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No action was taken.
Plummer prefaced his re-
port by acknowledging that
some constituents objected to
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voiced support for keeping the
symbol.
Plummer said he
“pleaded guilty” to a lack of
complete objectivity but added that
he “could be as fair as
anyone” in his evaluation.

Plummer reported that “it is
absurdly clear that there is
no compromise available” be-
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is impossible to find a resolu-
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Long-standing mystery of Earth’s inner core may be solved

By James E. Kloeppel
News Bureau Staff Writer

New evidence from short-period earth-
quake waves may solve a long-standing
mystery of Earth’s inner core, and offers
additional support for a layered inner core
model, say seismologists at the UI.

For about a de-
cade, the cause
for anomalous
waves passing through the innermost
portion of the planet has been a
mystery. Seismic waves that traverse the
solid inner core along north-south paths
have a much smaller amplitude and a more
complex waveform than those that travel
east-west paths.

As reported in the Feb. 19 online edition
of Geophysical Research Letters and in the
Feb. 15 issue distributed in early March, UI
professor of geology Xiaodong Song and
graduate student Xiaoxia Xie have analyzed
new data that may help solve the mystery.

“Seismic waves traveling through the
inner core along a north-south direction are
faster than those traveling along an east-
west direction, a feature known as the anisot-
ropy of the inner core,” Song said. “Under-
standing the source of anisotropy in the
inner core could be crucial to explaining other
phenomena, such as how Earth’s
magnetic field arises and how the core
formed and evolved. Using seismic waves
generated by earthquakes, we found the
structure of the inner core to be much more
complicated than we originally thought.”

Earth’s core consists of a solid inner
core about 2,400 kilometers in diameter
and a liquid outer core about 7,000 kilome-
ters in diameter. In addition, the solid inner
core also appears to be layered into a lower
inner core and an upper inner core. The
upper inner core creates a transition zone
about 250 to 400 kilometers thick, Song
said.

The layered inner core model was first
proposed in 1998 by Song and Donald
Helmberger, director of the Seismological
Laboratory at the California Institute of
Technology.

“At that time, we relied heavily upon
long-period, broadband data collected from
several earthquakes but recorded at very
few seismic stations,” Song said. “To en-
hance the model, we needed more short-
period data – which is where most of the
anomalies occur.”

Song and Xu filled the void by studying
seismic waves from an earthquake that
occurred on Oct. 5, 1997, in the South
Sandwich Islands off the coast of South
America. After traveling through Earth’s
inner core, the short-period waves were
recorded by more than 100 stations of the
Alaska Seismic Network.

The new evidence from the short-period
waves offers additional support for a lay-
ered model of Earth’s inner core, Song
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UI administration agrees to meetings to discuss grad-student unionization

By Sharlita Forrest
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**Plummer, From Page 1**

tions among the various components and do not view them equally, Plummer said.

Even if the symbol is retired, Plummer recommended retaining the Fighting Illini and Illini monsters, names that he applied first to the UI student paper in 1874 and were later used to refer to students, alumni and finally to the university’s athletic teams. The term Illini predated Chief Illiniwek by 50 years and was a variant of the state name, Illinois, that should be retained to honor the campus’ heritage, Plummer said.

Plummer said he also consulted administrators at other universities that have weathered similar controversies about the use of Native American symbols, such as Dartmouth, Stanford and Miami University of Ohio. However, such universities have dealt with the problem in dissimilar fashions, and as a result there is no “ready prescription” available to the UI, Plummer told the board.

Dartmouth, Stanford and Miami University have not suffered financially because of their decisions to eliminate their Native American symbols, Plummer said.

In his report, Plummer did draw parallels between the UI and Miami University of Ohio because both schools had once had but lost the endorsement of a Native American tribe for its symbol.

The Peoria Tribe of Illinoi formally requested that the university discontinue its use of Chief Illiniwek in April 2000.

“The experience of other major institutions – those that rank in prestige with the UI – that have dealt with this issue shows that ultimately the voice of the Native American community must be respected,” Plummer said. “Once it becomes evident that objections are coming from thoughtful advocates from the Native American culture, the university’s ultimate response needs to acknowledge them, whichever alternative is chosen.”

Plummer’s report was as the result of a nine-month investigation comprising interviews with more than 50 people, including individuals and groups of students, faculty members, alumni, Native Americans and other citizens.

“This report highlights for me the defects of the dialogue process,” said Trustee Lawrence Eppeley at the conclusion of Plummer’s report. “Of all the comments received from every constituency, this is the one that helps the most.”

Though several board members commended Plummer for his work on the report, the trustees did not render a decision on the Chief issue. Trustee Gerald Shea said that the board would meet in the near future to consider Plummer’s report further.

In a press briefing following the meeting, Plummer told reporters, “I am not naive enough to believe a solution would have everyone feel better overnight. But the board needs to make a decision and stand by it.”

The board’s approval of the tuition increase could spare approximately 125 faculty and staff positions and assistantships/off-campus residences that would have been cut without the extra funds, Gardner said.

The university already has permanently eliminated 140 positions this fiscal year, including 40 faculty members at Urbana campuses.

“This university is about people,” Gardner said. “So when it all boils down, I think it’s appropriate that we focus on what does this mean in terms of people. Without the special tuition increase, we are going to have to lose, through attrition and perhaps through layoffs, about 740 full-time equivalent employees and about 275 of them are going to be faculty (members).”

Cantor told the trustees that these potential staffing changes would not happen immediately but would have to occur gradually to avoid abrupt programming changes that could be detrimental to students.

