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Committee to streamline administrative operations
By Shartia Forrest

In anticipation of potential multimili-
don-dollar reductions in state appropria-
tions during the current and coming fis-
cal years, Chancellor Nancy Cantor has ap-
pointed an advisory committee that will re-
commend strategies for reducing adminis-
trative expenses by streamlining operations and pooling resources.

Earlier this month, Governor Rod Blagojevich told Illinois publi-
colleges to help alleviate the state’s fiscal crisis by setting aside 8 percent of their appropriations for the current fiscal year, a sum of nearly $59 million for the UI. The chair of the House Appropriations Committee also notified Illinois public universities they should prepare for pos-
sible cuts of 5 percent to 10 percent in their FY04 appropriations.

The Committee on Reorganization of Administrative Services will determine where functions shared by multiple campuses might be consolidated.

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Proposed by Gov. Rod Blagojevich that state universities and other state agencies cut 8 percent from their current budgets and identify ways to cut 8 percent. This would total nearly $59 million for the UI, based on its $730 million state appropriation from the legislature for day-to-day operation. The universities had four days to respond.

The UI was able to pull together about 4.25 percent, or $31.2 million from three sources:

1. Suspecting there could be another midyear resession (as there was last year), the university would hold back $13.7 million that was earmarked for high-priority deferred maintenance, repair and renovation projects, and facility renovation projects on all three campuses. In typical years, that money would be distributed to the three campuses early in the fiscal year and the campuses would do the projects on their own timetable.

2. University administration would fur-
ther reduce spending by $4 million.

3. The campuses combined would make spending reductions totaling some $13.7 million.

The three potential actions – each a blow to students, faculty and staff members and the people the university serves – were developed by senior academic officials on the campuses themselves.

At Urbana-Champaign, an 8 percent re-
ssession would mean cuts of nearly $21 million, and cutbacks in teaching, research, technology and business operations, said Chancellor Nancy Cantor.

Campus seed grant programs that pro-
vide matching funds for research grants from outside sources would fall to the bud-
get as, with a loss of $20 million and 232 jobs, Cantor said.

“These seed grant programs are abso-
lutely critical to our ability to compete for research funds,” Cantor said. (See page 8, for a complete list of potential cuts for the Urbana campus.)

At UIC, an 8 percent cut would mean the loss of 850 student jobs, eliminating sum-
er session, cuts in library services, laying off 275 noncontract workers, dropping sum-
er orientation for incoming students and parents and reducing matching funds for federal grants. UI/Chancellor Sylvia Mann-
ing also described the effects of deferred maintenance on campus buildings.

“In many cases, there is a tremendous need for Federal and State support to maintain our campus infrastructure,” she said. (See CHANCELLORS, Page 8)

Stukel testimony: Budget cuts put UI ‘on the brink’

The UI, facing a $130 million state bud-
gc at two years, is “on the brink” and has exhausted all its fiscal flexibility, says UI President James J. Stukel.

In recent testimony to the Illinois Senate Appropriations committee, the president both pledged shared sacrifice and strict account-
ability and warned against a loss of quality.

“As you know, the economy has not recovered, so fiscal year 2004 will be an-
other difficult budget year for state agen-
cies and higher education,” he told the senate.

“We understand that this is an extraordi-
nary budget crisis and the university will do

its part to help you and the governor address it. However, we have no remaining financial flexbility at the university. Our enrollments are at record levels with nearly 71,000 stu-
dents enrolled this spring semester. We sim-
ply cannot maintain educational quality while trying to serve these numbers of students with continuing reductions in resources.”

After outlining achievements – faculty
and student awards at the Chicago and Urbana-Champaign campuses and the Springfield campus’s leadership in online learning – the president laid out the impact of the FY 02 and FY 03 budget cuts on the university and continued uncertainty about the FY 04 budget.

“Although we are all proud of the ex-
traordinary accomplishments of the stu-
dents and faculty of the university, I must also be frank with you about the future,” he said. “The cumulative effect of the cost increases, budget reductions and rescissions in FY 02 and FY 03 has eroded the university’s resource base by more than $130 million and has placed the institution on the brink.”

