BLUE is green
New initiative promotes environmental awareness, issues

By Shantae Forrest
Assistant Editor

Healthy environments—both indoors and out—are the primary goal of an initiative launched this academic year by Facilities and Services on the Urbana campus.

BLUE, an acronym for building a lasting university environment, is a broad-based program that promotes an environmentally friendly campus community. The program heightens awareness of environmental issues and gives employees to demonstrate initiative and creativity in project designs and other responsibilities that will reduce waste, diminish usage of chemicals, water and energy; improve building efficiency and otherwise protect the environment.

“Recognizing that the physical features of the campus are an integral part of the learning experience, it is our responsibility to provide a campus that is not only aesthetically pleasing, but one that also is sensitive to human health and the environment,” said Jack Dempsey, F&S executive director.

The seven divisions of F&S established a set of sustainability goals for the academic year, such as incorporating native species into the south campus landscape plan, completing pilot testing and initiating design of an expanded composting facility, and reviewing the Campus Master Plan to identify places for sustainable and ecological design.

In keeping with its goal of increasing use of hybrid or electric vehicles on campus, the Car Pool this spring replaced several scooters, cars and trucks with eight fully electric, zero-emission vehicles for intra-campus travel. The vehicles, called Global Electric Motorcars or GEMs, manufactured by Daimler-Chrysler, are expected to save at least $1,000 in fuel costs over their lifetimes in addition to being more environmentally friendly than their gas-powered predecessors.

Another BLUE goal is to improve runoff water quality from parking lot F-23, which is near the intersection of Florida Avenue and South Lincoln Avenue and scheduled for renovation in 2005. F&S invited Urbana campus facility members to submit proposals for implementing a storm-water management system in the lot and selected a proposal from William Huntlar, Edwin Herricks and Art Schmidt in the department of civil and environmental engineering.

Huntlar, Herricks and Schmidt have assembled a project team that includes internationally recognized experts on the environmental impact of construction materials and on storm water management from the Illinois State University, the Urbana Drainage and Flood Control District, Denver, Weight Water Engineers; and the Urbana engineering firm of Items, Cincay and Associates, which was involved in the lot’s construction.

The team is developing designs that will manage runoff water quantity and improve quality by removing contaminants by reusing the medians and installing an underground vault. The group also plans to establish a monitoring station at the lot, which will provide data on water quality and quantity.

Environmental issues, Building a Lasting University Environment, a program under way in the Facilities and Services Division, educates staff on environmental issues and encourages project designs that will positively affect the ecosystem and people.

“We’re really excited that we now have a large group of employers that are very knowledgeable about campus and they now have a forum to learn and get recognition for their creativity and initiative in sustainability,” said Sylvia Delgado, director of safety and compliance.

Study group questions effectiveness of proposed missile-defense system

By Melissa Mitchell
Managing Staff Writer

As the U.S. Department of Defense’s Missile Defense Agency ramps up efforts to have the first phase of the system, a multifaceted, billion-dollar “layered” national defense system in place by September—on schedule as mandated by President Bush—the agency’s fast-tracked plans have been hitting a few speed bumps.

The most recent yellow flag was waved by the General Accounting Office in April, in a weighty report that recommended significant improvements in testing and accountability procedures by the Missile Defense Agency. That report, mandated by Congress, comes on the heels of another authoritative report released last year by the American Physical Society’s 12-member Study Group on Boost-Phase Intercept Systems for National Missile Defense. The study group, which reviewed existing information and completed new research as well, was co-chaired by Frederick K. Lamb, a UI professor of physics and astronomy, and Daniel Kleppner of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Lamb said the 478-page report is widely considered to be “the most rigorous and quantitative report” to date on the feasibility of developing and deploying a boost-phase defense against long-range missiles. The UI researcher, who also is a professor in the university’s Program in Arms Control, Disarmament and International Security, presented an overview of the study group’s work in Denver at a meeting of the APS.

He also will discuss the impact the study has had since its release on plans to fund development, testing and implementation of boost-phase interceptor programs.