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**Senators discuss free speech, courtesy, budget**

By Sharrta Forrest  
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On the job

Eric Larson

JOB: Eric Larson is a pastry chef in the Housing Division. A seven-year employee of the university, Larson began working in restaurants as a teen-ager. While studying business at Loyola University and working in Chicago-area restaurants, Larson decided to obtain a two-year degree in baking and pastry arts from Johnson and Wales University, Providence, R.L., before completing his business degree at Loyola.

What is a typical workday like for you?
You have to roll with the punches. The cooler went down today, and we lost a lot of eggs and other items. A friend of mine in culinary school was a Marine, and he always said, “Impromptu, adapt, overcome,” and I believe he was right. The days can be long: It can be a 16-hour day or a regular eight-hour day. Sometimes I can work 14 or 15 days straight without a day off.

Are you baking for the residence halls or where do your products go?
We make desserts for the specialty restaurants in housing. We make breads and sweets for the daily luncheon at the Union. We do a lot of catering for the board of trustees, various departments, alumni, student organizations, weddings and events at the union.

We probably go through a couple hundred pounds of sugar and flour a day. We make about 50 cakes a day, 20 pies and 240 dozen rolls a day. Football season and the period between Thanksgiving and Christmas tends to be a busy season. In the summer, we start doing a lot of weddings through the Illini Union.

What is culinary school like?
Johnson and Wales was the only institution in the country at that time that was offering two-year and four-year degrees in baking and pastry arts. In the pastry courses, you learn how to work with chocolate and make doughs and laminated doughs. You also have regular curriculum courses on how to run restaurants, food costs, starting a restaurant from scratch and computer courses. They consider you’ll be in a management position so there are courses on how to handle people in various situations.

Why pastries?
I’ve always liked sweets. People always remember dessert when they dine at a nice restaurant. It just makes you feel good because they always remember the pastries. Pastries are more creative. You can’t do as much creative stuff with regular food as you can with pastries. I might consider it to be the best job at the UI. I get to work with sweets and with chocolate and be creative. I get to make cute little pastries, and I get to sample the stuff constantly. I’ve looked at some other positions, and I’ve thought to myself, would I feel fulfilled doing something else? And I don’t think I would.

Are there any particular types of desserts you specialize in?
Anything chocolate, I like making chocolate sculptures. I like being creative with it. I don’t feel creative just making regular cakes and pies. Besides making something taste as good as it can taste, I want to look as good as it can look. I look at lots of people eat with their eyes before they taste it.

Where did you work after culinary school?
Between my first and second years of culinary school, I got a summer job at one of Chicago’s nicest restaurants, Charlie Trotter’s. After I got my culinary degree, I worked for some of the larger restaurant companies, Lettuce Entertain You and Restaurant Development Group, opening restaurants for them. After four or five years, a friend of mine told me about the University because they were looking for a pastry chef, and I came down here.

What kinds of things do you like to do when you’re not working?
I finally purchased a home—a fixer-upper from the 1920s period. It’s small—1,100 square feet—and I couldn’t imagine owning a bigger house. I and some friends just sanded all the floors and have been painting the rooms and putting up new ceiling fixtures. I’m going to redo all the wiring and the insulation. A friend and I just relit the bathroom. There’s just project after project for me to do, so I’m still living out of boxes even though I’ve been in the house for six months. The neat thing is the house has all the original kitchen cabinetry from the 1920s, which is what people are putting in now. The house has great character, and that was the reason why I bought it. It was very well maintained; it just needed to be brought up to date.

— Interview by Sharita Forrest

CAS faculty fellows and associates announced

By Kesha Green

News Bureau Staff Writer

Thirty UI faculty members were selected as associates or fellows of the Center for Advanced Study for the 2002-2003 academic year.

The appointment grants one semester of release time for creative work on self-initiated programs of scholarly research or professional activity. The center’s annual competition culminated with 18 professors and 12 assistant professors receiving an associate appointment and 12 assistant professors receiving a fellow appointment.

Three associates and seven fellows also received Beckman appointments. Named for UI alumnus and benefactor Arnold O. Beckman, the additional appointments recognized outstanding younger candidates who have made distinctive scholarly contributions.

The following UI faculty members were named associates, including those who received a Beckman appointment, and the research they intend to pursue:

