Office specializes in customs of other cultures

By Shaila Forrest
Assistant Editor

Hosting events with dignitaries on campus or being a guest in a foreign country can be a little disconcerting for someone unfamiliar with the customs. However, event planners and international travelers can get a guiding hand from staff members in the Office of International Engagement and Protocol.

Director Madeleine Jaehne and Allison Walker, protocol assistant, have more than two decades’ experience in protocol and event management. Although the office was established about four years ago, the protocol dimension was added just last year.

The fundamental mission of the office is to promote and support the university’s international activities, coordinate events involving distinguished visitors on campus and advise international travelers on cultural customs in other countries.

During 2002, the protocol office coordinated events such as the visit by HH Prince El Hassan bin Talal of Jordan. When luminaries such as high-ranking government officials visit campus, the protocol office serves as a liaison with agencies in the State Department that oversee security.

“Prairies hold unique plants and insects that are not thoroughly understood,” Hanks said. “This study is important because it shows that insects can influence plants for their own needs, using a substitute for sex pheromones.”

Specifically, the researchers found that male gall wasps respond to uneven chemical ratios in the plants. “As the insects feed, they change the plant chemistry, providing cues that help male wasps find females,” Hanks said. “This is interesting, because the females are inside the stems, so they are not producing pheromones. It’s a plant’s volatile chemicals that attract males.”

In essence, males smell their way to a mate. “They get chemical cues off the surface of the plant,” said co-author John F. Tooker, a doctoral student in entomology at Illinois. “It’s a short-range volatile cue.”

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“The males find these sites and defend them,” he said. The males will head-butt one another, forcing some to leave. Others are driven off by wind or predators, such as spiders and beetles, requiring the wasps to find new stems amid the assorted plant debris.

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Jaehne and her staff also provide faculty and staff members with guidance on matters such as developing itineraries for distinguished visitors, planning dinners and selecting appropriate gifts or recognition items. The protocol office also has a growing repository of international flags for ceremonial display at events.

Attention to matters of precedence during international functions is critical to maintaining favorable diplomatic relations, Jaehne said. Therefore, it is important that planners understand the implications of details, such as seating people in accordance with established conventions at formal dinners and offering appropriately worded toasts.

Several times throughout history, diplomatic incidents, such as a near war between Spain and France in 1861, arose because of violations of protocols and precedence, Jaehne said.

“The Midwest, we’re noted for our warmth, our friendliness and our informality,” Jaehne said. “However, there are times that we can still be friendly and informal but we have to accord people the appropriate recognition, personal courtesy and consideration.”

Comporting one’s self according to the customs of other cultures also is important to avoid offending people when traveling internationally.

At the protocol office’s first workshop, held Oct. 10 at the Illini Union, 16 event planners from around campus gathered to learn more about managing events involving VIPs. Participants applied principles they had learned in small-group exercises and organized events such as an award conferral by a foreign diplomat or a commencement address by an eminent speaker.

The protocol office is planning another workshop in March and is considering hosting regular gatherings so event planners can share best practices.

Another objective for the protocol office is heightening awareness of the university’s international programs and events. One mechanism for that is a monthly public television program, “The Ambassador Series From Sangamo Club,” which the university took over this year. The program SEE INTERNATIONAL ADVISER, PAGE 4

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Scientists find insects can alter plant chemistry to help them find mates

By Jim Barlow
News Bureau Staff Writer

Each spring, amid the decaying rubble of dead prairie plants, emerging male gall wasps find mates by calling upon the chemical prowess of their predecessors, entomologists scouring Central Illinois have discovered.

In the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, they report that adult gall wasps (Antistropheus rufus) feed in warm weather, they change the ratio of plant chemicals so that males emerging after the winter season can recognize when they are on the right stems at the right time. The winter season can recognize when they are needed using a substitute for sex pheromones.