While the agency’s primary focus at this time is on deployment of a system that would target warheads launched by intercontinental ballistic missiles, or ICBMs, during the “midcourse” phase of their flight trajectories—after they’ve separated from their booster rockets but before they reenter the atmosphere—Lamb said the goal of the boost-phase program is “to disable missiles by hitting them with interceptor rockets or a laser beam in their first few minutes of flight, while the booster rockets are burning and before they have released their warheads.” This approach is viewed by proponents of the Bush administration’s Ballistic Missile Defense System as one element of its proposed layered defense system, SEE MISSILE DEFENSE, PAGE 2

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Trustees approve increased budget for alumni center

By Craig Chamberlain and Sharita Forrest

Rising steel prices prompted the UI Board of Trustees executive committee to approve a $1.2 million increase in the budget for construction of the Alice Campbell Alumni Center on the Urbana campus during a May 25 teleconference meeting of the board's executive committee. The committee approved the $3 billion budget for the project based upon recent estimates by BLDJ Architects Inc. of Decatur that the project has proposed $92 billion budget for steel was causing a "significant raw material price increase in steel and steel components" and had inflated construction costs.

The approved budget proposal was approved by the trustees in February 2003 at a projected cost of $15.1 million. The center's construction is being funded through private gifts and other revenue from the Alumni Association. The building will be adjacent to the Hilleman Gateway, near to the Admissions and Records building, just west of Lincoln Avenue.

Other business

The committee approved a $35,000 tuition rate for the master of science degree in accountancy with a specialization in taxation offered by the College of Business at Urbana. The 12-month program is intended to be a full-cost-recovery, executive-style program.

Bettina Diekmeyer, chancellor of the Urbana campus, told the committee that the capacity of the technology to deliver, steer, clear of larger issues which Lamb said ultimately have to be addressed. Among them, computing systems, command, control and battle management requirements, and policy issues — such as the arms control, strategic stability or foreign policy implications. "An effective risk management or deploying a boost defense program."

Because government officials had expressed concern, the committee recommended that the United States, North Korea, Iran and Iraq to acquire or produce either liquid- or solid-propellant missiles in the next 10 to 15 years, the boost defense program may need to mount an effective defense against ICBMs originating from those countries. Liquid-propellant missiles use an older technology, and have longer burn times than solid-propellant ICBMs.

"In assessing the feasibility of boost-phase defense system, using the ABL, we attempted to make optimistic assumptions to bound the performance of such systems," the physicists wrote in the report's concluding remarks. "In some cases we made assumptions that appear technically possible but may not be realizable on other grounds. An important example is the assumption in some of our analyses that interceptors could be fired as soon as a target track has been constructed, without allowing additional time for decision or assessment."

In the end, the scientists concluded that "what we, the boost phase community, are studying are potentially capable of defending the United States against liquid-propellant ICBMs at certain ranges of interest, at least the most of the near-term requirements. However, all factors are considered none of the boost-phase defense concepts studied would be sufficient to the foreseeable future to defend the nation against even first-generation solid-propellant ICBMs."

Since the APS report was issued, Lamb and other APS members of the group have spent considerable time in Washington, D.C., briefing Congressional aides on their findings and meeting with representatives from both sides of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and Senate and House Armed Services Committees. Lamb also provided a briefing to the scientific and technical staff at the U.S. Department of State, and delivered their findings at the Institute for Defense Analysis and the National Defense University at Fort McNair in Washington, D.C.

Following the physicists' presentations of their results to the nation's legislative leaders and policymakers, significant changes were made in the funding of several areas within the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) FY 04 funding for the "so-called common interceptor" intended to be all things to all people. "The researchers of the programs were never funded at $100 million.

The board had advanced tripling that, with plans to increase it to $10 billion in the future years," Lamb said. "Congress said, ‘Don’t think the program has been studied sufficiently — the homework has not been done.’

While deployment of an effective national missile defense system may not be out of the question someday, Lamb said the United States should not begin such a development until it is clear that the following requirements have met: “One, we know that it will be effective; two, it will not bankrupt the U.S.; and three, it won’t cause other countries to respond in ways that would make us even less safe."

UI study: Bush administration has used 27 rationales for war in Iraq

By Andrew Lynn

Analytical Senior Writer

If it seems that there have been quite a few rationales for going to war in Iraq, that’s because there have been quite a few — 27, to be exact. The latest, from the July 3-10, 2001, and Oct. 11, 2002, to a new UI study. All but four of the rationales originated with the administration of President George W. Bush. The study also found that the Bush administration switched its focus from Osama bin Laden to Saddam Hussein, and the administration’s shift in only five months after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the United States.

In addition to what it says about the shifting sands of rationales and the unsteady path to war in Iraq, what is remarkable about the 212-page study is that its author is a student. The study, covered by the Rationales for the Wars on Iraq: The Words of the Bush Administration, Congress and the Media from 9/11/2001 to 11/25/2002,” is the senior honors thesis of Devon Largo, who graduated May 16 and will attend law school at Vanderbilt University. She applied for and was accepted to one of the nation’s most selective law schools. Largo believes the study is the first of its kind. For her analysis of all available public statements the Bush administration and the Congress of the United States has made about the war with Iraq, Largo not only identified the rationales offered for going to war, but also the media groups and who and who promoted them. She also charted the appearance of critical keywords such as Osama bin Laden, Saddam Hussein and Iraq as part of the administration’s shift in interest from the al Qaeda leader to the Iraqi despot, and the news media’s response to that shift.