Stanley Ambrose, anthropology, “Bones of Retention: Reconstructing Life from the Elemental and Isotopic Composition of Fossils”
Andrea Beller, agricultural and consumer economics, “Father Involvement and Child Support Payments: Second Families, Multiple-Father Families and Interstate Enforcement”
Bruce Berndt, mathematics, “Proving the Conjectures Made by Ramanujan in His Lost Notebook”
Brenda Farnell, anthropology, “Speech, Gesture, Space in American Indian Communities”
Anne Hedeman, art and design, “Visual Translation and the First French Hu- manists”
Valerie Hoffman, religion, “Muslim Scholars and Saints of Oman and Zanzibar, 1834-1925”
Beckman associate: Yonggang Young Hu, mechanical and industrial engineering, “Electrical Properties of Distorted Carbon Nanotubes: A Nanoscale Continuum Theory Based on Atomistic Models”
Sheldon Jacobson, mechanical and industrial engineering, “Aviation Security Problems and Solutions”
Stephen Levinson, electrical and computer engineering, “Mathematical Models of Language”
Mark Micale, history, “Hysteric Males: Medicine and Masculine Nervous illnesses from the Renaissance to Freud”
Ian Robinson, physics, “Structure of the Critical Nucleation Phase in Biocrystals”
Beckman associate: Karen Rudolph, psychology, “Peer Victimization and Children’s Development”
Sonya Salamon, human and community development, “Galvanized Ghettos: Trailer Parks, A New Rural Community Form”
Kenneth Suslick, chemistry, “Colorimetric Array Sensors: Smell Seeing”
Thomas Turino, music, “Music and Social Participation”
Beckman associate: Venugopal Vezhavelli, electrical and computer engineering, “Theoretical Foundations for Distributed Sensor Systems”
Beckman fellow: Neil Kelleher, chemistry, “Software to Enable a New Philosophy of Protein Analysis by Mass Spectrometry”
Faranak Mirafzal, urban and regional planning, “Hidden Narratives of State Decentralization: Grassroots Women’s Perspectives from the South”
Beckman fellow: Miriam Pelikan Pittenger, classics, “Analeles: The Politics of Historical Time in Republican and Augustan Rome”
Don Roth, computer science, “Unifying Learning and Reasoning”
Beckman fellow: Atsuko Ueda, comparative and world literatures and East Asian studies and cultures, “Westernization/De-Asianization and the Production of a National Language in Meiji Japan”
David Wright, English and Afro-American studies and research programs, “Caught Between a Lion and the Sea: The Pea Island Lifesavers, 1900-1947”
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As part of Campus Stores, Mail and Receiving, the Mailing Center’s customer service staff is available to assist departments with planning and processing their mailings. Mailing Center staff can process customers’ electronic database lists to help reduce costs by eliminating duplicates and by obtaining postage discounts when applicable. In addition to pick up and delivery services, the Mailing Center also can label or address envelopes and match up to four pieces for insertion into envelopes.

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The Warehouse Store allows shoppers to browse discounted office supplies

By Sharita Forrest
Assistant Editor

Just like many retailers, Campus Stores, Mail and Receiving’s customer shop over the Internet and in the store. The Warehouse Store is a new “shop” within CSMR where authorized purchasers can select office and lab supplies directly from the shelves. The Warehouse Store offers a variety of discounted items such as beer, copy paper and office furniture at savings of up to 75 percent.

The Office Favorites products also can be ordered electronically through CSMR’s online catalog at www.csmr.uiuc.edu.

The new Third Edition LRFD Manual of Steel Construction, “is considered a reference tool that Aminmansour has always required his students to lug the volume every class,” according to Abbas. Aminmansour’s research, which yielded a new design method and aids for design of W-shape beam-columns. The work originally was published in AISC’s Engineer Journal in 2000. Aminmansour said he initially pursued the research on his own, without funding, because he thought he could improve upon the pre-existing design method he had been teaching for 15 years.

“The method we were using was credible but had a number of limitations, and was much longer,” he said. “When I taught it, I complained a lot about it to my students. Then one day, I thought to myself, ‘Why don’t I do something?’”

Whether they are designing modest-scale buildings or skyscrapers, engineers typically incorporate three basic types of structural elements into their designs: beams, columns and beam-columns. “A column is a structural member subjected to bending only,” Aminmansour said. A column is axially loaded. A beam-column resists both bending and axial stresses simultaneously.

Aminmansour’s new approach, which can be applied to all three types of structural elements, represents “a major breakthrough in the field,” according to Mir Ali, chair of the structural divisions in the UI School of Architecture. “In the past,” he said, “the formulas had lots of limitations and restrictions, and designers didn’t have much choice. But Abbas came up with a generic method that eliminated those restrictions. He has developed a simple equation that can improve upon the existing design methods.”

UC civil engineering professor Doug Foutch presented Ali’s opinion, calling Aminmansour’s new procedure “an important contribution for the design of steel members under combined axial force and moments.”

“From the outset, I would say that the development ‘will be warmly welcomed by the practicing architectural and structural engineering communities.”

Aminmansour’s new design methods will be among the topics addressed at an educator’s workshop at the North American Steel Construction Conference April 24-27 in Seattle.
Shelley honored with Chancellor’s Medallion

By Kesha Green
News Bureau Staff Writer

Clarence Shelley, a former dean of students and associate vice chancellor, will receive the Chancellor’s Medallion March 22 for his 33 years of exemplary service to the UI and the Champaign-Urbana community.

Top honors

Shelley was honored with the Chancellor’s Medallion during his first year.

“The Chancellor’s Medallion honors the courage and leadership Clarence Shelley displayed during a critical period in Urbana-Champaign campus history,” Chancellor Nancy Cantor said. “It also recognizes the decades of service he gave to Illinois students, encouraging them to believe in themselves and to retain their focus on earning a degree at a world-class university. He deserves the highest honor we can give him for his past service, but I’m also thrilled that he will continue to serve the university, its students and alumni.”

The presentation will take place March 22 during an invitation-only dinner on campus.

Shelley, 70, came to the UI in July 1968 as the director of the Special Educational Opportunities Program (SEOP). About that time, Jack Petosky, who then was the chancellor, decided to increase the number of African-American students at the UI by 500 by the 1968-69 academic year. The university was given four months to recruit the students.

The SEOP, also known as Project 500, succeeded in tripling the African-American student population, but the university lacked a comprehensive support system to accommodate the new students.

Because Shelley had no staff resources at his disposal, his duties involved those of an entire office. And because the African-American Cultural Program did not exist at the time, he quickly became the students’ advocate on campus.

Most of the African-American students who arrived on campus found that the UI had yet to deliver on its promises of housing and grants. Shelley displayed a shock as they adjusted to a place different from their urban and primarily African-American communities. Shelley not only helped alleviate the students’ concerns, but he also worked to garner support and assistance from Champaign-Urbana residents.

Shelley served as a mediator between the administration and students, beginning with a student protest in 1970. Shelley struggled to help people understand, stand each other’s concerns and perspectives during other potentially volatile situations that year.