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Chemical attraction Lawrence M. Hanks, UI professor of entomology, and doctoral student John Tooker (pictured) discovered that insects can alter the chemical composition of plants for the purpose of mate location.
The trustees voted to postpone action on a proposed health and dental insurance reimbursement program for same-sex domestic partners. Under the proposal, employees would have been reimbursed for the difference between monthly premiums they pay for health and dental coverage for same-sex partners and the monthly amount they would pay for dependent coverage under the state of Illinois plan.

The trustees voted in favor of Trustee Kenneth Schmidt’s request to remove the item from the agenda until the board’s next meeting to see if the new state legislature addresses the matter. The board’s next meeting will be Feb. 12-13 in Rockford.

The meeting was briefly disrupted at the end of the public comment portion when speaker Brooke Anderson, representing the Progressive Resource Action Cooperative, demanded that the trustees sign a resolution banning bombing Chief Illiniwek. Anderson, who finished speaking before she allotted five minutes were up, refused to leave the podium, saying she would remain until the board voted to eliminate the Chief. Anderson also incited other protestors to chant anti-Chief slogans and they waved signs calling for the Chief’s removal. The room was cleared a few minutes later so the board could enter executive session.

In other business:

University Vice President Stephen Rugg presented an assessment report on the condition of the university’s capital facilities, which indicated that $567 million in improvements need to be made within the next five years to keep facilities operating and prevent further deterioration. Rugg also recommended that building integration initiatives be incorporated into future capital projects. Staff will present further recommendations and funding plans to the board in early 2003.

The board approved the issuance of $26 million in certificates of participa-
tion to fund Phase One of the South Farms project on the Urbana campus. The first phase of the project includes constructing a new beef and sheep complex, clearing the existing site and acquiring land, with construction set to begin in June 2003.

The budget board approved proposals for additions and renovations to the Intramural Physical Education Building (IMPE) on the Urbana campus. More than 103,000 square feet will be added to the building’s current 234,386 gross square footage, including 34,000 square feet for weight and fitness facili-
ties, five new basketball courts and seven new multipurpose rooms. Stu-
dents passed a referendum in Nov. 2001 to fund $77.6 million in improve-
ments to IMPE and Campus Recreation Center East (CRCHE) through an increase in their general fees.

Schedule announced for election

Graduate assistants (GAs) and most teaching assistants (TAs) are eligible to vote in an election Dec. 3 and 4 to determine whether they would be represented by GEO (Graduate Em-
ployee Organization) as their exclu-
sive bargaining representative or whether they would prefer to have no representation.

About 2,700 assistants are eligible to vote. The question will be decided by a majority vote.

“The outcome of the election will affect current and future graduate as-
sistants and teaching assistants at this

campus,” said Graduate College Dean Richard P. Wheeler. “And it is impor-
tant that the decision reflect the prefer-
ences of all those who are eligible to vote. I encourage all eligible assistants to consider the arguments and infor-
mation supporting and opposing union representation, to make an informed choice, and to vote in the election.”

Crime report now available

Local statistics consistent with national trends

By Sharita Forrest

Assistant Editor

Property crimes, robberies and crimi-
nal sexual assaults all increased in the UI reporting district during the reporting period from Sept. 1, 2001 to Aug. 31, 2002, according to statistics released last week by the UI Division of Public Safety.

Residential burglaries were up 52 percent, to 260 from 171 such incidents during the Sept. 1, 2000—Aug. 31, 2001, reporting period. Burglaries from motor vehicles also were up 18 percent over the prior year, to 248 from 210 incidents. Burglaries of motor vehicle parts in-
creased from one incident the previous academic year to seven incidents during the 2001-2002 reporting period. Like-
wise, burglaries increased 127 percent from 131 incidents the previous year to 139. The increased rates of certain crimes on and around campus are consistent with national statistics, and police are taking measures to combat these crimes, said Police Chief Oliver J. Clark.