“The rationales that were used to justify the war with Iraq have been a major issue in the debate about the war and its conduct, and by providing an especially thorough and wide-ranging analysis of it,” Althaus, a professor of political science, said. "Largo’s book provides the last word on the subject, but I believe it is the first to document systematically the case that the administration made for going to war during critical periods.

"It’s a first-rate research," Althaus said. "It’s a very good book. It’s one that a lot of people will read and be interested in."

Largo mapped the road to war over three phases: Sept. 12, 2001, to December 2001; January 2002, from Bush’s State of the Union address, to April 2002; and Sept. 12, 2002, to Oct. 11, 2002, the period from Bush’s address to the United Nations to the resolution of the resolution to use force in Iraq. She drew her conclusions from by her examination of the president’s written record, from media interviews, letters and cables sent to and from the president, and from a review of the president’s shift from bin Laden to Saddam. Largo found that Iraq was “part of the plan for the war on terrorism” in both phases.

For example, in his State of the Union speech on Jan. 29, 2002, President Bush declared that Iraq was part of the war against terrorism because it supported terro- rists and continued to “fan its hostage-taking in America.” He also claimed that Iraq allowed weapons inspectors into the country and then threw them out, “telling the international community and the American public that it would not develop weapons of mass destruction.”

Largo wrote. In the same speech, the president called Iraq a threat to the United States, a phrase that “ignite much criticism” and add “to the sense that the U.S. would embark on a war with the Hussein state,” Largo wrote.

"So, from February 2002," Largo said, "Iraq gets more hits than Osama bin Laden. For President Bush the switch occurs there and the gap grows over time."

Largo also discovered that it was the media that initiated discussions about Iraq, which included the administration and congressional leaders did about the intentions of that country and its leader. The flavor also alarmist reports, which could be connected to the 9-11 incident to the forefront, asking questions of the officials. See IRAQ WAR, PAGE 3

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Pregnant or new teen mothers overlooked

The Title IX legislation of 1972 has been celebrated for the dramatic benefits it brought to girls in school sports. But another group of girls, also guaranteed educational equality through Title IX, has seen little benefit, says Wanda Pillow, a UI professor of educational policy.

In a new book, "Unfit Subjects: Educational Policy and the Teen Mother" (Routledge), Pillow writes that schools today rarely make even small accommodations for pregnant and parenting teens. As in the pre-Title IX past, the majority of pregnant teens apparently still leave school and don't return.

In some schools, the old understanding that "when you show, you go" is still in effect — at least in practice, Pillow said. In some larger school systems, pregnant students are encouraged to attend alternative schools, but the quality of these schools is unclear.

Title IX clearly requires access to equal educational opportunity for these students, but the interpretation has been left to the individual schools, Pillow writes. "Presently, beyond forbidding expulsion, there is no clear law to enforce or guide the provision of educational services for teen mothers at the local or state level."

Also lacking are data and research. School routinely track not only the educational paths of pregnant and mothering students, Pillow said. Figures are not kept on their numbers, what schools they go to and their graduation and dropout rates. As a result, she said, only a handful of researchers have tackled the subject.

Pillow encountered numerous stories of pregnant girls required to squeeze themselves into constructed desk seats, or written up for tardiness or absences related to pregnancy or child care.

She witnessed the chair problem so many times in her research that "it just became this visual for me of how we are still sending a clear message to the pregnant teen that she does not fit within the school, she does not fit within education."

The message also has been that she is "unfit for education," Pillow said. Schools and communities struggle with the presence of the pregnant teenager in school, often out of fear of "contamination" — that she will spread sexual immorality to other students, Pillow said.

"People are comfortable with teenage sexuality, particularly female sexuality, and pregnancy is an embodiment of that," she said. "Rather than deal with issues related to the teen mother, "what we retreat to every time is 'we just need to prevent pregnancy.'" Pillow said.

Pillow notes in her book that while there have always been teen mothers, they were not a focus of policy or public attention before the 1970s. The attention had been on teen mothers of all ages, and that attention was limited. The principal institution involved was the home for unwed mothers.

Those homes served mainly white, working-class women who were trained in specialized job skills training that would enable the single mother to support herself and her child. Pillow said. The emphasis on training would lead to a later concern about the child's mother's right to an education, and helped lay the groundwork for Title IX.