“The university owes a great debt to Clarence Shelley for having the wisdom and the fortitude to face the situation and persist in bringing change,” said Patricia Askew, the current vice chancellor for student affairs.

True to his role as a problem-solver, Shelley realized that addressing the needs of the African-American students would require an inclusive community effort. He pushed for every staff or faculty member to feel accountable for the success and personal development of the students. Likewise, he encouraged the students to value their education.

“A frequent question Dean Shelley would ask students who visited him in his office was, ‘Do you know where the library is?’” Askew said. “This simple question conveyed the point that Shelley wanted the students to remember—above all else—that earning a college degree requires tremendous personal effort.”

Shelley held multiple roles on campus, including serving as dean of students for 11 years, assistant vice chancellor of student affairs for seven years and associate dean of students and associate vice chancellor.

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said. “But, to our surprise, we found that such a model could explain the anomalous short-period waves.”

The upper part of the inner core is isotropic, but the lower part of the inner core is anisotropic, Song said. “That means seismic waves traveling through the lower inner core will travel at different velocities in different directions.”

Because the anisotropy in the lower inner core is aligned in the north-south direction, seismic waves traveling along north-south paths will speed up and spread out, producing complicated waveforms with varying arrival times. The smaller amplitudes are a result of the energy being split into multiple branches of waves, Song said. Seismic waves traveling along east-west paths are unaffected.

Based on the new earthquake data, the scientists conclude that the anisotropy in the lower inner core is much higher than they previously believed. “Our waveform modeling indicates that the speed of seismic waves in the north-south direction is about 8 percent faster than in the east-west direction,” Song said.

This result raises new questions on the source of the inner core anisotropy, which many scientists believe is caused by a preferred alignment of iron crystals, Song said. “There is a deviation of the amplitudes of the seismic waves from the perfectly aligned configuration of the iron crystals, according to our recent measurements and predictions of the elastic behavior of the inner core.”

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Friedman, professor emeritus of engineering, offered a substitute motion, which instructed the Urbana-Champaign Senate’s delegation in the University Senates Conference to continue pursuing passage of the original statutory amendment. The substitute motion was passed unanimously.

In her opening remarks, Chancellor Nancy Cantor told the Senate that the projected fiscal year 2002-2003 budget reduction for the Urbana campus might be in the range of $25 million to $30 million. (The projected figure has since been revised to $43 million.)

If trustees were to approve a 5 percent tuition increase, departmental budget cuts would likely be 3.5 percent for academic units and 5.5 for administrative units. If a 10 percent increase is approved, the cuts would be less and the administration would be able to use the tuition surcharge for its intended purposes, such as adding faculty members, Cantor said.

Although a 10 percent increase would give the administration more leeway, approximately 55 to 60 faculty members and 160 staff might still be lost, Cantor said.

Senator Helane Silverman, professor of anthropology, asked if faculty members should be concerned about losing their jobs. Cantor responded that administrators “are very much hoping there won’t be a need (to reduce faculty) beyond attrition and not filling new positions, but it would be very unfair to say anything definite at this time.”

“We will certainly use the surcharge in appropriate areas to reduce the load on faculty and staff [members],” Cantor said.

Cantor also told the Senate she had just returned from 10 days of fund-raising with key foundations and said she hoped the campus would receive “substantial help” in dealing with its financial problems.

In other business, Senate discussion and action on a proposed interim policy governing appropriate use of computers and network systems was suspended because of time constraints. ♦

Job market

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Six academic professionals recognized with CAPE Award

Jesse A. “Tony” Clements arrived at the UI as a student athlete and earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees at the Urbana campus. He began his professional career in campus recreation and became director of Campus Recreation in 1979.

“All of his adult life has been dedicated to the UI, contributing positively to the quality of life on this campus and in this community,” said S. Eugene Barton, associate vice chancellor for student affairs.

“Keeping pace with the changes among young people and in the broader society, the programs of [campus recreation] have been transformed from sport and exercise to include fitness, health, wellness and adventure among others,” wrote Thom Moore, director of the Psychological Services Center. “… The transformation is a direct function of Tony’s vision.”

More concrete evidence of the changes are new structures and renovations he has influenced during his 23 years as director. Most recently, students passed a referendum that may provide funds for Campus Recreation to expand and renovate the existing IMPE and CRCE facilities. (It’s awaiting approval by the Illinois State Board of Education.) “It was through Tony’s leadership, perseverance and desire to provide state-of-the-art recreational facilities that this became a reality,” wrote Mary Slaughter, professor emeritus of kinesiology, and Barbara “Bobby” Hein, administrative secretary for Campus Recreation.

Several nominators mentioned that Clements’ charismatic character and leadership skills have led him to be sought after as a community liaison, public speaker and performer (his passion is stand-up comedy).

Clements also has served on numerous campus committees, and he is an advocate for a number of community service programs, including Crisis Nursery, Urban League, United Way, Don Moyers Boys and Girls Club, Zonta, and C-U Kiwanis. ♦

Sonia R. Carringer, associate director
Campus Honors Program

organized countless activities crucial to our work and reputation, and played a central role in the recent dramatic increase in national and international awards won by undergraduates at [the Urbana campus] .”

In addition, Michelson detailed Carringer’s contributions during her nine years as a staff associate in the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, where she wrote the first Academic Staff Handbook, originated the Job Registry and organized the first Pre-retirement Planning conference.

In addition, Carringer worked with the Professional Advisory Committee (now known as the Council for Academic Professionals) and the Advisory Committee on Academic Professional Personnel (“Her work with these committees resulted in the development of many new and revised personnel policies, providing increased benefits and protections for the academic-professional employment group.”) Michelson said.