However, Clark emphasized the im-
portance of the public and the police working together to prevent crime. The best defense is for men and women to be alert to their surroundings and take precautions, such as always trying to walk in groups, especially after dark, and using Safe Rides or escorts instead of trying to walk in groups, especially after dark, and using Safe Rides or escorts instead of trying to walk.

Clark said. “We would much rather an-
swer a call about a harmless activity than not be called about a crime in progress.”

The university crime report includes incidents that occurred in an area extend-
ing from University Avenue on the north to Windsor Road on the south, Race-

t Street on the east and the railroad tracks just east of Neil Street on the west.

Statistics on crime on the Urbana-Champaign campus have been kept and publicly reported since 1995. The crime statistics are reported three times annu-
ally and in new student orientations and campus crime-prevention programs.

Correction

In the last issue of Inside Illinois (Nov. 7, 2002) the front-page story headlined “Clinic provides needed services while fulfilling research,” was incomplete. The full story about the Audiology and Speech Clinic, operated by the department of speech and hearing science, is available at www.news.uiuc.edu/ii/02/107/clinic.html. The online version includes information not only on the audiology services offered by the clinic but also details therapy services available in a wide range of speech-language areas. In addition, it highlights honors earned by the clinic director, Lou Echols-Chambers. Echols-Chambers recently was named a fellow in the American Speech-Language Hearing Association, one of the highest honors the association bestows. This honor recognizes her administrative vision and action, her clinical work and her teaching. She will be inducted as a fellow at the association’s annual meeting Nov. 21-24 in Atlanta.
On the job George Crawford

George Crawford is a building service supervisor in Housing. During Crawford’s 22-year career with the university, he has twice been nominated for the Chancellor’s Distinguished Staff Award. He has been in his current job for almost three years, where his responsibilities comprise training, chairing the safety committee and special projects.

Tell me about your job. My duties really vary quite a bit. I train all of the building service personnel here in Housing – building service workers (BSWs), foremen or supervisors. I also conduct their initial training and orientation to the department plus a fair amount of hands-on training. I show them the equipment and the supplies and work with them to get them started.

I also set up the OSHA-required training each year with Environmental Health and Safety. I head up the safety committee for the Housing facilities area. We address any safety concerns and review on-the-job accidents to see if further training is required or if there’s an unsafe condition that needs to be corrected. But the special projects portion of my position has taken over most of my focus.

What kind of special projects are you working on? I’ve rewritten the job assignments for all of our BSWs. Right now, I’m on an implementation team for electronic time recording. We’re hoping to have it going within eight months.

I was also on the implementation team for the performance partnership program. It’s a disciplinary system that uses positive reinforcement and fosters adult-adult relationships between supervisors and employees. Another supervisor and I conducted the training for the housing foremen. The system has worked so well we’re hardly ever using the formal disciplinary steps. It’s since been adapted for food service personnel.

This summer I ran a pilot program at Sherman Hall for a new cleaning-product dispensing system, and we’re ready to implement that. That’s going to be a major focus of my duties – getting that in place and conducting the training along with the vendor. The unit will automatically dispense whatever product you’re using – bathroom cleaner, carpet cleaner – at the correct dilution rate. It’s very simple to use and employees won’t have to measure things out or do any guesswork like they do now.

My boss and I had talked about streamlining our supplies for years, and we talked about it more when I moved into this position three years ago. We decided we needed to do something to gain more control over how products are being mixed in order to save money and make sure the chemicals are being mixed properly.

How much are you expecting to save with this? 3M (the vendor) tells us we’ll save at least a third of our costs. I expect it will be higher than that, anywhere from 30 to 50 percent. It’s going to be a big safety enhancer too because the products will always be diluted appropriately.

What is the most challenging part of your job? Balancing all the projects we’re working on. It seems like I just get close to finishing a project up and another one gets handed down. It’s really tough to prioritize sometimes and get everything accomplished.

