Grad Student protest Members of the Graduate Employees Organization (GEO) and supporters picket on the UI Quad during a two-day work stoppage Nov. 28 and 29 organized to demand collective bargaining rights. Between 180 to 240 classes scheduled to meet in Davenport Hall, the English Building, the Foreign Languages Building, Gregory Hall and Lincoln Hall (3 to 4 percent of scheduled classes) were canceled by the instructors in connection with the protests, according to a departmental survey by the provost’s office.

By Sharita Forrest Assistant Editor

Task force lobbies for expanded on-campus child-care services

By Sharita Forrest Assistant Editor

H aving her only child when she was a teen-ager was the smartest career move she ever made, according to Abigail Salyers, professor of microbiology. If Salyers hadn’t become a mother as a teen-ager, she said she probably wouldn’t have borne children at all, given the tremendous demands of advanced study and a career in the sciences. Although Salyers’ 40-year-old child is now closer to retirement age than the Terrible Twos, Salyers understands the pressures and problems faced by parents of young children. That’s why Salyers joined about 70 faculty and staff members from the Urbana-Champaign campus in lobbying the UI Board of Trustees for expanded on-site child-care services at its Nov. 14 meeting in Urbana.

Approximately 15 babies and toddlers accompanied their parents to the meeting in the Illini Union’s Pine Lounge as part of the “Babies on Parade” demonstration sponsored by the Child Care Task Force. Ellie Carpenter, 2 1/2, and Aidan Reilly, 4, helped Maeve Reilly, chair of the task force, present a poster-sized card to President James J. Stukel and board members. The card bore photos of several employees’ children and the appeal “Our mommies and daddies are better students and workers when they know we’re well cared for.”

A few blocks away, work continued on a $5.2 million expansion of the campus’s child-care facility, the Child Development Laboratory Preschool (CDL), 1105 W. Nevada, Urbana. Provost Richard Herman initiated planning for the expansion in fall 1999, and the project was approved by the board of trustees in January 2000.

The expansion project will double CDL’s capacity from 96 to 192 children when the addition opens in January 2003. CDL will then be serving a wider age range, offering care for infants as young as 6 weeks and children through age 4. CDL currently serves 2-, 3- and 4-year-olds, 56 of them in half-day preschool placements and 40 in full-day child-care placements. All of the new slots will be full-day placements.

“Now that word is starting to trickle out that the building is starting to get close to being finished – even though we’re still about 13 months away from opening the doors – we’re getting people wanting to submit applications for it,” said Brent McBride, CDL director. “Nor.

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Babies on Parade Members of the Child Care Task Force and its supporters brought their children to the November board of trustees meeting to demonstrate the need for reliable on-campus child care. Maeve Reilly (center) and her son Aidan, with poster, wait for her turn to address members of the board during the public comment session.

Campus Rec student referendum passes

By Sharita Forrest Assistant Editor

A proposed student fee increase to support expansion of campus recreation facilities was overwhelmingly passed in a student referendum on the Urbana campus Nov. 12 and 13. Approximately 74 percent of the 5,459 total votes cast favored increasing the general fee by up to $77 per semester to support renovation and expansion of the Intramural-Physical Education (IMPE) and Campus Recreation Center East (CRCE) facilities. A 51 percent affirmative vote was needed for the referendum to pass. Urbana students cast their votes online through the university’s Web page.

Staff members were pleased with the voter turnout and said it was a strong indication that students support the expansion project, according to Tony Clements, Campus

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Weather patterns

UI scientists have proposed a mechanism to explain the behavior of specific weather patterns. If correct, the idea could be included in models to predict the weather. PAGE 5

Scholars

Six Urbana faculty members are honored as University Scholars. PAGE 6
Inside Illinois

By Sharita Forrest
Assistant Editor

The future of the Post-Genomics Institute, Bohn said.

The strategic plan also includes development of a top-quality bioengineering program at Urbana and interdisciplinary and collaborative biotechnology research among Chicago and Urbana-Champaign faculty members.

Entrepreneurial education programs also are a priority at all three campuses—capitalizing upon technology commercialization and economic development that is under way, Gardner told the board.

Gardner told the group that significant progress toward the goals has been made, including establishing full funding for Urbana’s $20 million Stubble Center and Springfield’s $30 million classroom/office building. In addition, the new tuition increase is expected to generate $64 million at Chicago and Urbana. Gardner said.

UIC’s Vice Chancellor Charles Rice, SEE TRUSTEES, PAGE 10

The board also approved a $1.8 million contract with Turner Construction Co., Chicago, to build a $3.13 million class-

room/office building on the Springfield campus. Funds for the contract will come from Fiscal Year 2001 state appropriations to the Capital Development Board and from the FY2002 state-appropriated operating budget of the Springfield campus.