He noted that a recent independent study ranks the Urbana-Champaign campus 18th of 22 in its peer group for total resources for teaching, research and service, less than half what is available to the University of Michigan, and less than 60 percent of what is available to the top eighters, including UCLA, UC-Berkeley and Wisconsin.

UI and UIS are in similar situations with their campus peers – and competition.

“The president also pledged more progress in reducing administrative overhead and said the UI Board of Trustees is deeply involved in working with the university on such key issues as resource management, administrative reorganization and tuition and financial aid policies. But there is a limit to how much savings can be wrung from administration alone.

Although we are already among the most efficiently run universities in the Big Ten and the Association of American Uni-
versities, we will reduce our administrative overhead even further,” he said. “Currently we spend only 4.7 percent on administra-
tion. Even larger savings here, assuming they are possible, will not solve the university’s budget crisis.”

Advocating for the University of Illinois

When times are tough, who will speak up for the University of Illinois?

The three campuses claim about 144,000 living alumni of whom about 262,900 live in Illinois. The university enrolls about 71,000 students and employs 24,000 people.

Our non-alumni friends and partners are legion – parents of students, our campus neighbors, companies that hire our graduates, agricultural interests that rely on our research, patients served in our hospitals and clinics, among others. In short, a lot of people in all walks of life.

The university administration is committed to consistent and informed action on behalf of the university, day in and day out, and has called upon members of that legion of friends and partners as advocates. These activities strengthen the relationship between the university and the people of Illinois through public awareness and direct outreach to constituents, including the state legislature and governor.

Now, as the Illinois budget reaches a record $5 billion deficit and the UI is on the fiscal ropes, the university is stepping up again.

“Given the dire condition and poor outlook for the University of Illinois’ budget, those with a stake in the university might want to act as advocates and let the governor and the legislature know that a great asset is in jeopardy,” Snod said.

“What has taken generations to build will decline bit by bit until this university drops into the second tier. That’s a future none of us wants to be a part of and it’s too glorious to contemplate. I hope our own people will pull together to try to have some positive outcome this legislative session.”

A handful of fundamental advocacy steps can make a difference by those interested in speaking up for the university.

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Key dates in Illinois General Assembly

March 20: House appropriations hearing for higher education (non-budget)

April 4: Deadline for third (final) reading in the Illinois House and Senate

April 8: House higher education appropriation report

April 9: Gov. Rod Blagojevich delivers his first state budget message and releases the budget document, with recommendations for higher education.

April-May: Additional House and Senate hearings expected

May 23: Scheduled adjournment.

July 1: New state fiscal year begins.
Nancy Cantor said, adding that the university would continue to lease the remaining acreage as farmland.

Two Piatt County residents spoke against the proposal, including James Reed, who presented a petition that he said contained 1,000 signatures opposing the sale.

Reed said the university would obtain more revenue from leasing the farmland than from investing the proceeds from its sale. Moreover, converting the farmland into prairie would harm the local economy by decreasing property tax revenue. Reed also said that tax payments will continue for several years and that Piatt County will receive a one-time grant equivalent to 7 percent of the land’s selling price.

The trustees also approved an architectural design for the East Campus Center, a complex containing retail businesses and apartments that will be located near Krannert Center for the Performing Arts. The trustees authorized agreements to lease the land to JSM, managed by the project’s developer, for 50 years with an option for 25 additional years. The board also approved an endorsement encouraging faculty to participate in the work of the city of Urbana converting Gregory Place to a pedestrian mall. The city will relocate parking meters on California Avenue to a nearby site. The East Campus Center, which will be funded and managed by JSM, will face Gregory Place between Nevada and Orman streets.

The $5 million first phase of the project will include 21,000 square feet of retail space on the first level, topped by three floors and 51,000 square feet of “luxury apartments” with underground parking for 60 vehicles.

“Some of you will be involved in the committees,” Jones said. “I encourage you to give this your highest priority, and we’ll hope to be able to address in the short term. Moreover, converting the farmland into prairie is very important to us; it will take us to the next level in sustainable practices.”

Provost Richard Herman, who chaired the meeting in Chancellor Nancy Cantor’s absence, said, “We are moving on a very fast track to try and achieve these economic goals in a consistent way with considerable involvement from all segments of the community. There is a lot of interest, and I think it will be one thing I can promise you is it is possible to come out of this better, and we will work to ensure the very goals that we will do this and ensure the academic mission of this institution and all that makes it excellent.”