What’s your favorite part of what you do? Touching base with all the Housing people around campus. Being in Housing for so many years, I’ve met a lot of people and developed a lot of friendships.

What do you do in your spare time? I’ve been antiquing. We also like to go boating at Lake Shelbyville and fishing. We bought a 150-year-old home in Tuscola and have done extensive remodeling. We added a fourth bedroom, attached the garage, added vinyl siding, removed the plaster walls in three rooms and put in drywall. We did everything but the foundation.

And after doing all these renovations you’re still married to each other? My wife and I like to go antiquing. We also like to go boating at Lake Shelbyville and fishing. We bought a 150-year-old home in Tuscola and have done extensive remodeling. We added a fourth bedroom, attached the garage, added vinyl siding, removed the plaster walls in three rooms and put in drywall. We did everything but the foundation.

In downtowns across America – most notably, in the Midwest – brick-and-terra-cotta tributes to Louis Sullivan still line the blocks, holding their own with newer additions to the urban landscape.

The buildings – façade-ornamented, utilitarian structures embellished with stylized ornamentation and erected mainly for commercial use – are classified by architectural historians as Sullivanesque.

The term pays homage to one of the best-known, most imitated architects of the 19th and 20th centuries.

“Sullivanesque architecture was based on an aesthetic derived from the designs of Louis H. Sullivan (1856-1928) and adapted to mass production,” Ronald Schmitt, a professor of architecture at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, wrote in his new book “Sullivanesque: Urban Architecture and Ornamentation” (University of Illinois Press).

“It successfully integrated ‘high art’ with functional construction. Although it diluted the high art of Sullivan, the Sullivanesque nevertheless retained a surpris- ing vitality. The style was embraced by architects and speculative developers and gained a popular, visually appealing regional appeal that lingered for decades. The gap between the refined art of the originator and the ‘low art’ of the imitators was relatively narrow.”

In addition to functioning as a comprehensive history of Sullivanesque architecture, Schmitt’s book includes a 30-state inventory of buildings, 16 line drawings and 156 photographs.

Essays examine fascination with French novelist

Although notoriously impenetrable to the common reader, the French novelist Marcel Proust has somehow managed to infiltrate many popular cultures over the decades since his death in 1922. He even got into a recent episode of the hit TV drama “The Sopranos.”

What is it about the memory- and guilt-obsessed Proust that makes him and his work so ubiquitous, so often quoted? What is it about the brilliant, mother-attached asthmatic who devoted most of his life to writing and rewriting one huge novel, “A la Recherche du Temps Perdu” (“In Search of Time Lost”), that draws so many people into his wordy web and world?

“Proust in Perspective,” edited by Armine Kotin Mortimer and Katherine Kolb (U Press/2002), a new book of 19 essays written by some of the best-known Proustians in the world, tries to answer such questions, and along the way, guide readers through “the dense weave” of Proust’s fiction.

One explanation, according to Armine Kotin Mortimer, one of the book’s editors and a professor of French, is that Proust is “one of the greatest writers of all time,” his prose “finely honed,” his sentences “captivating.” To the other editor, Katherine Kolb, a professor of French at Southeastern Louisiana University, Proust also is “one of the great comic writers of all times,” a brilliant “social satirist.” The two agree that today, Proust “is nothing less than a cultural phenomenon.”

The new edited volume is itself “Proustian,” the editors sim- “in bringing together scholars of very different stripes” who offer “a wide variety of scholarly ap-
Cutting physical education programs poses health risk, scholar says

By Melissa Mitchell
News Bureau Staff Writer

Recent reports citing childhood obesity as one of the nation’s latest health epidem- ics are generating calls for action by physi- cal education experts, among them, Kim Graber, a UI kinesiology professor.