Other proposals approved by the trustees include:

- A 10-year lease contract with the Art Institute of Chicago for 11,100 square feet of office space for the Office of Publications. UIC anticipates making approximately $100,000 in improvements to the space, with funds coming from the Office of Publications’ institutional funds operating budget.

- A resolution excluding certain trustees or officers at Urbana from Department of Defense personnel security clearance requirements for research facilities. The National Center for Supercomputing Applications is the only department requiring such clearance, and the resolution designated Michael C. Rudzinski, associate director for finance and administration at NCSA, as the university’s security clearance officer. The Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research will provide administrative oversight for the security clearance process.

- Approximately $4.9 million in purchases for the Chicago and Urbana-Champaign campuses, including an $800,000 bid by Henry Schein Inc. of Melville, N.Y., to continue showroom management and operation services for the College of Dentistry at the Chicago campus, $1.6 million for data communications routers and networking hardware and software to upgrade the Chicago campus’ computer system as part of the UI-Integrate project, and the purchase of three 2001 Piper aircraft for the Institute of Aviation at a cost of $824,926.

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On the job Julian Parrott

Julian Parrott started his career with the UI as a graduate assistant adviser in the General Curriculum Center in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences 10 years ago. He is now the director of the center and assistant dean of the college. A native of Wales, Parrott earned his bachelor’s degree in American studies at the University of Manchester, England, and his master’s degree in history from Western Illinois University.

What do you do in the General Curriculum Center? We sort of serve as the college office for students who were admitted to the university as undecided, undeclared students. We see a lot of pre-professionals. We also see students who are in transition. They realize now that they want to get into a college or a certain major but now have to meet the transfer barriers to get into those colleges.

I manage the advisers and supervise the advisers. Conduct training. I also do a lot of program planning. I also still see students. I think it’s important for a director of an advising center to still maintain an advising load and keep that connection and contact to the students and with changing policies and procedures across campus.

What is the most challenging part of what you’re doing now? Trying to help students try and reconcile their abilities and interests. A lot of the students come in, and I’d say almost the majority of them want to define themselves with a specific major. We often call them ‘ima’s.’ ‘I’m a pre-med,’ or ‘I’m a pre-law.’

For a lot of students they’re looking at more of a socially defined idea of what you should be to be a success rather perhaps than looking internally at their abilities, their interests and their values.

You said you had majored in American studies. Has the experience of living over here been what you had thought it would be? Oh, absolutely not at all. I came here without giving much thought to what I was doing. I didn’t even think about emigrating at the time. I came for the noblest of reasons, I guess, which is love. I met my future wife at a Super Bowl party.

What kinds of things do you like to do in your spare time? I do quite a bit of woodworking. For some reason, I love making bookshelves. My whole family reads a lot, so we always buy books. There’s always another reason to go off and build another bookshelf.

Are there any particular types of areas that you like to read about? No, pretty eclectic tastes. I read a lot of history books. I like detective fiction, historical fiction, travel books.

My specialization was pre-WWII, American diplomatic relations. So I am still very, very fascinated with that era. But for the last couple of years I’ve sort of developed an interest in Britain at the time of Waterloo, the Napoleonic Wars.

I love Bill Bryson. I like to read travel authors who’ve done travels similar to I

I understand that you have a car that attracts a lot of attention. Yes, I do. If it were a little red sports car I think people would say it’s a midlife crisis. It’s a little green 1974 Austin Mini Cooper. I had grown up driving Minis at home, and it’s one of my favorite cars, so I looked for about a year on the Internet and found one in Florida and had it shipped up.

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It’s the enzyme involved in this method may well serve as a therapeutic target in normal cells.

Original data documenting TRAP’s use in human cancer detection were published in 1994, with 90 of 101 human malignant tumors and none of 50 benign human tissues showing telomerase activity. A later review of all pre-1996 studies concluded that most malignant tumors were telomerase positive.

UI veterinarians since 1997 have been using TRAP on both dogs and cats to successfully differentiate between malignant and inflammatory conditions, Kitchell said.

Their most recently published study, on cats, in the American Journal of Veterinary Research (October), documented that telomerase activity was present in 29 of 31 malignant and just one of 22 benign samples examined over two years. Not finding its activity in the two malignant tumors likely was the result of errors in tissue processing, Kitchell said.

“Tumor detection Oncologist Barbara E. Kitchell, a professor of veterinary clinical medicine at the UI College of Veterinary Medicine, and other UI researchers have been successfully using a technique developed to look for cancer-associated enzyme activity in humans to detect malignant tumors in cats and dogs.
Three UI faculty members receive Fulbright Scholar grants

By Keshia Green

News Bureau Staff Writer

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Stratospheric polar vortex influences winter cold, researchers say

Weather forecasting
Walter Robinson, a UI professor of atmospheric sciences, will present his proposed dynamical mechanism that explains certain atmospheric behaviors at the American Geophysical Union Meeting this month.