Many students also expressed gratitude for the strong support provided by Carringer. Whether it was in guiding them toward scholarships, helping them make deadlines or providing a sounding board as they make some of their life decisions, Carringer has touched many lives.

Paul Marty, webmaster for Spurlock Museum, said, “Sonia dedicates herself to the students in her care. She is determined to see them succeed in school and in all of their future endeavors. Students in the CHP know that Sonia is there for them, as an adviser, teacher, mentor and friend. She follows their every accomplishment and triumph. She takes pride in every award granted and honor won. She strives to ensure that each student not only receives the very best education the university can offer but leaves the program with confidence, fully prepared for the future.” ♦

Celia M. Elliott, director, External Affairs and Special Projects, physics

nominates faculty members, students and alumni for awards; assists faculty members with publications, including books; develops and maintains department Web sites; is a department liaison to alumni and other donors; helped establish the Physics Advisory Board; and helped develop and is co-teaching a new course on methods of scientific communication.

In addition, Elliott was recognized by several of her colleagues for her contributions in working with scientists from the former Soviet Union. Elliott is using her talents as a technical writer and her knowledge of the Western scientific world of publishing to assist the former weapons scientists with editing technical reports in English, preparing papers for publication in Western journals and writing proposals for Western funding agencies to finance their research as they redirect it to peaceful, civilian applications. She has traveled to the former Soviet Union more than 10 times in the past six years – mostly at her own expense. She also has hosted Russian scientists on visits to the university.

She even took a week of her vacation to drive one group to Princeton for an international conference.

Hertzog summed up Elliott’s talents well: “Celia is a state-of-the-art Web designer in an increasingly electronic world, a grant writer second to none, a perfectionist and teacher of technical communications, and a compassionate and essential colleague to Russian scientists.”

Sullivan urged the selection committee to “honor this extraordinary woman whose talent and efforts at home are furthering the mission of the physics department and whose dedicated personal efforts are making the world a safe place for all of us.” ♦

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CAPE Awards continued

David Seibert has dedicated his professional life to advancing the mission of UI Extension,” said Lawrence D. Fbirks, director of UI research stations and swine extension veterinarian.

Michael F. Hurjens, professor of animal sciences and animal systems program leader, said, “David Seibert is our top extension educator in Illinois and one of the best in the United States.”

Jimmy H. Clark, a UI professor of animal sciences who nominated Seibert for this award, said, “Dave Seibert conducts one of the most vigorous and innovative educational programs found among the 347 academic professionals of UI Extension.”

Clark further explained the impact of Seibert’s programs: “During the past five years alone, he has conducted 312 programs and made face-to-face contact with nearly 63,000 people across the state, including youth, adults, agricultural representatives, civic leaders and government officials. In addition, he responds to hundreds of producer and consumer requests for information each year.”

During his 33 years with the university, Seibert’s career has been characterized by initiative and innovation, having pioneered many programs, including several nationally recognized youth programs.

When youth livestock programs in a number of states were threatened by inappropriate use of drugs and mistreatment of animals, Seibert initiated the 4-H-FFA Quality Assurance and Ethics clinics. In 1995 he initiated a statewide meeting at the Illinois Department of Agriculture to generate support for the activities carried out by the Division of Broadcasting. These range from programming and special events to fundraising and community education. His weekly “Talk to Ed” segments, during which listeners may call and ask weather-related questions or forecasts, are popular with listeners.

One of the most visible and perhaps most important of Kieser’s outreach activities is his annual series of tornado shows. Now in its 12th year, the show has evolved into a computer-based multimedia display with a one-hour version that annually airs on WILL-TV and also is available at local libraries throughout Central Illinois.

Kieser also is a part-time faculty member at Parkland College where he teaches a four-credit laboratory course, “Introduction to Weather” and is a part-time weather anchor on WCIA-TV, the local CBS affiliate, where he is introduced as “AM 580 meteorologist Ed Kieser.”

David W. Seibert extension educator animal sciences, UI Extension

Nearly 15,000 4-H and FFA members, parents, show superintendents and club leaders have been trained. Both the model and materials Seibert developed have been adopted by other states.

Another popular program initiated by Seibert is the Illinois Superior Young Producer Award based on youth knowledge and skills leading to $1,000 scholarships for youth. In 2001, 25 scholarships were presented at the Illinois State Fair from private funds and presented by Secretary of Agriculture Joe Hampton.

Seibert has a keen interest and commitment to Illinois youth development and scholarship that impact more than 80,000 Illinois 4-H youth in animal science programs,” Hurjens said. “The impact of these programs will continue in the next generations of Illinois leaders due to Dave’s commitment and leadership.”

In her role as assistant director of the Child Development Lab since 1990, Deborah Trouth has made exemplary contributions to the teaching, research and outreach activities of the CDL program, the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences and the UI,” said Brent McBride, CDL director and professor of human development. “She has established herself as a leader in the child care field, and early childhood education communities on a local and state level. She has a strong commitment to the child development and child care communities and a willingness to extend her expertise beyond the boundaries of the UI campus.”

In providing leadership for the early childhood programming portion of the CDL, McBride explained that Trouth works closely with the director and teachers in planning and implementing developmentally appropriate curriculum for use in the preschool and child-care classrooms.

Trouth serves as a liaison between parents, staff members and the CDL program. This role includes meeting with prospective parents about enrollment procedures, coordinating the application and admissions process, communicating with parents about developmental issues related to their children, and addressing administrative details related to the program for families.