Graber said it’s no coincidence that children have become increasingly seden- tary and obese – and are suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes and car- diovascular disease – as public schools have eliminated or made severe cutbacks in physical education programs. The trend, she said, is an unintended consequence of past educational reforms aimed at boosts- ing education instruction, “We need to train a whole new cadre and be regarded as a priority program by policymakers, educators, parents, principals and school board members,” she said. “Either we make more time by extend- ing the school day, or we need to do some- thing the policymakers have been reluctant to do – and then devote some of that ex- panded resource to physical education, or we make better and more creative divisions of the time available,” Graber said.

Finding the time is just part of the solu- tion. Additional financial resources also must be directed toward hiring profession- als, whom Graber said are better trained and more knowledgeable than ever before regarding “the nature of what constitutes a sound physical education program.”

“As for the money to properly staff physi- cal education instruction,” she said, “we must keep up a steady drumbeat of persua- sion by hammering on the simple economic facts of the matter. Left unchecked, the cur- rent trends in mortality and morbidity will be devastating to our nation’s economy.”

Program aims to revitalize Afghan farm economy

By Melissa Mitchell
News Bureau Staff Writer

A year after the Taliban were ousted from power in Afghanistan, concerns have been raised about the failure to initiate adequate relief and development efforts in the region. But Earl Kellogg, UI’s associate provost for international affairs, has faith that living conditions for Afghans may begin improving soon, thanks to a new program intended to jump-start the war-ravaged country’s agricultural economy.

“The International Arid Lands Consor- tium, with leadership from the UI, will be implementing a program to train Af- ghan agricultural faculty, researchers and extension staff in the next four years,” Kellogg said. Program oversight will come from International Programs and Studies and the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, with direc- tion by John Santas, ACDAC’s assistant to the dean. Most of the training will take place at the NorthWest Frontier Province Agricul- tural University in Peshawar, Pakistan, located about 140 miles east of the Afghan capital of Kabul. The university was de- veloped over a 10-year period, beginning in 1984, with major assistance from the University of Illinois and Pakistani col- leagues, working in cooperation with the U.S. Agency for International Develop- ment. Many of NWFP-AU’s faculty mem- bers were trained at Illinois and other U.S. universities.

The new training program, aimed at farmers and others engaged in agricultural production and agribusiness in Afghan- stan, is being funded by USAID through a contract with the IALC. Illinois is a mem- ber of the consortium, along with five other U.S. universities and three research agen- cies in Egypt, Israel and Jordan. The pro- gram is part of a broader project that fo- cuses on efficient use of water and conser- vation issues in the Middle East, most nota- bly in Jordan. The University of Arizona, also a member of IALC, is providing lead- ership for the water conservation-education program.

With respect to the redevelopment ef- fort in Afghanistan, Kellogg said, “USAID wants something that can be fairly targeted and fairly focused, which can get off the ground quickly. Most of the Afghan people who lived in the agricultural areas ... who knows where they are now? It’s been years since they’ve been able to focus on their work,” he said, which included growing crops such as sugar cane, wheat, maize, rice, soybeans, chick peas and apples, and raising cattle, poultry, sheep and goats.

“We need to train a whole new cadre and apply hands-on assistance,” Kellogg said, adding that concrete plans for implement- ing the training program will follow a sur- vey of needs.

“This program is an integral part of the U.S. government’s development assistance strategy for Afghanistan’s nation build- ing,” he said. “Agriculture will be a founda- tional part of the economic growth of the nation, and this program will be a key for agricult- ural development assistance.

The UI’s role in the redevelopment ef- forts was acknowledged last month by Presi- dent George W. Bush at a ceremony at the White House. Kellogg, who has chaired several national committees for USAID, was invited to attend the ceremony, which was held to honor individuals, institutions and agencies involved in relief efforts in Afghanistan.
Gift to enhance Family Resiliency Program

Doris and Jay Christopher and The Pampered Chef Ltd. have made an $11.5 million gift to support the UI’s Family Resiliency Program.