“HFACS enables investigators to uncover the specific types of human causal factors behind accidents.”
– Douglas A. Wiegmann

“Recent observations have suggested that the strength of the stratospheric polar vortex influences circulation in the troposphere,” said Walter Robinson, a UI professor of atmospheric sciences. “We believe there is a weak forcing in the stratosphere, directed downward, that is ‘pinging’ the lower atmosphere, stimulating modes of variability that are already there.”

The polar vortex is a wintertime feature of the stratosphere. Consisting of winds spinning counterclockwise above the pole, the vortex varies in strength on long time scales because of interactions with planetary waves – global-scale disturbances that rise from the troposphere. “The polar vortex acts like a big flywheel,” Robinson said. “When it weakens, it tends to stay weakened for a while.”

Other researchers have noted a statistical correlation between periods when the polar vortex is weak and outbreaks of severe cold in many Northern Hemisphere cities.

“When the vortex is strong, the westerlies descend all the way to Earth’s surface,” Robinson said. “This carries more air warmed by the ocean onto the land. When the vortex is weak, that’s when the really deep cold occurs. The correlation could prove useful for weather forecasting.”

To explain this behavior of the atmosphere, Robinson and postdoctoral research associate Yucheng Song proposed a dynamical mechanism in which stratospheric forcing goes through the mechanism of “downward control,” weakly forces the Arctic oscillation – a mode of variability in sea-level pressure. This forcing is then reinforced in the troposphere by interactions with transient eddies in the lower atmosphere, creating a substantial amplification of the signal.

“The polar vortex does not create new modes of variability in the troposphere,” Robinson said. “It stimulates pre-existing modes that are fundamental to the dynamics of the lower atmosphere.”

Robinson and Song demonstrated the mechanism in a simple global climate model of the atmosphere. By applying a torque to the stratosphere, the researchers could study the effects upon additional modes of variability in the troposphere.

Atmospheric scientists use big numerical models both to forecast the weather and to better understand the climate system. Because of computational cost and complexity, current models include only a sketchy representation of stratospheric dynamics. To improve simulations of the lower atmosphere, Robinson said, it is possible that the models must also capture the variability of the polar vortex.

Robinson will discuss the latest model results at the American Geophysical Union meeting in San Francisco, Dec. 10-14. The National Science Foundation funded the work.

Greenough appointed CAS director

By Sharita Forrest
Assistant Editor

William T. Greenough has been appointed director of the UI’s Center for Advanced Study. A professor of psychology, of bioengineering and of cell and structural biology, Greenough has focused upon the protein FMRP and its deficiency as a causal factor in fragile X mental retardation.

Greenough has achieved numerous awards and distinctions during his career, including appointment as the Swann Endowed Chair in Psychology in 1998. A member of the National Academy of Sciences, Greenough also is a fellow of the American Psychological Association’s Distinguished Scientific Contribution award, the Fragile X Foundation William Rosen Award for Outstanding Research and the Oakley-Kunde Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Education.

Greenough earned his bachelor’s degree at the University of Oregon in 1964. He received his master’s and doctoral degrees from the University of California at Los Angeles in 1966 and 1969, respectively.

Greenough joined the UI faculty in 1968. His appointment as director of the Center for Advanced Study took effect Nov. 16.
University Scholars

Six of campus’s most talented faculty honored as ‘Scholars’

Six faculty members at the UI’s Urbana-Champaign campus have been chosen to be the 2001-2002 University Scholars. The program recognizes excellence while helping to identify and retain the university’s most talented teachers, scholars and researchers.

Now in its 17th 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 Chicago 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, vice president for academic affairs for the university. “In honoring these outstanding members of the faculty, we recognize at the same time the highest values of the university.”

Since the program began in 1985, 378 scholars have been named and about $3.6 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. The Chancellor’s Dinner for Academic Excellence honored the scholars Nov. 26 at the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts in Urbana.

Douglas H. Beck, physics

An experimental medium-energy (nuclear) physicist, Beck has focused much of his research on the measurement of the parity-violating asymmetry in the scattering of longitudinally polarized electrons from the proton to elucidate the role strange quarks play in the structure of the nucleon.

Beck’s work is internationally recognized as among the most important in medium-energy physics. He also has devoted a great deal of time and attention to course development, most recently in Physics 113/114, and sought and received early funding for the Saturday Physics Honors Program, now in its eighth year. The program, a series of lectures on modern aspects of the physical sciences, is held on alternate Saturdays during the fall semester.

Deborah E. Leckband, chemical engineering

Leckband is a leader in the ever-expanding field of biomolecular engineering. Her research focuses on understanding the biology-material interface and exploiting that knowledge to engineer desired biomolecular and cellular behavior. She is an international leader both in biological force measurements and in the highly interdisciplinary area of “bio-interface science.” Her studies of surface-grafted polyethylene oxide were the first to challenge the widely held view that the unusual biocompatibility of this medically important polymer is due to its ability to repel proteins and cells in the body. Leckband also has been active in developing new courses of particular interest to the bioengineering community and has a high number of undergraduates carry out senior thesis research in her laboratory.