In addition, Trouth serves as a liaison between the CDL director, faculty instructors and CDL classroom teachers for the implementation of student projects and practicum placements. And she is the liaison between the CDL program and local agencies and therapists in facilitating the inclusion of special needs children into CDL classrooms.

Outside of her role as assistant director, Trouth is regularly called upon to conduct workshops and in-service training sessions for a variety of agencies and organizations.

Trouth also actively participates in local child-care organizations and agencies. Since 1992 she has served on the Advisory Board for the East Central Illinois Young Learners Conference helping to plan the important regional child care and early education conference.

She also is actively involved in the Child Care Resource Service program since 1995 as an Inclusion Leader.

Edward A. Kieser, chief meteorologist WILL-AM-FM, Division of Broadcasting

Deborah A. Trouth, assistant director Child Development Laboratory

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Construction begins in Campustown; MTD service re-routed

Work for the Campustown Infrastructure Re-construction and Streetscape Project is underway.

Preliminary work began on Healey Street, between Sixth and Wright streets. Healey Street is now being used for two-way traffic. No parking is permitted on Healey Street during construction.

Meters heads on the east side of Wright Street from Armory to Healey streets and on John Street between Sixth and Wright streets have been removed. Traffic on John Street (between Sixth and Wright), as well as the corresponding parking spaces, was changed to a west-bound direction; the remainder of John remains a one-way street for eastbound traffic.

The direction of traffic on Wright Street from Armory Avenue to Green Street has changed. Only buses can use the northbound lane. Cars can use only the southbound lane, which buses will also use. Commercial vehicles are being rerouted to Chalmers and Daniels streets.

Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Wright streets will remain closed during the construction project.

Campustown visitors are encouraged to use the city of Champaign’s parking Lot J at the intersection of Sixth and Green streets, the UI’s parking garage at the intersection of Sixth and John streets or Lot D-9 at the intersection of Lincoln and Green streets.

Major project work is scheduled for completion Aug. 23.

The construction also will cause major reroutes in the MTD bus services. Plans call for buses to be routed off Green Street between Fourth and Wright Streets and also off Sixth Street south of Healey to Chalmers.

For complete route information, call 384-8188, or see www.transit.com.

For more information, see www.cet.uiuc.edu/teachIT2002.

Lecture to focus on civil rights

Pamela Karlan, a law professor at Stanford University, will deliver the David C. Baum Memorial Lecture on civil liberties and civil rights at 4 p.m. April 1 at the Max L. Rowe Auditorium in the Law Building. The lecture is free and open to the public.

The lecture will examine how a number of recent Supreme Court rulings have weakened the idea of the private attorney general as a key enforcement element of civil rights laws. These involve decisions ranging from its 11th and 14th Amendment jurisprudence to attorneys’ fees and private right of action.

Karlan is the co-author of several leading casebooks, including “Civil Rights Actions: Enforcing the Constitution.”

The Baum Lecture series is a memorial to the late UI law professor David C. Baum.

Teaching instructional technologies

TeachIT 2002, a campuswide showcase of instructional technologies, will be held April 12 in Grainger Library and the Beckman Institute. All faculty and staff members and students are invited to attend.

TeachIT 2002 was conceived of as an opportunity for faculty, staff and students to come together to address how computer technologies can be used to further the teaching and learning mission of the UI.

The event will begin at 9 a.m. with the poster session in the Grand Gallery of Grainger Library. Chris Dede will give the keynote address, “How Virtual Interactions Deepen Learning for Real Students,” at 10 a.m. in Beckman auditorium. Electronic poster sessions and round table sessions will be held in Grainger Library from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The TeachIT 2002 Planning Committee is accepting proposals to participate in the electronic poster sessions.

For more information, see www.cet.uiuc.edu/teachIT2002.

Distinguished Teacher/Scholar Applications due March 27

The Distinguished Teacher/Scholar Program is designed to promote excellence in teaching at the UI by recognizing instructors who take an active role in promoting learning.

Candidates must have received significant recognition of teaching effectiveness and must submit a proposed plan of activity that will foster their commitment to enhancing instruction at the UI.

Candidates may apply or be nominated by a peer or an administrative officer. Nominations must be received by April 23. Nominees will be invited to submit an application by April 12. Selections will be made by the Teaching Advancement Board and announced in late April.

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Roger Ebert's film festival begins April 24

On the list for this year’s Roger Ebert’s Overlooked Film Festival April 24-28 in Champaign-Urbana and at the UI are films that focus on family, crime, psychological drama, race relations, coming of age and youthful passion rediscovered in old age.

In making his 14 selections for the festival, Ebert, a Pulitzer Prize-winning film critic for the Chicago Sun-Times, looks for films he feels have been overlooked by critics, distributors, audiences (or some combination thereof), and therefore deserve a second look.

This year’s schedule of films (subject to change): April 24
8 p.m. “ Patton” (United States, 1970), directed by Franklin J. Schaffner

April 25
1 p.m. “Hyenas” (Senegal, 1992), directed by Djibril Diop Mambety
4 p.m. “George Washington” (United States, 2000), directed by David Gordon Green
7 p.m. “Wonder Boys” (United States, 2000), directed by Curtis Hanson, starring Michael Douglas as a college professor
10 p.m. “Grand Canyon” (United States, 1991), directed by Lawrence Kasdan and featuring Kevin Kline, Danny Glover, Alfre Woodard, Mary McDonnell and Steve Martin

April 26
1 p.m. “Kwir Stop” (United States, 2001), directed by Michael Gallo
4 p.m. “Two Women” (Iran, 1999), directed by Tahmineh Milani
7 p.m. “Innocence” (Australia, 2000), directed by Paul Cox
10 p.m. “A Soldier’s Daughter Never Cries” (United Kingdom/United States, 1998), directed by James Ivory

April 27
1 p.m. “Paperhouse” (United States, 1988), directed by Bernard Rose
4 p.m. “Diamond Men” (United States, 2000), directed by Daniel M. Cohen
7 p.m. “Metropolis” (Germany, 1927), directed by Fritz Lang
10 p.m. “Metropolis” (Japan, 2001), directed by Taro Iwai

April 28
1 p.m. “Say Amen, Somebody” (United States, 1983), directed by George Nierenberg

Ebert co-hosts “Ebert & Roeper and the Movies,” a weekly televised movie-review program, and is a 1964 UI journalism graduate and adjunct professor.

