dance, exercise and martial arts, languages, music, social issues and many others.

To pick up your application or for more information, stop by the University YMCA at 1001 S. Wright St. or visit www.universityymca.org/communiversity.

Deadline for applications to teach fall classes is July 25.

Faculty Excellence Program
Funding available for new faculty

Funding is available for departments to hire new faculty members whose teaching, research and continuing education focus on international affairs, beginning in 2002 or beyond.

Guidelines may be found at www.ips.uiuc.edu/cilp/facec.html. Proposals should be sent to:

Earl D. Kellogg, associate provost for international affairs, 303 ISB, MC-480 Application deadline is Nov. 12, with decisions to be announced about Dec. 7.
**Time to tow...**

The Asian American Studies house makes its way down Nevada street toward its new site at 1208 W. Nevada, formerly lot D-13. The house is making room for the new Child Development Lab Annex, which will encompass 1002 and 1003 W. Nevada. The School of Music annex building at 1005 W. Nevada will be torn down and staff relocated to 909 W. Oregon.

Workers from Peter’s House Movers of Farmer City, Ill., moved the house. “We didn’t have any other place to move the Asian American Studies program,” said Steve Hesselschwerdt, assistant director in the Office of Project Planning and Facility Management. “So it was actually cheaper to move that building than to build a new one. Not to mention, it’s a very nice old house with stained glass.”

The house will undergo some renovation associated with the move and an annex will be added to the back of the house to replace the space lost from not having a basement at the new site. If all goes as planned the house should be ready for staff members to move back in by early fall, Hesselhovret said.

According to Sharon Lee, staff associate for Asian American Studies, 10 to 12 people regularly use the program hosts monthly events on site.

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**Music**

**Saturday**

Summer Jazz Concert, 8 p.m. Coblell Playhouse, Kramerner Center. Members of the UI School of Music and Illinois Summer Youth Music, along with community jazz musicians, present a showcase of big band and combo jazz. Admission charge. School of Music.

**Friday**

Doctor of Musical Arts Project Recital. Timothy Schmidt, bass-baritone. 8 p.m. Recital Hall, Smith Hall.

**Saturday**

Illinois Summer Youth Music: Jazz Camp. Thomas Winiec, Jeff Lindberg, Sam Hankins and the Beckman Institute. 11 a.m. Coblell Playhouse, Kramerner Center. The annual School of Music summer camp programs conclude with the Jazz Camp. School of Music.

Illinois Summer Youth Music: Junior Camp. Joel Fingerl Gear Hall, Kramerner Center, 11 a.m. Junior Choir, Joe Grant, conductor, 1:15 p.m. Senior and Junior Trombone Camps, Elliot Chasanov, headmaster; 4 p.m. Junior Concert. Band, Richard Stoddard, conductor, 5:15 p.m. Junior Symphonic band, James Wei, conductor. School of Music.

Doctor of Musical Arts Recital. Joy Eisehercher, flute. 7 p.m. Memorial Room, Smith Hall.

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**Films**

**Wednesday**

French Flicks: “Mon Oncle.” 7 p.m. 62 Krannert Center. Duncan Johnson, director. 8 p.m. Studio Theater, Krannert Center. A R. Jenkins, director. 8 p.m. Studio Theater, Krannert Center. By A.R. Gurney. Admission charge.

**Thursday**

Aubrey Berg, director. 8 p.m. Studio Theater, Kramerner Center. Admission charge.

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**Public comments**

The board heard from several speakers during its public comment time. Among them was Mavee Reda, a WLL, staff member and president of the Child Care Task Force for the campus chapter of the Association of Academic Professionals.

Realistically outlined the??concerns of faculty and staff members concerning the availability and cost of child care. Though recognizing some positive steps by the university in dealing with the issue, she noted that state law concerning the UI has been interpreted by administrators as blocking any prospect for subsidizing on-site child care. She urged that the board ask counsel to draft an amendment to state legislation that would change that.

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**Other business**

The board approved the appointment of Professor Paul W. Bohn, currently professor of chemistry, School of Chemical Sciences, to the position of the Beckman Institute for Advanced Science and Technology and a search professor in the Microelectronics Laboratory in the College of Engineering, as interim vice chancellor for research until the position is filled on a permanent basis. Bohn succeeds Tony G. Waldrop who resigned. Bohn’s appointment is effective Aug. 21.

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For more information, visit the Web page, call 333-8747 or e-mail campusrec@uiuc.edu. Campus Recreation.