Jennifer A. Lewis, materials science and engineering

Lewis is internationally recognized for her understanding of colloidal assembly of complex fluids comprising inorganic and organic species. Such systems are important precursors for applications ranging from advanced ceramics to photonic band gap materials to scaffolds for biological implants. She is an associate editor of the Journal of the American Ceramic Society, the leading scholarly publication in her field, and was invited by the journal to contribute a review on “Colloidal Processing of Ceramics” that appeared as a cover article. Her teaching is consistently ranked as among the best in the department. She also serves as faculty adviser to the Student Branch of the American Ceramic Society.
Antoinette Burton, history

In the 10 years since she received her doctorate, Burton has written two published monographs, edited several collections of work and written numerous articles and reviews. The first monograph, “Burden of History: British Feminists, Indian Women and Imperial Culture, 1865-1915,” reveals the deep involvement of British feminists in Imperial reform in the test case of India. Her second monograph examines the lives of three Indians in England and shows how their ideas and social reform projects were pieced together from European and non-European contexts. She also has developed innovative courses and is considered an exemplary teacher both by her colleagues and her students.

Paul A. Garber, anthropology

Garber’s findings repeatedly have called into question, and at times overturned, longstanding hypotheses about New World monkeys. At stake in his groundbreaking work are major questions in evolutionary biology and biological anthropology: questions about primate morphology and behavior with important consequences for the study of human evolution. He is a co-founder and director of La Suerte and Ometepe biological field stations in Costa Rica and Nicaragua, respectively. The stations were the first to conduct successful primate field courses, offerings that are still the most respected, popular courses of their kind in the world. At the UI, he has established the anthropology department as a national leader in human evolutionary studies.

Zhi-Pei Liang, electrical and computer engineering

Liang has made major contributions to the development and implementation of state-of-the-art algorithms for creating images from a collection of measurements of physical properties of objects, such as used in magnetic resonance imaging. One of the goals of his work is to improve the resolution of the image using fewer individual measurements, thereby increasing the speed of the measurements and reducing the risk to a patient. Liang is generally acknowledged as being an excellent teacher and has developed three new senior or graduate-level courses. Additionally, he has made outstanding contributions to course and curriculum development in his department.
Sexual orientation and gender identity
Ally meeting to be Dec. 7

The Ally Network December meeting will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. Dec. 7 in Room 406 of the Illini Union. There will be a break at 12:55 p.m. for those who need to leave early. Anita Hend will lead a discussion on advocacy involving sexual orientation and gender identity. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Concerns Office at 244-8631.

Christmas concert
UI German Choir to perform Dec. 9

The UI German Choir, under the direction of Fred Lawrence, will perform its annual Christmas concert at 3 p.m. Dec. 9 at the Chapel of St. John the Divine. 1101 S. Wright St., Champaign. The concert is free and open to the public. The concert is co-sponsored by the Spurlock Museum.

Division of Operation and Maintenance
Carpool to stop daily shuttle services

The daily shuttle carpool service between the three UI campuses is now available through reservation only. The daily shuttle service will end for the fall semester on Dec. 7.

For more information, visit the Web at www.oandm.uiuc.edu/gcp/carpool/shuttle.htm or e-mail Katherine D. Pfeifer at kdressel@uiuc.edu.

Office of Academic Human Resources
Vacation/sick leave balances

Vacation/sick leave balances for faculty members and academic professionals, as of Aug. 20, appeared on the Nov. 21, and will appear on the Dec. 21, earnings statements. Any questions regarding the balances should be directed to the employee’s home department or unit.

Faculty/Staff
IUB discounts offered Dec. 6

Faculty and staff members are invited to bring their I-cards to the Illini Union Bookstore from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Dec. 6 to receive a 25 percent discount on nearly everything in the store. There will be free gift wrapping and free UPS shipping in the continental United States of in-store purchases, in addition to giveaways, cookies and candy, and madrigal music from 5 to 6 p.m. Dec. 6.

Before leaving for the holidays
O&M offers holiday shutdown tips

UI’s Division of Operation and Maintenance is requesting that faculty and staff members follow these shutdown tips in preparation for the holiday season. If these guidelines are followed, the potential for damage to facilities from severe weather will be greatly reduced.

1. Close and lock all windows and doors, and close blinds and curtains.
2. Turn off all unnecessary laboratory services, including gas, air, vacuum and water.
3. Turn off fume hood fans that are not needed. Consider consolidating chemical storage in fewer hoods.
4. Leave all radiator valves turned on to ensure adequate heating and to avoid freeze damage.

O&M personnel will check all areas Dec. 21 for obvious problems such as open windows. These personnel cannot alter operations of fume hoods or lab services because they must presume the use is intentional.