Festival passes are $50 and tickets for individual films are $6. Both are on sale at the Virginia Theater box office.

For more information, see the Web site or contact Mary Susan Britt, the festival’s assistant director, at mbr上午@uiuc.edu or 244-0552; or at the UI's Mercury homepage or see event for the Arts of the Sacred: Crossing the Boundaries of Place and Perception.” A series of activities is connected with Jamyang’s residency.

There will be an ongoing public demonstration from March 26 to April 7 while the artist creates an elaborate mandala of colored sand at the Krannert Art Museum. The mandala is a sacred object in 10 Buddhist traditions. According to tradition, a mandala is immediately destroyed after creation, but the UI has been granted permission to keep it on permanent display.

Ter Ellingson, noted scholar of Tibetan culture from the University of Washington, Seattle, will present “Buddhist Music, Buddhist Road, Reconstructed Experiential Space,” at 7 p.m. March 27 in 407 Levi Faculty Center.

Jamyang and Ellingson will present a CAS/MillerComm lecture/demonstration titled “Mandala, the Sacred Art of Tibet” at 5 p.m. March 28 in Room 62 of the Krannert Art Museum to supplement the exhibit “Meditation and Transformation: Devotional Arts of Tibet” that will be on display in the museum March 26 through May 5.

Immediately after this lecture/demonstration, the audience will be invited to the gallery where the mandala in progress is on display. Jamyang and Ellingson will answer questions about the mandala.

Free concert
Harpist to perform April 1

Anne LeBaron, a featured guest of the Environmental Council’s 2002 programs and the Center for Advanced Study’s CAS/MillerComm series, is scheduled to perform a series of lectures and concert in April and May.

LeBaron is professor of composition and conducting at the California Institute of the Arts and a pioneering avant-garde harpist. Her music addresses issues ranging from gender to the environment, and her compositions defy a single aesthetic.

LeBaron will give a free concert titled “Music of Anne LeBaron” at 8 p.m. April 1 in the Smith Music Hall.

The performance also will feature faculty and student performers: Elizabeth Campbell, voice; Eloy Chasnov, trombone; Andrea DiOrtico, clarinet; Timothy Ehlen, piano; Darren Garvey, percussion; Claire Happel, dancer; Julia Jamieson, harp and trombone; Danwen Jiang, violin; Jie Jie, voice; Darren Leong, harp and trombone; John Toenjes, harp and trombone; Claire Happel, dancer; Julia Jamieson, harp and trombone; and students from the School of Music and department of dance.

LeBaron also will present a master class on electric harp and avant-garde techniques from noon to 1 p.m. April 1 in the Music Building auditorium.

In addition, she will present the Lorado Taft Lecture for the College of Fine and Applied Arts titled “How Surrealism Embrazed Art (or vice-versa)!” at 4 p.m. April 2 in Room 1201 of the Music Building.

She also will present the CAS/MillerComm lecture titled “Envision, Spatial Awareness Through Art and Music” from 7:30-8:30 p.m. April 2 in the auditorium of the Music Building during the Environmental Horizons conference.

Black Women’s Survival Strategies: Sociologist to speak April 1

Elizabeth Higginbotham, professor of sociology and of criminal justice at the University of Delaware, will give a lecture, “Invisible Work: Black Women’s Survival Strategies in Predominantly White Schools and Work Sites,” at 4 p.m. April 1 in Room 205 of Lincoln Hall.

Higginbotham is one of the nation’s most prominent sociologists of race and gender and is well known for her research on workplace discrimination, professionalization of women of color and the integration of gender issues into the university and school curriculum. She also is known for her work in building the Center for Research on Women, a focal point for the articulation and development of black feminist thought.

After her lecture, Higginbotham will be available to sign her new book, “Much To Ask: Black Women in the Era of Integration” (University of North Carolina Press), which is an analysis of the experiences, challenges and achievements of the first black women to integrate American higher education.

For more information, contact James Barrett at 333-1155 or Bernice McDaniel at 333-7658.

Science Technology, Information and Medicine

‘New Ontologies’ workshop

The program in Science, Technology, Information and Medicine (STIM) is presenting a workshop, “New Ontologies and Disciplinary Objects,” March 29 and 30. Sponsored by the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, the workshop is being held at the Illini Program for Research in the Humanities.

The workshop will be discussion oriented, with papers not being formally presented. Therefore all participants are encouraged to read the papers in advance. For copies of the papers in PDF format, go to the STIM Web site, www.uiuc.edu/units/STIM. A schedule of the authors and respondents also is available on the Web.

Space is limited. Anyone wanting to attend should e-mail wedge@uiuc.edu or asaro@uiuc.edu to make reservations.

Deaths

Charlotte Bassi, 81, died March 10 at ManorCare Health Services of Urbana. She worked as a nurse at McKinley Health Center and then became the medical record librarian in charge of the medical record department. She retired in 1984 after 28 years of service.