In other business:

Assistant Editor Bruce Wicks, chair of the Senate Committee on the Library, mentioned concerns concerning scholarly communications and electronic publishing, which included provisions encouraging faculty to “pressure” publishers to contain the costs of journals and scholarly journals. The report indicated that certain publishers are inflating journal prices, particularly in the fields of science and engineering.

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On the job
Jennifer Carson

By Sharita Forrest
Assistant Editor

February 14 faculty members were selected as associates or fellows of the Center for Advanced Study for the 2003-04 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 13 professors and associate professors receiving an associate appointment and 10 assistant professors receiving a fellow appointment.

Three associates and six 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.

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

- Anne Burkus-Chasson, art and design, “Technologies of Vision in Late Imperial China.”
- You-Hua Chu, astronomy, “Hot Interstellar Gas in Galaxies.”
- Beckman associate: Noshir Contractor, speech communication, “Emergence of Knowledge Networks in 21st Century Organizational Forms.”
- Beckman associate: Martin H. Graebel, chemistry, “Molecule-field Quantum Coherence.”
- C. Jaeger, Germanic languages and literatures and Program in Comparative and World Literature, “The Romance of Violence: Theories of Violent Origins From Nietzsche to Rene Girard and Vatler Barkert.”
- Timothy G. McCarthy, philosophy, “Understanding Godel’s Incompleteness Theorem.”
- Wayne T. Pitard, Program for the Study of Religion, “Whispers from the Dust: Care of the Dead and Thoughts on Afterlife in Ancient Canaan and Israel.”
- D. Fairchild Ruggles, landscape architecture, “Matronage in Islam.”
- Albert J. Yalcoci, civil and environmental engineering, “Pore-Scale Simulation of Groundwater Contaminant Transport Processes.”

Assistant professors named fellows, including those who received a Beckman appointment, and the research they intend to pursue:

- Beckman fellow: Gauri Bhattacharya, social work, “Asian Immigrants’ Health and Acculturation: Rethinking the Adaptation Process.”
- Beckman fellow: Mary S. Gin, chemistry, “Design and Synthesis of an ATP-activated Transmembrane Ion Channel.”
- Beckman fellow: Taejik Ha, physics, “Probing Motions of Individual Holiday Junctions.”
- Beckman fellow: Eberhard F. Morgernstern, civil and environmental engineering, animal sciences, “Mevicisms of coexistence in Bicycler Biofilms.”
- Beckman fellow: Callie-Wanda S. Pillow, educational policy studies, “Tracing Meanings of the 1804 Corps Expedition: Stories of Manifest Destiny, Confession of Cultural Obligation.”
- Allison M. Ryan, educational psychology, “Social Resources in the Classroom: An Examination of Classroom Characteristics that Promote Equity.”

COMMITTEE, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Campus units can be combined into business and support service centers. Deans, directors and vice chancellors are reassessing the activities in their units and will propose ways these might be clustered to increase efficiency and reduce costs.

Cantor announced the reorganization plans in a March 7 e-mail message to faculty and staff members. The message indicated the resulting savings will help compensate for reduced state funding while protecting the university’s core missions of education and research.

“The scale of these shared business and service centers will be small enough to permit functions to be carried out by people who are knowledgeable about unit practices, and close enough to faculty, staff and students to be responsive to their needs and deliver effective service,” Cantor said.

Provost Richard Herman is chairing the 32-member committee, which comprises leaders of administrative and service units, executive officers of colleges and schools, and support services professionals, supervisors, students and faculty members. The committee will make its recommendations to Cantor by April 7 so they can be incorporated into the FY04 budget request.
Six to receive CAPE Award

When Paul Adams took over as director of Prairienet in 1999, the program had a local scope and a mounting deficit. Now, four years later, it reaches well beyond UI and Champaign-Urbana and it has been in the black for two years.

Prairienet is a community network run by the Graduate School of Library and Information Science that provides computers and Internet access to low-income users and the public.