Ten years of data available
Campus profile on the Web

The new version of the UI campus profile is now available on the Web at www.dmi.uiuc.edu/cp/.

The campus profile is a compilation of indicators that include staffing, budget, expenditures, space, students, degrees, courses, section sizes and ICES scores for every department and administrative unit at the UI, with totals at the school, college, vice chancellor and campus levels.

Ten years of data are displayed for most items. Users can view a standard set of items for one unit or can select the units and items wanted to create a “customized” report. The output can be viewed with a browser or downloaded into Excel.

This year’s profile shows that faculty numbers increased for the first time in almost 20 years, led by a 16.5 percent increase in the number of assistant professors. The number of students on campus reached a record high, with 37,684 students enrolled as of the 100th day of class. Instructional units (credit hours) also hit an all-time high, with off-campus courses again showing the largest percentage increase. At the same time, the percent of courses taught by graduate assistants continued to drop.

For more information or assistance in using the data, call Carol Livingstone, associate provost and director, Division of Management Information, at 333-3551 or e-mail her at livingson@uiuc.edu.

Faculty Award for International Achievement
Deadline for nominations is Feb. 4

The UI has established the Distinguished Faculty Award for International Achievement to recognize faculty members who have distinguished themselves in teaching, research and public service in the international dimension of their discipline or subject matter. The annual award is presented in the fall.

To nominate qualified colleagues, submit a nomination by Feb. 4 to Associate Provost Earl D. Kellogg, 303 International Studies Building, MC-480.

For further information, visit www.ips.uiuc.edu/dfa/index.html, where the full details of this program, including eligibility, nomination process, selection committee and process and criteria for selection, can be found.

The first recipient of this award was Marianna Tax Choldin, Mortenson Professor for International Library Programs. Choldin is a leading scholar in Russian and Slavic studies and international librarianship and has received the Pushkin Gold Medal Award from the government of Russia.

University YMCA
Communiversity needs instructors

Communiversity, a program of non-graded, non-credit classes offered through the University YMCA to the general public, is seeking people interested in designing and teaching courses.

The instructors can choose a subject that highlights their knowledge and experience and can 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 self-improvement. Instructors are paid for teaching.

Instructor applications for the spring 2002 Communiversity are due by Dec. 10.

For more information or an application, stop by the University YMCA, or visit www.universityymca.org/communiversity.

Child Development Laboratory
Applications now being accepted

The UI Child Development Laboratory is accepting applications for the 2001-02 school year. Half-day preschool classes for 2-, 3- and 4-year-olds meet Tuesday through Friday for three hours a day during the regular academic year. Full-day child-care classes for 3- and 4-year-olds are in session Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. year-round.

Applications for the Expanded Child Development Laboratory also are being accepted. This new facility will provide full-day child-care services year-round for infants (six-weeks or older), toddlers and 2- and 3-year-olds. That facility is expected to be open January 2003.

For more information, to obtain an application or to schedule a classroom visit, call Debbie Trott at 344-8063, or visit the Web at www.cdl.uiuc.edu.

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Spring rac membership for sale

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University YMCA

Spring rac memberships for sale

Campus Recreation spring memberships go on sale Dec. 8 and are valid through June 9. New features include precision cycling (group cycling classes), an intramural racquetball league, a new personal training studio, family fun night events and more. The cost is $86 for faculty and staff members and their spouses/partners. Visit Member Services in 140 IMPE to purchase or renew your membership. More information and a membership form are available on the Web at www.campusrec.uiuc.edu.

University Dining Services

Holiday dinner buffets Dec. 6-8

University Dining Services is serving its holiday dinner buffets from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Dec. 6 in the Colonial Room of the Illini Union.

The price of the buffet is $18.95 for adults, $10 for children ages 4-11, and children age 3 and younger are free.

All menus include salad bar, bread and rolls, dessert and beverages, in addition to the main course.

On Dec. 6, the menu includes carved country roast ham with cranberryglaze, herb-roasted chicken, butternut squash puree and winter vegetables. On Dec. 7, the buffet includes carved smoked turkey with giblet gravy, grilled salmon with fresh dill, marinated onion and wild rice roulade cakes, and broccoli rabe with lemon and garlic. On Dec. 8, diners will feast on carved prime rib with roasted wild mushrooms in red wine sauce, orange roughy with artichoke lemon sauce, glazed sugar snip peas and oven-roasted potatoes.

For reservations, call 333-0980.
Holiday work schedule

Dec. 24: One-half day designated holiday (a.m.)
Dec. 25: Christmas Day
Dec. 26: One-half day designated (a.m.)
Jan. 1: New Year’s Day
Jan. 21: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
December 26 (p.m.), 27, 28 and 31 are work days.

 trough 2004, $4,000 in 2000 through 2007, for IRAs is $2,000. The new tax law includes a 10 percent, 20 percent, or 50 percent on up to $2,000 in pre-tax or voluntary contributions. Employees who wish to participate in both the 403(b) and 457(b) plans are no longer coordinated as the 403(b) plan, along with the age 50 and additional tax-deferred savings through the State of Illinois Deferred Compensation Plan.

