‘Deep Throat’ project getting attention for Watergate’s 30th anniversary

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Unmasking ‘Deep Throat’ UI journalism professor Bill Gaines and students in his investigative reporting classes have done extensive research in an effort to identify ‘Deep Throat,’ the anonymous source who helped expose the Watergate scandal. Their efforts are to be the centerpiece of a "Dateline" special on NBC June 14 that recognizes the 30th anniversary of the Watergate break-in. In conjunction with the program, Gaines is providing a "Finder’s Guide" on the Internet that will provide a list of ‘most likely’ candidates, all of whom worked in the White House, Gaines said.

FY03 budget approved by Illinois General Assembly

By Sharita Forrest
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The state budget approved by the Illinois General Assembly June 2 and forwarded to Gov. George Ryan for approval supported several key initiatives at the UI’s Urbana-Champaign campus. However, even if the governor does not use his amendatory powers to reduce the university’s budget further, the university will still be faced with considerable financial challenges during the coming fiscal year.

Before adjourning, the General Assembly approved an FY03 state budget that included a $780 million budget for the UI, in keeping with Ryan’s recommendations. However, state legislators appropriated $25 million less for the university’s operating costs than they had in the initial budget for the current fiscal year.

In a statement issued June 3, UI President James J. Stukel estimated that as a result of reduced operating costs approximately 600 positions across the university would have to be eliminated, mostly through attrition, but also through layoffs.

“The magnitude of the cuts requires that we reach into our most valuable asset – our people – to help cover the loss,” Stukel said. “All of us who care about this university are deeply concerned about long-range effects and jeopardizing our competitive edge.”

In addition to the reduced operating budget for FY03, university administrators also will have to re-allocate $25 million to cover health insurance costs as well as find another $25 million for unavoidable expenses such as energy, union-contract wage increases and liability insurance.

“The $65-million impact on our day-to-day budget calls for creative and dedicated leaders to help this great university maneuver its way forward for the next year – and beyond,” Stukel said.

The outlook for the university’s capital budget was brighter, however. The Illinois General Assembly reappropriated funds for three key projects at the Urbana-Champaign campus from last year: $67.5 million for the Post-Genomic Institute; $27 million for the National Center for Supercomputing

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Names of UI veterans to be added at Memorial Stadium

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Assistant Editor

A memorial honoring all University of Illinois students, alumni, and faculty and staff members killed in the line of duty while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces will be added to Memorial Stadium, university officials and members of the Veterans’ Memorial Project steering committee announced May 17.

The Veterans’ Memorial Project will honor all Illini veterans and pay special tribute to those who died in wars and conflicts since the university was established in 1867.

Memorial Stadium was dedicated in 1924 in honor of the 189 alumni, faculty and staff members and students who died in World War I. They are commemorated on the limestone columns that support the stadium’s upper stands. However, there is no memorial for the Illini veterans who died in subsequent conflicts.

The new memorial will include bronze plaques listing the names of the Illini who were killed in the line of duty in World War II, Korea, Vietnam and later conflicts. The plaques will be placed at the entrances to the colonnades that bear the names of the World War I casualties.

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In connection with the “Dateline” airing, Gaines will post on the Web a “Finder’s Guide to Deep Throat,” which he describes as a progress report on the results of the project so far. Several media reports about the project have suggested he would nail down the identity of “Deep Throat,” but Gaines stresses that is not the case.

“I don’t believe you can (nail it down),” he said. “Even if we did, nobody would know if it was true.”

As with guesses made by others, the person named would likely just deny it, and the reporter who relied on the anonymous source, Bob Woodward, likely would not comment, Gaines said.

Instead, the “Finder’s Guide” will provide a list of “most likely” candidates, all of whom worked in the White House, Gaines said. Among those, he may have one that tops his personal list – “the person I think most likely to be ‘Deep Throat’ on the basis of the information that we have, the process that we’ve used.”

Honoring veterans At a ceremony May 17, Chancellor Nancy Faust announced a new project for Memorial Stadium that will honor all Illinois alumni, faculty and staff members and students who are veterans. The new memorial will pay special tribute to those who died in wars and conflicts since the university was established in 1867.
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Inside Illinois

Study compares playtime activities for children
Children with AD/HD needed

A study at Illinois will try to assess how different activities affect children with attention deficit disorders. Children between the ages of 7 and 12 who have been diagnosed with ADD or AD/HD are eligible to participate. Parents will be asked to keep a three- to seven-day diary of activities. Participating families will receive information about the outcome of the study and will be paid $10 for each session completed and a $50 bonus for participating in all three.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Andrea Faber Taylor, 244-0393 or afabaty@uiuc.edu, or Christina Carr, 244-1374 or cmcar@uiuc.edu.

Library switching to new system

Changes for library material

This summer the University Library is implementing software for Voyager, a new Web-based system that will enhance ILLINET Online, the online catalog. Some services will be temporarily affected.

From June 17 through June 30, users will not be able to place requests for Urbana campus materials through the online catalog; however, library staff members will assist patrons, including placing requests for Urbana campus items to be sent to campus offices. For assistance, call the Library’s Telephone Center at 333-8400 or inquire in person at any campus library.

From June 17 through late July, access to materials through the ILCSO consortium of Illinois libraries will be possible only through the Information Resource Retrieval Center. Assistance will be available online at www.library.uiuc.edu, in-person by calling 333-1958. Walk-in assistance also will be provided at Room 128 Library.