"Prairienet has become stronger and more stable," wrote Ann Bishop, professor of library and information science, in her nomination letter. "Paul has played a significant role in its continued vitality, indeed its survival." Also under Adams' leadership, Prairienet combined forces with the East St. Louis Action Research Project, a program that provides computing resources for low-income communities. Adams served as interim director of the project for seven months, typically spending one to two days a week in East St. Louis.

"This must have come at a great personal cost: The travel to East St. Louis took a toll on his spare time since it was on top of his work, as Prairienet director," wrote Varkki George, professor of urban and regional planning. "He brings a passion to his work that is quite remarkable.

In addition to these major projects, Adams set up a summer lab in the poorest county in Georgia, sent computers to support community development in Africa, and mentored and employed a local teenager whose interest in computing was sparked by Prairienet classes.

As director of the Office of Educational Technology in the College of Education since the office was created six years ago, Catherine Thurston has been the "visionary and developer of this critical resource for the college," wrote Susan Fowler, dean of the College of Education, in a letter of support. "In the past six years, she has transformed and centralized technology services in the college and enabled faculty members and students to become educational leaders and innovators in the application and integration of technology with teaching and learning.

In her nomination of Thurston, Molly B. Tracy, associate dean for administration and technology in the college, wrote, "Thurston’s office supports a comprehensive program that provides professional development to faculty and staff members on how to integrate technology into instruction, sponsors workshops across the state, collaborates with a number of K-12 school districts on a variety of technology outreach activities and oversees all information technology resources in the college."

In addition, during her time at OET, Thurston has successfully gained millions of dollars of funding to support college and faculty efforts in the area of technology. She has assumed leadership in many of these efforts, including the development and implementation of two very successful online master’s degree programs.

It was her effort and initiative that began the "Moveable Feast" program. This summer institute program offers hands-on training on technology integration to teachers throughout the state and has grown tremendously during its five years. Because of Thurston’s leadership OET today, "Paul has played a significant role in the growth and vitality of the project for seven years," said Bovin. Ruan joined the institute in 1990 as a research information specialist and became director of the library in 1999. In 1998, the institute implemented Vision 2000 with the goal of "helping every firefighter do his/her work through training, education, information and research." Increased value was placed on outreach and technology to reach firefighters at a distance. The library has played a central role in achieving this new vision.

"Because of her personal drive, enthusiasm, dedication, ingenuity and teaching and managing his (staff) is unparalleled, and the unselfish devotion of his time to the greater goals of the Keck Center has been exemplary," Smith said. Band also served as interim director of another unit, while still operating his own, when the director left for private industry.

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More CAPE Awards

Edward N. Ballard
UI Extension educator

Carol Livingstone, associate provost and director
Division of Management Information

Ed Ballard has been a UI Extension educator in animal systems in the Effingham area since 1992, but has served UI Extension for 37 years. During the past five, he has conducted 395 programs and made face-to-face contact with almost 47,000 people across the state.

"With the tremendous demands on producer’s time, attracting them to educational events is more challenging than ever," wrote Jimmy H. Clark, professor of animal sciences. “But Ballard has had increasing success by developing programs that are superbly planned and timely and that provide immediately applicable information. This combination has resulted in some of the most successful animal systems educational programs in Illinois while others are experiencing a trend of reduced participation.

Ballard’s primary emphasis is livestock educational programming in beef, swine, horses, forages and grazing.

Campus Profile, which is a model for many universities of how information from multiple sources can be assembled and analyzed in order to produce a detailed picture of the resources, staffing, research efforts, instructional activities and overall performance of every department and college.

Among her routine responsibilities are the analysis of data for Budget Reform every semester, which determines significant resource allocations to every campus unit. She collects and reports data about the campus for annual peer salary studies and external surveys of institutional performance. Livingstone provides data used by the Illinois Board of Higher Education every year to determine instructional costs of each degree program as part of the periodic IBHE evaluation of every campus program.

In addition to producing all this information, Livingstone has devoted herself to helping administrators at every level understand how to make use of information to meet their needs. She ensures each fall to new senior administrators on the campus’s data services and conducts seminars every year for department heads on how to become “data savvy.”