Employees interested in enrolling or changing their contribution amount, in either the UI’s 403(b) Plan or the State’s 457 Plan, may contact the Human Resources Services Center at (866) 669-4772 or the Benefits Center at 333-3111, stop by the campus Benefits Center, or attend an overview session.

There will be a one-hour EGTRRA overview session on the Urbana campus at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Dec. 10 in Room 406 of the Illini Union. Seating is limited. Those interested in attending may register online at https://necessi.uiui.edu/cf/benefits/seminars/.

For further information, contact the campus Benefits Center.
New initiative to foster high school students' knowledge of other nations

By Melissa Mitchell
News Bureau Staff Writer

The goal of this program is to better prepare tomorrow’s leaders and business leaders for a world that is more and more culturally diverse," Ryan said in a recent news release.

UI Chancellor Nancy Cantor said the program will be "one way in which our university engages with the greater Illinois and nation, and will be leaders as well as council people. It’s just as important to understand this complex world and the future for our state, nation and the world."

IPS program director Madeleine Jaehne, a member of Ryan’s task force that developed the IPS initiative, said the program’s goals include improving teaching and learning at Illinois high schools, regardless of enrollment figures or on-site course availability. The initiative is unique in that it will affect not only one or two schools, and is in effect Band-Aid solutions," Jaehne said. "This program will provide a base standard upon which schools can then build. And, she said, "it is not elitist – the program and the governor’s vision is to enable every future citizen and every high school, no matter its resources, the opportunity to participate in the program."

Through the IPS program, schools will be able to identify and strengthen existing courses with content that focuses on international and multicultural cultures. Students in these schools lacking foreign-language courses will be able to plug into such programs online through the Illinois Virtual High School and the Illinois Virtual Campus.

Another component of the program is the International Career Academy, a global summer immersion experience. A subset of students selected in the first year of the program will be selected to participate in the academy.

The program is very unusual – or perhaps, unique – among the states in the U.S. therefore Illinois is a leader in all of this," said Kellogg, UI assistant chancellor of international affairs, IPS director and interim director of the IPS initiative. The UI was chosen to administer the grant, he said, because "we have the largest, strongest international program in the state of Illinois and the largest number of academic units that have materials that can contribute to the development of the curriculum, as well as much experience in assisting people studying abroad."

The program’s benefits ultimately will be visible in more ways than one, according to Kellogg. "Those of us in higher education think about preparing students to consume their education in institutions of higher education, and those who participate in the program will be better prepared in languages, better prepared to study abroad and to study international issues. But there are many high school students who don’t think about college; they, too, need to become more aware of what’s going on in the world because they are important citizens of our state and nation, and will be leaders as well as council people. It’s just as important to understand this complex world and the issues involved."

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talked about the disharmony among logos and abbreviations and used to identify the UI Hospital and Clinics.

"If consistency is the hobgoblin of small minds, we cannot be accused of having small minds," Rice told his audience, referring to visuals of university signage displaying varying logos and abbreviations.

Issues of identity also were discussed as public affairs staff members from each of the three campuses reported to the board on image-building and public relations activities under way at their campuses. Mark Rosati, UIUC associate chancellor of public affairs, said that UIUC’s initiatives include a communications audit to assess and address any problems with UIUC’s public image, heightening visibility of the Great Cities commitment and a full-scale redesign of the Chicago Web site.

Bill Murphy, associate chancellor of public affairs at Urbana, said that the goals for the Urbana-Champaign campus include increasing coverage in national news media, increasing the institutional focus of coverage in accordance with Cantor’s initiatives and promoting the university's global institute, in an initiative being launched in 2002.

In response to a question raised by trustee Glenn Gisondi, Lex Tate, interim executive director of university public affairs, said that the advertising is intended to bring awareness to the university’s reputation not just among alumni, the news media, prospective students, business and community leaders and the public, but also to feature prominent alumni.
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Entries for the calendar should be sent 15 days before the desired publication date to Inside Illinois Calendar, News Bureau, 607 S. Wright St., Suite 520 East, Champaign, MC-314, or to insideliui@uiuc.edu. More information is available from Marty Yeakel at 333-1085. The online UIUC Events Calendar is at www.uiuc.edu/uicalendar/cal.html.

Lectures

Dec. 6 Thursday

“The Language of Kaspar Hauser.” Mark Leunis. University of Wisconsin. 7:30 p.m. Lucy Ellis Lounge. 1010 Foreign Languages Building. Germanic Languages and Literatures.