Through the end of Summer Session Term 2, users are encouraged to keep, without penalty, Urbana campus materials and renew non-Urbana campus materials. This will help reduce the workflow at the library.

For more information about Voyager, visit www.library.uiuc.edu/voyagerweb/voyagerfaq.htm.

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Applications, and $8 million for the technology incubator in the South Research Park.

The capital budget passed by the General Assembly also included a $107 million appropriation for renovations and repairs to facilities at all three UI campuses as well as $18 million for expansion of the Microelectronics Lab at Urbana-Champaign; $15 million for a classroom/office building at Springfield; $25 million for the College of Medicine at Chicago; and $57.6 million for the Chemical Sciences Building in Chicago.

The state funds for the university’s capital budget are derived from long-term sources such as the sale of general revenue bonds. However, the university’s day-to-day operating costs are funded through income tax and sales tax revenue, the state lottery and other sources.

To help contend with the anticipated financial shortfalls, the UI Board of Trustees will be considering additional tuition increases at each of the three campuses during the coming school year. The additional tuition increase would supplement the increases the board already has endorsed: 3 percent at Chicago, 4 percent at Urbana-Champaign, and 5 percent at Springfield.

The additional increases would raise tuition by 10 percent at each of the three campuses and generate net revenue of approximately $17 million.

Twenty-five cents of each new tuition dollar would be directed toward student aid to raise the gap for students least able to afford the increases.

The University of Illinois enrolls more than 66,000 students, and the state’s budgetary problems have an unavoidable impact on its educational mission. If the tuition increases are not approved, administrators will have to make additional personnel cuts, Stukel said.

“It’s an unclear-cut cause and effect,” Stukel said. “Fewer faculty in the classroom means fewer students, means fewer options for our students and other troublesome results. At our core, we are educators, and it is this mission we will work hardest to protect.”

Stukel said university administrators have spent much of the past six months on budget issues for the current and the coming fiscal years. Stukel thanked Gov. George Ryan and Reps. Rick Winkel of Champaign, Tom Berns of Urbana, Bill Black of Danville and retiring Sen. Stan Weaver of Urbana for their support during the budget session and during negotiations in the final hours.

“This session has been quite a challenge, and we were grateful to have had wide-ranging expertise in which we have; we know the outcome could have been far worse. For those who stayed with us, we extend our deepest gratitude,” Stukel said.

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Thomas Burke, 58, died May 13 at his Decatur home. Burke retired last August after 32 years as a faculty member in the UI College of Veterinary Medicine, where he directed the University of Illinois Small Animal Teaching Hospital.

Alma C. Hoag, 91, died May 15 at Provena Covenant Medical Center in Urbana. Hoag worked at McKinley Hospital on the medical floor of the UI hospital for 12 years and at Provena Covenant Medical Center in Urban for 20 years. Hoag was a licensed practical nurse and a certified nursing assistant. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, the Department of Defense, the Association of Military Nurses and the Illinois Nurses Association. The family requests no visitation or services.

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The University Employees Credit Union is offering free financial services workshops to UI employees (credit-union members and non-members). Long-term education (July 13): Planning Mutual Funds (July 23): Investment Fundamentals (Aug. 13): Retirement (Sept. 24):

Workshops begin at 7 p.m. at the Credit Union, 2201 S. First St., Champaign. Reservations are required. Call 278-7768 or e-mail memberbenefits@uiuc.edu.

Expecting a baby?

Expectant couples needed for study

Expectant couples are needed for a study of family transitions. Couples will be interviewed and observed in their homes once during the pregnancy and once after the baby is born. Couples should be married or cohabiting for at least two years and will receive gifts for participation.

For more information, call 244-0716, e-mail familydevelopmentproject@yahoo.com or go to www.psych.uiuc.edu/~sschoppe. The project is being conducted through the psychology department.

Kraeart Art Museum

Family Film Night is June 12

Enjoy a lively and entertaining comedy at Kraeart Art Museum’s Family Film Night at 7 p.m. June 7 in the auditorium. The featured film is “The Great Dictator,” a 1940s comedy directed by and starring Charlie Chaplin.

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“Merton of the Movies.” William R. Jenkins, director. 8 p.m. Studio Theater, Krannert Center. Admission charge.

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“Educating Rita.” William R. Jenkins, director. 8 p.m. Studio Theater, Krannert Center. By Bob Barry. In this comedy, actor Palmer Forrester’s wife and agent — Angela and Ted — are lovers who plan to murder Palmer during a New Year’s Eve robbery. But Palmer and Ted have their own store in store for Angela who is murdered? For mature audiences. Admission charge.

15 Saturday
“Murder Among Friends.” Peter Reynolds, director. 8 p.m. Studio Theater, Krannert Center. Admission charge.

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“Mural Among Friends.” Peter Reynolds, director. 7 p.m. Studio Theater, Krannert Center. For mature audiences. Admission charge.

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Merton of the Movies 2002 of Music, Art and Video: Exhibit III. 6:30 p.m. Community Room, Krannert Center. Symphony. 2 p.m. abdomen.

16 Sunday
Merton of the Movies 2002 of Music, Art and Video: Concert V. 7 p.m. 1201 Music Building. Merton of the Movies 2002 of Music, Art and Video: Concert VI. 4 p.m. Recital Hall, Smith Hall. Includes works of Bashoff, Brain, Dun, Duros, Giesdorf, Lee and Maris.

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