New GSLIS dean approved by trustees

By Andrea Lynn
News Bureau Staff Writer

John M. Unsworth has been named the new dean of the UI Graduate School of Library and Information Science. His appointment was approved March 13 by the UI Board of Trustees at its meeting in Rockford, Ill.

Currently an associate professor of English and director of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science, the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Unsworth will begin his new duties Aug. 16. He also will hold the appointment of professor in the library school and professor of English in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Unsworth succeeds Linda C. Smith, who has served as interim dean since Aug. 2001, when Leigh Estabrook, the dean for 15 years, returned to the faculty of the school.

Richard Herman, the provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at Illinois, said that he “is delighted that John Unsworth has accepted our offer to join the university.”

He is widely admired for his intellect, his understanding of the role of technology to support teaching, research and public engagement, and his ability to form collaborative groups across disciplines,” Herman said. “He is just the right person to lead this prestigious school in new directions that will ensure its continued stature as the nation’s premier School of Library and Information Science.”

Unsworth specializes in both 20th century American literature and in computing technologies of Publishing”; “Hypertext Theory”; “Discourse Networks”; and “The Information Superhighway.”

Before joining the faculty at Virginia in 1993, Unsworth taught in the English department at North Carolina State University for four years.

He earned his doctoral degree in English at Virginia in 1988, his master’s in English at Boston University in 1982 and his bachelor’s, also in English and magna cum laude, in 1981, from Amherst College.◆

News Bureau Staff Writer

John M. Unsworth

Carol Livingstone was hired in 1984 to head the newly named Division of Management Information. The new name signaled a need for the unit to assume new functions, acquire new abilities and perform new services for a constantly expanding pool of users. As its first director, Livingstone transformed the unit into a proactive office that could meet the campus’ steadily increasing needs for information gathering and sophisticated analysis to support policymaking and meet new reporting requirements.

“IN THE public higher education environment, the need for comprehensive, accurate and up-to-date information and analysis of every aspect of the campus’ activities and operations is greater than ever before,” wrote Lamar Murphy, an associate dean in the Graduate College, in nominating Livingstone. “Carol’s skills and hard work have taken our institutional research abilities to a new level, and she has created information systems and practices that have been taken as models by a number of our peer institutions.”

Livingstone has created a number of Web-based data reporting systems that are key information sources for units at every level. The most well known of these is the

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teachers from the Institute of Electrical and Electronics- 

can that span the range of electrotechnologies and 

ual and information technologies.

The meeting is open to the public. For more informa-

tion, go to www.staff.uiuc.edu/~m-loui/ssit03.html.

Campus Recreation
Cheap Skates is April 2

Campus Recreation is holding an evening open skate at the Ice Arena from 7:30 to 9 p.m. April 2. The open skate is part of the “Cheap Skates” program, which takes place on the first Wednesday of every month. The fee is free to UI students and Campus Rec members; admission is $1 for others. Skate rental is $1.

For more information, call 333-2081 or visit www.campusrec.uiuc.edu.

Campus Recreation
Bicycle maintenance offered

Campus Recreation Outdoor Adventures will host a bicycle maintenance clinic from 1 to 3 p.m. April 2 at the Outdoor Center. The cost is $10 for UI students and Campus Rec members and $14 for nonmembers and the public.

Demonstrations will focus on brake and gear adjust- 
ments, bearing adjustments, lubrication and fixing flats.

Registration is required. For more information, call 333-TRIP (8747), visit www.campusrec.uiuc.edu, or stop by the Outdoor Center.

'Reel Queer Film Festival' 
Films, workshops announced

The UI’s second annual “Reel Queer Film Festival” kicks off with “Trembling Before G-d,” a movie exploring the ways Orthodox Jews reconcile their love of Judaism with biblical prohibitions against homosexuality.

“Trembling” will be shown at 7:30 p.m. April 1 in 100 Gregory Hall. A discussion led by Matti Bunzl, a professor of Jewish culture in the anthropology department at Illi-

nons, will follow. All of the 12 films and八个 events in the festival, which runs through April 5, are free and open to the public.

A highlight of the festival will be the area premiere of Sherman Alexie’s film, “The Business of Fancydancing.”

on April 4 in 192 Lincoln Hall. In the film, which Alexie wrote and directed, a successful gay Native American poet confronts his past when he returns to the reservation to attend a close friend’s funeral. A short film titled “Tivo Spirit People” will precede the Alexie film. The 20-minute short begins at 7:30 p.m.