Dec. 9 Sunday

Colloquia

Dec. 7 Friday

Dec. 14 Friday

Dec. 12 Wednesday
“Pygmalion,” this musical comedy tells of the transformation of scrawny flower girl Eliza Doolittle into a regal lady, thanks to Professor Higgins and Colonel Pickering. Admission charge. WestVegas Broadway Series.

Music

Dec. 6 Thursday
Discovery Class in Recital. 3 p.m. Recital Hall, Smith. Students of Frances Crawford.

Symphonic Band II and UI Concert Band I. Peter Griffin and Kenneth Steinsultz, conductors. 8 p.m. Foellinger Great Hall, Krannert Center. A program of traditional as well as contemporary band music. Admission charge. School of Music.

Jan. 13 Sunday
Second Sunday Concert. 3 p.m. Recital Hall, Smith. Students of Frances Crawford.

Music Education Senior Recital. James Colombo, horn. 8 p.m. Music Building auditorium.

Studio Recital. 8 p.m. Chapel of St. John the Divine Episcopal, 1011 S. Wright St., Champaign. Organ students of Dana Robinson.

Jan. 19 Saturday
Champaign-Urbana Symphony Orchestra. “From Symphonies to the Summit.” Steven Larson, music director and conductor. 8 p.m. Foellinger Great Hall, Krannert Center. With Lori Sims, piano, who will play Rachmaninoff’s Piano Concerto No. 3. Symphony of Felix Mendelssohn and Andrezej Panufnik also will be performed. Admission charge. School of Music.

Dance

Jan. 15 Tuesday
Grigorovich Ballet Company: “Swan Lake.” Yuri Grigorovich, artistic director. 8 p.m. Tryon Festival Theater, Krannert Center. The Queen of the Swans, who only becomes a beautiful woman between death and dawn, falls in love with a worldly prince.

Jan. 16 Wednesday
Grigorovich Ballet Company: “Spartacus.” Yuri Grigorovich, artistic director. 8 p.m. Tryon Festival Theater, Krannert Center. Based on events in Roman history, this is the story of an uprising of gladiators and slaves under the leadership of a young Thracian named Spartacus, and their defeat by troops of the corrupt Roman commander Crassus.

Admission charge. School of Music.

The art of classical dance

Yuri Grigorovich is a legendary Russian choreographer whose talent now exudes the young company he directs. It was during his 30-year tenure as artistic director of the Bolshoi Ballet that Grigorovich created two of his signature works that will come to life on the stage of the Tryon Festival Theater at Krannert Center for the Performing Arts in January. “Spartacus” (1963) is based on events in Roman history of the first century and will be performed to music of Tchaikovsky at 8 p.m. Jan. 15 and 16.

“Raymonda” (1984) is based on a medieval legend of a woman long tricked into remaining a spinster for the love of a virtuous wanderer. It will be performed to music of Glazunov at 8 p.m. Jan. 17.

Admission charge.

Films

Dec. 7 Friday
“The Fall of the Hotel.” Noon. 407 Blue Oven. The international Hotel was demolished in 1977. More than 20 years later the site of Manilatown and home to more than 10,000 people remains vacant. Asian American Studies.

Sports

Dec. 6 Thursday
Women’s Basketball. UI vs. Illinois State University. 7 p.m. Assembly Hall. Admission charge.

Jan. 16 Wednesday
Football Recital. Jan Hoison, piano. 8 p.m. Foellinger Great Hall, Krannert Center. Broadcast live on sponsoring station WILL-FM (90.9).

Jan. 19 Saturday
Champaign-Urbana Symphony Orchestra. “From Symphonies to the Summit.” Steven Larson, music director. 3 p.m. Chapel of St. John the Divine, 1011 S. Wright St., Champaign. Organ Museum.

Jan. 23 Sunday
Second Sunday Concert. Peter Schaffer, violin. 2 p.m. Krannert Art Museum. Broadcast live on sponsoring station WILL-FM (90.9).

Jan. 15 Tuesday
Faculty Recital. Jan Hoison, piano. 8 p.m. Foellinger Great Hall, Krannert Center. The Complete Solo Piano Music of Frederic Chopin, consisting of eight. Admission charge. School of Music.

Jan. 17 Thursday
Grigorovich Ballet Company: “Raymonda.” Yuri Grigorovich, artistic director. 8 p.m. Tryon Festival Theater, Krannert Center. In this modern legend, Raymonda finds the virtuous Jean de Brienne struggling against the wicked Saracen commander Crassus. Admission charge.

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Nets

Dec. 7 Friday
“Real People.” Noon. 407 Blue Oven. The international Hotel was demolished in 1977. More than 20 years later the site of Manilatown and home to more than 10,000 people remains vacant. Asian American Studies.

Dec. 6 Thursday
Women’s Basketball. 7 p.m. Assembly Hall. Admission charge.
By Melissa Mitchell
News Bureau Staff Writer

Round and round and round it goes. When the wheel stops, all James Kovatch knows is that the two pounds of clay he’s been working to ultimately take shape as somebody’s one-of-a-kind chili bowl.