The gift provides funds for a new building, a maintenance endowment, and an endowed chair. “This magnificent gift reflects the Christoppers’ extraordinary vision and generosity in supporting a program of research and teaching directed so immediately at a critical societal need,” said Chancellor Nancy L. Faust. “Healthy families are the basis for a healthy society.”

The building constructed with the Christoppers’ gift, expected to be completed in early 2005, will be the culmination of a lifelong interest by Doris Christopher in family resiliency. It will become the basis for innovative research, education and outreach initiatives designed to enrich the well-being of individuals, children and families.

The Family Resiliency Program is located in the department of human and community development, part of the university’s College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES). The department focuses specifically on research and education programs directed at the lives of individuals, families and communities.

For resources on family resiliency visit www.familyresiliency.uiuc.edu.

achievements

broadcasting

The Illinois Department on Aging has chosen WILL AM-FM-TV to receive the Governor’s Award for Excellence for work with the community on caregiving issues and for programming on television and radio about caregiving. The award will be presented Dec. 12 at the Governor’s Conference on Aging and Human Services in Chicago.

Jan Costello, communications director at the Illinois Department on Aging, said the department wanted to recognize WILL as a model for other media outlets. “We were impressed with the progressive nature of WILL’s work,” Costello said. “WILL took the initiative to contact area agencies and discussed caregiving issues and programming with them.”

commerce and business administration

Jeffrey Brown, professor of finance, will be a member of an expert panel recently appointed to study federal retirement policy. An authority on pensions, Social Security and annuities, Brown will head the subcommittee on retirement policy.

The National Academy of Social Insurance recently appointed the panel of more than 20 retirement policy experts from the public and private sectors and from academia. They will focus their work on the payment of benefits from individual savings accounts under existing federal retirement policy.

The members begin their work this month and expect to release a report in early 2004.

The grant from the Ford Foundation, which and expect to release a report in early 2004.

Robert Osterhout, professor of theoretical and applied mechanics, was elected a fellow of the American Society for Mechanical Engineers, International, and has been awarded the Aerodynamic Measurement Technology Award from the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

Hassan Aref, professor of theoretical and applied mechanics, was elected a fellow of the World Innovation Foundation.

Robert B. Haber, professor of theoretical and applied mechanics, was elected a fellow of the International Association for Computational Mechanics.

Nancy R. Sottos, professor of theoretical and applied mechanics, was honored with the 2002 University of Delaware President’s Citation for Outstanding Achievement—recognizing outstanding graduates of the last 20 years.

fine and applied arts

Billy Morrow Jackson, professor emeritus of art and design, and his wife, Siti Mariah Jackson, are being featured at an exhibition at the Cinema Gallery, 120 W. Main St., Urbana. The show, which runs through Nov. 22, will feature paintings in oil, acrylic and watercolor; color block prints; ceramics; and sculptures.

Robert Osterhout, professor of architecture, was the guest speaker at the world premiere of the film “Turkey: The Other Holy Land” at the Smithsonian Institution on Nov. 1. Osterhout was a consultant for the film, which explores the roots of Christianity in Turkey, and also was featured in the film. Osterhout has conducted archaeological survey, documentation and restoration of the Byzantine monuments in Turkey. He is a co-director of the Study and Restoration of the Zeyrek Camii (Monastery of Christ Pantokrator) in Istanbul, a 12th century imperial monastery that housed the tombs of the Byzantine emperors.

student affairs

The University of Illinois was recognized favorably in the “Unofficial Insider’s Guide to the 323 Most Interesting Colleges,” published by Kaplan Press. The Urbana campus was mentioned on five of the publication’s lists including best academic facilities, best freshman housing, career services, highest academic standards, and “The Revenge of the Nerds” schools (a list dominated by prominent engineering schools).

liberal arts and sciences

William M. Calder III, the William Abbott Oldfather Professor of Classics at the UI, has won the Werner Heisenberg Medal. The award, named for the famous physicist, is usually given to scientists. Out of a small number of humanists winning the award, Calder is the first classicist and the first from the Urbana campus.