Another festival highlight is the workshop to be con- ducted by the transgender slam poet Marcus Rene Van at 2 p.m. April 4 in 101 Armory. Van also will introduce his five-minute film “Junk Box Warrior” and respond to questions beginning at 7:30 p.m. the previous day, April 3, in 213 Gregory Hall. Van’s film is the leadoff for “An Evening of Shorts.”

Film director Johnny Symons also will take part in the festival, showing his film “Daddy and Papa,” which deals with gay fatherhood, at 7:30 p.m. April 2.

For more information, visit the festival Web site at www.queer.org or call the Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Concerns at 244-8863.

University Primary School
Applications due March 21

The deadline for applying to University Primary School for the 2003-04 school year is March 21. The school serves children ages 3 to 7. More information is available by calling 333-3996.

Alexander von Humboldt Foundation
The science of Mercedes-Benz

Alumni and friends of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation are invited to the next chapter meeting at 6:30 p.m. April 8 at Sullivan Parkhill Imports, 440 W. Anthony Drive, Champaign.

The meeting will feature a German-style buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed by a technical presentation at 7 p.m. with Wayne Shewchuck from Mercedes-Benz USA, who will discuss “Aspects of the Engineering Design of a Mercedes Benz, for the Engineer and the Layperson.” Discussions and demonstrations will continue until 9 p.m.

Interested members of the university and prospective members are invited to attend. E-mail reservations to whites3@uiuc.edu.

Every year, the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation grants more than 800 fellowships and awards to highly qualified scholars and leaders around the world. New programs include regional and interdisciplinary conferences and Summer Research Fellowships de-

signed for junior faculty members in the United States. Further information about the Humboldt Foundation will be available at the meeting and at www.avh.de. Information about the local chapter is available at www.german.uiuc.edu/events/avh/index.html.

Van Arsdell Lecture
Equal justice in death penalty

Stephen B. Bright, director of the Southern Center for Human Rights in Atlanta, will deliver the Paul M. Van Arsdell Jr. Memorial Lecture at 4 p.m. April 1 in the College of Law Auditorium.

Bright’s lecture, “The Need to Realize the Promise of Equal Justice in Death Penalty and Other Criminal Cases,” will discuss how poor people accused of crimes—including those facing the death penalty—often receive inadequate legal representation from court-appointed lawyers. Ac-

cording to Bright, decisions in the criminal justice system often are influenced by the race of the person accused and the race of the victim of the crime.

This event is free and open to the public.

Larsen Human Development Award
Nominations due April 7

The Counseling Center will accept nominations for the Robert P. Larsen Human Development Award through April 7.

The award goes to a person or group that is part of the university community with preference going to students or a student group. The award honors those making a signifi-
cant contribution to the campus that is consistent with the general mission of the Counseling Center.

Nomination forms are available at the Counseling Cen-
ter or at www.CounselingCenter.uiuc.edu/larsen_form.pdf. Forms also may be requested by phone, 244-3356.

The award is named in honor of a 50-year Counseling Center staff member.

Chicago’s space gallery
Architecture featured in exhibitions

Architecture — both historic and futuristic — will be featured in three new exhibitions opening this month at I space, the Chicago gallery of the UI’s Urbana-Champaign campus.

The exhibitions, on view through April 5:

■ “Walter Butler Griffin: Architectural Models of Projects and Demolished Buildings,” features nine bass-

wood models of Griffin buildings by students of Paul

Knuty, a professor of architecture at Illinois and the author of the book “Walter Butler Griffin in America.” Informa-
tion about the Prairie School architect and his work — much of which can still be found in the Chicago area — accompa-
nies the student designs.

■ “Sullivanesque: Urban Architecture and Ornamenta-
tion,” is a collection of decorative ornaments, terra cotta fragments, drawings, photographs and prints that provide a historical overview of modern American architecture derived from the style originated by Louis Sullivan. The exhibition is organized by UI architecture professor Ronald Schmitt, the author of the book “Sullivanesque: Urban Architecture and Ornamentation.”