Kovatch, a senior majoring in ceramics, and classmates in Ron Kovatch’s advanced ceramics class actually threw, trimmed, glazed and fired somewhere in the neighborhood of 150 such bowls this semester as part of an assignment that emphasized both skill-building and community service.

The cream of the crop – 50 bowls in all, some made by the students, some by Kovatch – have been wrapped and packed, and are awaiting shipment to the McLean County Arts Center in Bloomington, where they will be sold and filled with chili at the center’s “Empty Bowls” fund-raiser on Jan. 18.

Kovatch said the fund-raiser – the first of its kind for the Bloomington art center – is being held to raise money for McLean County organizations that fight hunger. The concept is not new, however. Similar events have been held throughout the country for several years, with information and support provided by the Imagine/Render Group, a national nonprofit organization that describes itself as being “dedicated to positive and lasting social change through the arts, education and projects that build community.”

The bowls donated by Kovatch and his students will be combined with similar ves-sels contributed by five Bloomington-area ceramics instructors and their students.

The chili supper will take place at 6 p.m. in the McLean Arts Center’s Brandt Gal- lery, 601 N. East St., Bloomington. Admis-sions are $15 and includes chili, cornbread, beverages, dessert, and of course, a hand-made, ceramic chili bowl. Attendance will be limited to 200.

Tickets go on sale Dec. 14 at the opening reception for an exhibition of ceramic bowls by professional artists, at the arts center’s Armstrong Gallery. Exhibiting artists in- clude Kovatch and other instructors con- tributing to the “Empty Bowls” fund-raiser, as well as other area ceramic artists. That exhibition will be on view through Jan. 26. Kovatch said various participants had pro- pounded the idea in the past about becoming involved in such fund-raisers, but the timing always had been off. This time around, when the arts center’s head curator, Alison Hatchet, tossed the idea out to him after he exhibited a new body of work there last December, Kovatch hit “the seed had been planted before,” he said, adding that Hatchet’s offer came with plenty of lead time to prepare.

“I could’ve made the bowls myself and been done with it,” Kovatch said. “But I decided to make it a student project for two reasons. One, it’s a great way to learn. Throwing pottery on a wheel, you accumulate late skills and confidence with practice. It’s a great assignment because bowls are one of the first throwing assignments.”

Kovatch also thought the exercise would give his students a preview of what they can expect to encounter once they become established artists in a community.

“Artists are always asked to donate a piece to benefit great causes and institutions. We’re really hit up a lot. So, this was a perfect project to hit my advanced students with.”

All of them responded to the assignment “like troopers,” Kovatch said, even though they aren’t all what he calls “throwers, or potters.” Some of them focus exclusively on making hand-built, sculptural works. Since the bowls had to meet a variety of functional requirements, only the throwers could actually make the bowls.

“At first, the kids who weren’t throwers were worried they wouldn’t be participating,” Kovatch said. “But in the end, it was very communal.” The non-throwers enthusiastically jumped in and volunteered to do the grunt work – mixing glazes and decorative slips, and mixing and wedging large bar- rels of clay.

“When the throwers just had to sit down, reach for a ball of clay and go to work,” Kovatch said. “But dough threw 25 pots to get 10 finished pieces. But the clay ready to go allowed them the ability to focus, to get into a rhythm and get some momentum.

“The students were jazzed,” he said. “And we ended up with 50 pots that are really striking.”

More Calendar of Events

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Ceramics class makes bowls for Empty Bowls fund-raising event

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Art for non-profit

Art and design professor Ron Kovatch (left) observes James Kovatch, senior in the College of Fine and Applied Arts, as he creates a ceramic bowl similar to those students created for the Empty Bowls fund-raiser to take place in Bloomington in January to benefit McLean County organizations fighting hunger. “Artists are always asked to donate a piece to benefit great causes and institutions,” Kovatch said. “We’ve really hit up a lot. So, this was a perfect project to hit my advanced students with.”

Tuesday–Saturday

@artgallery. Online exhibit of the UI School of Art and Design. www.art.uiuc.edu/
@art.

World Heritage Museum.
Closed. Will reopen as the new Spurlock Museum of World Cultures at a new location in 2002. www.spurlock.uiuc.edu

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to follow in 3526 VMBSB.
For more information, send e-mail to becuy@uiuc.edu or call 244-1562.

December Alley Network Meeting
Noon. 408 Illini Union. Discussion on advance planning for diversity and orientation and gender identity. For more information, call 244-8863. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Concerns.

Dec. 10 Monday

Relief Reconciliation Act
Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act.

Dec. 13 Thursday

Winter Festival.
Ice Arena.
Join us for this five-day festival on ice which will extend through New Year’s Day. For more information, call 244-1562.

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