Wilma Rochelle Grein, 82, died March 2 at her Urbana home. She worked as a maid from 1959 until 1979. Memorials: Kingswood Christian School, Urbana or Champaign.

James L. Lustig, 73, died March 7 at Heartland Christian Village, Neoga. Lustig worked for the UI fire department from 1948 until 1952. Memorials: Salvation Army.

William P. McCrane, 91, died March 9 at Mercy Hospita- l, Iowa City. In 1948, he became a faculty member of the College of Education. In 1951, he became director of the Bureau of Education Research, a position he held until he retired in 1979. McKinley Rector, 83, died at the Veteran’s Affairs Medical Center, Jackson, Miss. He worked as a kitchen laborer in the Housing Division from 1967 until he retired in 1986.

1 Monday “The College Student as Citizen,” Nancy Couter, UI. Lunch 11:55 a.m.; speaker 12:10 p.m. Latzer Hall, University YMCA. Fridays Forum: "Rehabilitating the Ideal of Racial Integration." Elizabeth A. Anderson, University of Michigan. 4 p.m. Third floor, Levi Faculty Center. Monday, Center Mill & Philanthropy.

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**Thursday**
- Fourth Annual Conference: *The Means of Reproduction.* 8 a.m. Third floor, Levin Faculty Center. Guest speakers include: Roger Chartier, University of Pennsylvania; Martin S. Perine, University of Michigan; Dorothy Ross, Northwestern University; and Robert Rosen, University of California at Los Angeles. For more information and a complete conference schedule, call 244-3344 or visit the Web site at www.ipeth.uiuc.edu. Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities.
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**Friday**
- Veterinary Medicine Open House. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. College of Veterinary Medicine, 307 S. Lincoln Ave., Urbana. Learn more about the only vet med school in Illinois that offers many courses and demonstrations provided by the student-run open house. For more information, visit www.vet.uiuc.edu; call 244-1562 or stop by the openhouse. Veterinary Medicine.
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**Saturday**

**Sunday**
- "A Day of Remembrance." YMCA. Countries will be recorded by different culinary specialists. After dinner, a representative of several world cuisines will be called to present. For more information and to make reservations, call 567-3079. Cosmopolitan Club.

**More Calendar of Events**

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visit the customers’ workplaces to replenish and organize supplies.

S.O.S. representatives work with the departmental units to establish a restocking schedule in accordance with their needs. The departments are billed automatically when their shelves are restocked.

The on-site stocking service saves department staff members’ time that otherwise would be spent stocking shelves, placing orders and paying bills.

Customers also can request monthly reports on their product usage.

The departments also can add items they need only sporadically by ordering through Web Cat or by calling a handwritten proposal about 6:30 p.m. The student-run openhouse was holding its regular meeting in the Illini Union. President Richard Herman and university counsel Steven Veazie entered the building about 3 p.m. to begin discussions with GEO representatives. After two meetings, Veazie presented GEO representatives with a handwritten proposal about 6:30 p.m. The groups reached an agreement about 2 hours later. GEO supporters voted unanimously to accept the agreement and left the building shortly thereafter.

"This is really what we’ve been looking for – good-faith negotiation with administration," said Dave Kamper, GEO communications officer.

According to the agreement, both sides hope to work cooperatively toward an ongoing concern for installing high-speed LAN upgrades in more than 100 buildings if the board does not approve the proposed special tuition increase.

Provost Richard Herman told the trustees that he and Cantor are trying to find ways to reduce costs while preserving programs. They have asked the college deans to offer their recommendations, and Cantor has apprised the Urbana-Champaign Senate of the latest proposed budgetary figures.

Trustee Robert Vickrey expressed concern that an increase might be detrimental to lower- and middle-income students.

Gardner responded that 24 percent of tuition increases are dedicated to subsidizing the additional tuition costs for students receiving M.A. awards so this student was unaffected by the increase. Gardner also noted that student-run openhouses were left to their own devices to recruit endowments.

"If your concern is against this type of problem," Schmidt said, "the board has not been used effectively in this regard."

Chairman Gerald Shea expressed concern about the university’s deteriorating infrastructure if maintenance and renovation programs are not adequately funded.

Shea also suggested that funds be reallocated to avoid the need for eliminating faculty and staff positions.

Plummer and Trustee Jeffrey Gindorff agreed to meet with Gardner and the Finance Committee to review the proposed tuition increase further.

However, despite its financial woes, the university faced high demand for admission. Thus far, 31,000 students have applied for the 9,450 seats in the fall 2002 freshmen classes at the three campuses, Gardner reported. Cantor and Manning said they expect a 10 percent increase to be on first-year students.

In other business, the trustees approved revised design plans for the $31 million North Campus Parking Deck slated for construction east of Beckman Institute. The lot is bounded by University, Matthews and Goodwin avenues and Clark Street.

The parking structure had to be redesigned because viable tenants could not be secured for the retail space included on the original schema, said Robert Todd, associate vice president for administration and human resources.

According to the new designs, the six-level structure will contain 21,300 square feet of retail space on the ground level and space for 1,600 vehicles. The designs also allow for the possibility of converting 20,000 square feet of parking into office space on the north side of the lower level.

The trustees also approved construction of a Structural Biology Research Facility on the Chicago medical campus.

The 12,000-square-foot building will house nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) and X-raydiffraction equipment related to the Center for Structural Biology, which is now located at various sites. The $4.6 million facility is being funded with a $2 million grant from the National Institutes of Health and $2 million from the university.

In other business, the trustees also passed a resolution permitting the boards of the Research Park and Illinois VENTURES to convene in executive session to protect confidential business information.