■ “Interactive Architecture: Habitable Softwear/Wear- 
able Architecture,” a multimedia installation presenting highlights of a thesis project by Illinois alumnus Jerome Smuth. The main components of the project are a “techpack,” a foldable, solar-charged laptop computer worn by the user, and a bus shelter.

An opening reception is scheduled from 5-7 p.m. March 21 at the gallery, 230 S. Superior St., Chicago. 1 space gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities
Conference explores ‘The South’

The fifth annual conference of UI’s Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities will explore “The South” as it is continuously defined and redefined by a dozen other scholars from Illinois and across the country. In some cases the South will mean the American South, in others, Nigeria, Azerbaijan, the South Side of Chicago and even the work of artist Diego Rivera.

The conference, which is free and open to the public, will be April 3-5 at several locations on the campus, primarily the Levis Faculty Center and the Illini Union. No registration is necessary.

More than 20 papers will be given in 10 categories including writing the Southern woman, the South as fact and fiction, and the literatures of the South.

Keynote speakers are Saska Sassen, sociology, Uni-

versity of Chicago, who will speak about “The Participa-
tion of States and Citizens in Global Governance” (7:30 p.m. April 3, Levis Center), and James L. Peacock, anthro-
pology, University of North Carolina, who will talk about “Exploring Identity in the Global South” (7:30 p.m. April 4, Krannert Art Museum).

The 2002 IPRH faculty, graduate student and Illinois Humanities Postdoctoral Fellows, who recently concluded a year in interdisciplinary activity considering “The South,” also will present their research at the conference.

For more information about other guests and their topics, visit the IPRH Web site, which has a full program schedule, at www.iprh.uiuc.edu, or contact Christine Cunatze, IPRH associate director, at 244-7913 or catanzar@uiuc.edu.

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Saturday, March 22
Champaign-Urbana Symphony Orchestra, Wynton Marsalis, music director and conductor. 8 p.m. Foilinger Great Hall, KCPA.

Sunday, March 23
Kammerchor Deutscher Academic, Friedrickson, Stanford. 4 p.m. Ten Championships. 6 p.m. Women's Gymnastics. 1:05 p.m. Illinois Field.

Monday, March 24
Women's Tennis, UI vs. Notre Dame. 3:30 p.m. Atkins Tennis Center. 5 p.m. Women's Tennis. UI vs. Penn State. 6 p.m. Eichelberger Field.

Tuesday, March 25

Wednesday, March 26
Women's Tennis, UI vs. Ohio State. 2 p.m. Women's Tennis. UI vs. Ohio State. (2) Noon. Eichelberger Field.

Thursday, March 27
UI Museum of Natural History. "New Acquisitions 2000-2002." Noon-8 p.m. Tu; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. W-F; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sa. Through March 27.

Friday, March 28
Reel Queer Film Festival: "Chrissie." 7:30 p.m. 100 Gregory Hall. More info: www.reelqueer.org. Through April 5.

Saturday, March 29
Saturday Reel Queer Film Festival: "Centipede: A Love Story." 7:30 p.m. 100 Gregory Hall. More info: www.reelqueer.org. Through April 5.

Sunday, March 30
University of Illinois Land-Grant Extension "Teaching Statistics and Probability." 5-9 p.m. Ten Championships. 6 p.m. Women's Gymnastics. 1:05 p.m. Illinois Field.

Monday, April 1
Reel Queer Film Festival: "The Past and Future of the Urban Community in Organized Crime."

Tuesday, April 2
Women's Tennis, UI vs. Illinois. 1 p.m. Atkins Tennis Center. 5 p.m. Women's Tennis. UI vs. Notre Dame. 3:30 p.m. Atkins Tennis Center.

Wednesday, April 3
Women's Tennis, UI vs. Penn State. 6 p.m. Eichelberger Field.

Thursday, April 4
Saturday Reel Queer Film Festival: "My Hero." 7:30 p.m. 100 Gregory Hall. More info: www.reelqueer.org. Through April 5.