“West African Challenge to Empire,” a book co-written by UI anthropology professor Mahir Saul, and UI alumnus Patrick Royer, was awarded the Amaury Talbot Prize of the Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain. The prize is given to one book selected as “the most valuable work in African anthropology.” The book, co-published by Ohio University Press and James Currey Publishing, Oxford, gives an extensive history and interpretation of a war against the French colonial administration in West Africa during World War I.

university library

The research project “Digital Emblematics” has received an Alexander von Humboldt Foundation TRASCOOP award to support collaborative research on the digitization of emblems from the UI’s Rare Books and Special Collections Library and the Herzog August Bibliothek, Wolfenbuttel. Mara Wado, UI professor of Germanic languages and literatures, and Thomas Staecker, HAB, are the joint recipients of the award that will fund travel between the two research sites, a working conference, a research stay for the UI research team at the HAB, and digitizing equipment for the HAB. The principal investigators of the project are Wado, Tom Hilton, professor and head, Modern Languages and Linguistics Library, and Beth Sandore, professor and associate university librarian for information technology planning and policy.

university press

**Campus Update**

**Goal:** $1 Million

**75%**

**Campus Charitable Fund Drive ends Nov. 22**

Members of the UI community may still contribute to the 2002 Campus Charitable Fund Drive. The campaign allows employees to give any amount and to select the charities or organizations to receive the gift. Participation by everyone is vital to the success of the campaign. The campus total is currently at $750,000, only 75 percent of the $1 million goal. If you would like to contribute, but have not done so, contact your unit leader or call Cathy Rix, Office of Vice Chancellor for Administration and Human Resources, 333-6536. Campaign deadline is Nov. 22.

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**International Council**

**Short-term faculty positions**

The International Council requests proposals to fund faculty appointments for short periods, making it possible to bring to campus distinguished faculty from a wider spectrum of disciplines than might otherwise be possible, and thus strengthen the international dimension on cam-

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**Teaching Advancement Board**

**PITA grants available**

The Teaching Advancement Board and the Office of the Provost are sponsoring the Provost’s Initiative on Teach-

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**Financial support available**

**International conference awards**

Money is available through the International Council to support small conferences involving leading experts on important topics of current scholarly interest that have a substantive international content. The source of these funds is an endowment initiated by a grant from the Hewlett Foundation that was matched by private donations and university funds.

The intent is to foster conferences during which six to 10 speakers, who are not selected for any reason other than their qualifications, may present papers of 18-20 minutes each.

For criteria and application forms, contact Becky Billman, 333-6104, or visit 303 International Studies Build-

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**Changes in communication being studied**

**Participants needed for study**

Volunteers are needed for a study of how people communicate with friends or family members who have had an illness or injury that has caused a change in how they speak to, stroke, Alzheimer’s disease and brain trauma. Those participating will receive $15.

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**Changes in communication being studied**

**Participants needed for study**

Volunteers are needed for a study of how people communicate with friends or family members who have had an illness or injury that has caused a change in how they speak to, stroke, Alzheimer’s disease and brain trauma. Those participating will receive $15.

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Faculty members display art through Jan. 5

Like their colleagues in other areas of the campus, professors in the School of Art and Design are multi-taskers who are well-schooled in the fine art of juggling teaching schedules with the production of their own scholarly or creative work. And since art and design faculty members typically exhibit their work in galleries and exhibitions outside of Champaign-Urbana, their students and other community members rarely get the opportunity to view that original art first-hand.

Enter the annual Faculty Art Exhibition at Krannert Art Museum – where students can linger and learn by example, and others can come to marvel over the diverse talents represented by the art and design faculty.

This year’s exhibition, which showcases some of the finest examples of the faculty’s most recent work – in just about every artistic media imaginable, from painting, sculpture and photography to glass, metals, jewelry, mixed media and installation – runs through Jan. 5.