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University's Land-Grant Extension "Understanding the Career Development of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in Teaching." 5-9 p.m. Ten Championships. 6 p.m. Women's Gymnastics. 1:05 p.m. Illinois Field.
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premium paid for the deferral," Manning said, giving as an example failing to replace an aging pipe, which subsequently bursts and damages walls, ceilings, floors, windows, and office equipment.

The impact of an 8 percent cut would be devastating for the Springfield campus because “we have no reserves,” said Chancellor Richard Ringenstein. “We can’t do it. There is not that kind of money on our campus.”

“If I could use one word to describe what is lost, it would be ‘quality,’” said UI President James D. Stukel. “And quality is the only commodity we have that makes us different.”

In any case, because so much of the UI’s operating budget is salary and wages—about 80 percent—positions are once again at risk, the president said.

“If the FY03 recession becomes permanent in FY 04, the number of layoffs will rise substantially,” Stukel said. For example, if the state cuts the university’s budget under the 4.25 percent scenario, some 750 positions are at risk. Under the full 8 percent scenario, some 700 positions are at risk. These positions are on top of the 900 full-time-equivalent positions eliminated to cover the FY 03 recurring budget cuts. The university’s official employee payroll count as of last October showed the number was about 33,700. Because of non-reappointment and other employment actions are not necessarily reflected in that number.

“The University of Illinois is challenged more seriously today than at any time in my 40-plus-year career with the institution,” Stukel said. “We need to work together and make the right decisions now to ensure that the university meets these challenges.”

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First, identify an issue or two—in this case, the state deficit that resonates with you personally or one you believe a particular legislator cares about.

Second, construct a short, respectful but firm letter that outlines the issue. Ask the legislator and the governor to consider his or her effect on students or faculty members or services or employment and the reputation of the UI.

Third, mail it so it reaches the governor in time to have a real effect.

Fourth, keep the governor informed of the UI School of Art and Design’s gift program, which includes a $482,000 cut for Springfield. These reductions are on top of the $13.7 million in deferred maintenance money held in University Administration and $4 million cut from UI spending.

“Last year we were able to spare a number of units the brunt of the budget cuts because of their special importance,” Provost Richard Herman said. “These include the library, the Discovery program, general education funding, the Campus Honors Program and the Office of Equal Opportunity and Access. That will not be possible with the magnitude of reductions we are expecting for next year. Every aspect of our activities will be affected.”

Actions that might be taken on the Urbana campus:

◆ Reduce faculty and teaching staff.
   ◆ Decrease the size of the faculty by attrition beginning next fall.
   ◆ Reduce the number of teaching assistants by such means as increasing class sizes and eliminating discussion sections supporting lecture courses. In the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, these steps may reduce the number of teaching assistants by 10 percent, the equivalent of about 100 half-time graduate assistants.
   ◆ Eliminate some lecturer and instructor positions, some in areas of very high demand, and some in less critical areas.
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   ◆ Class sizes in more than 225 courses and sections.
   ◆ Manage enrollment by directing students to courses and areas with sufficient capacity, eliminate some concentrations within departments to redirect faculty resources to areas of highest demand.
   ◆ Reduce support for Freshman Discovery courses.
   ◆ Reduce seed grant support provided through the Research Board.
   ◆ Reduce availability of matching funds to meet federal grant requirements.
   ◆ The number of proposals supported would be reduced, resulting in significant loss of external funds.
   ◆ Reduce support for learning technologies.
   ◆ Discontinue support for the most popular computer-based learning system used in 288 courses by 16,000 students.
   ◆ Limit students’ access to learning technologies for doing course work and collaborative work with other students through the campus computer network, such as chat rooms and news groups.
   ◆ Close three general use computing laboratories.
   ◆ Reduce computer support staff by 30-40 positions.
   ◆ Discontinue purchasing additional bandwidth from the Illinois Century Network.
   ◆ Eliminate the classroom modernization program.
   ◆ Decrease support for course development, the Teaching Advancement Board, and the Distinguished Teacher/Scholar Program.
   ◆ Reduce staff.
   ◆ Eliminate 150-200 positions in custodial service, grounds maintenance, painting, landscaping, temperature control response, pest control, mail delivery, building planning and design, student safety programs.

For ongoing updates about budget cuts, as well as information about cuts at the Chicago and Springfield campuses, go to www.uiuc.edu/president.