But the homes also helped establish a clear pattern of defining the issue of unwed pregnancy by race. Pillow said. "White, unwed mothers were seen as fallen women, women who had made a mistake in their life ... but who could be redeemed."

For black women, however, unwed pregnancy was seen more as a "cultural deficit," Pillow said, and "redeeming" them was not a goal.

"Flash index of Illinois economy remains steady"

After breaching the 100-barrier in April, the UI Flash Economic Index held constant at 100.3 in May. This ended a period of steady increases that began last September.

The economic outlook for the state continues to be relatively strong. For example, the Chicago Purchasing Managers Index was up sharply for May, reflecting the strength of the economy in the Chicago area.

All three components of the Flash Index — employment taxes as well as individual and corporate-tax receipts — were up slightly from the same month a year ago, said Fred Giertz, the UI economist who compiles the data.

This brought an end to the Index’s recent climb to the 100 level that indicates economic expansion.

The Flash Index is a weighted average of Illinois growth rates in corporate earnings, consumer spending and personal income. Tax receipts from corporate income, personal income and retail sales are adjusted for inflation before growth rates are calculated. The growth rate for each component is then calculated for the 12-month period using data through May 31.

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After reading the letter, I immediately called my friend and told her about the situation. She was deeply moved and offered to help in any way she could.

"I'm so glad you were able to help in this way," she said. "I've been looking for a way to show support for the military, and this seems like a great opportunity."

"Thank you," I replied. "I feel that by writing letters, we can make a difference in the lives of these soldiers."

"I completely agree," she said. "It's important to show our support and let them know that they are not forgotten."

After writing letters to several soldiers, I realized the impact that our actions can have. It was a rewarding experience and I feel grateful to have been a part of it.

"I'm so glad I could help," my friend said. "It's given me a new appreciation for what our soldiers are doing and the sacrifices they make.

"I think it's important for all of us to find ways to show our support and gratitude," she said. "It's a small gesture, but it means a lot to those who are serving our country.

I'm planning to continue sending letters to soldiers and encouraging others to do the same. It's a powerful way to make a difference and show our support.

-- By John Loos, student intern
**benefitsbrief**
State Announces Benefit Choice Period

The state of Illinois Department of Central Management Services (CMS) has announced that Benefit Choice will be June 7 - June 18, 2004. During this time employees can make changes to health and life insurance coverage, re-enroll in flexible spending accounts, and opt out of state of Illinois benefit programs with proof of other coverage. Benefit Choice booklets will be available on NEXSIE by June 7. Employees will be able to choose a health plan from among the current FY2004 health plans. Current benefit levels for the health plans will not change for this Benefit Choice period and premiums will be based on the current FY2004 rates. The Managed Care Dental Plan (MCDC) will be discontinued, and all employees enrolled in MCDC will be automatically enrolled in the Quality Care Dental Plan (QCDC) and subject to the QCDC premium and fee schedule beginning July 1, 2004. Vision Service Plan (VSP) will continue as the vision provider. For more information about Benefit Choice visit NEXSIE at https://nexit.uiuc.edu. UI faculty and staff members must use NEXSIE, the online self-service system, to make changes to benefit plan selections. Benefit Choice Overview/NEXSIE Training sessions have been scheduled on each campus. For dates and locations visit NEXSIE at https://nexit.uiuc.edu. Employees should be aware that the NEXSIE Benefit Choice application will be unavailable from 6 a.m. June 12 through 6 p.m. June 13 because of a university-wide Banner upgrade.

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**Faculty/Staff Emergency Fund seeks donations**

“Your generosity has helped to make this difficult time a little easier. Thank you for the assistance from the Faculty/Staff Emergency Fund. It was truly appreciated.”

“Without the help from the Faculty/Staff Emergency Fund I could not have made it through my hardship. Thank you!”

“Thank you so much for the financial assistance. At this difficult time, this has taken a little stress off. Thanks again.”

E stablished in 1992, the Faculty/Staff Emergency Fund assists UI employees on the Urbana campus and their families during times of financial crisis. It is funded fully by donations from faculty and staff members to help colleagues in need. Volunteers are encouraging donations during the program’s annual fund drive that is now underway.

“Donations received during last year’s fund drive have been spent helping employees in need, and each year it is important to replenish the fund,” said Kathy Seybert, co-chair of the Volunteer Employee Emergency Fund Committee. “This is our special chance to help our Urbana campus colleagues who may experience a financial crisis at one time or another.” Seybert said. “It could happen to any of us.”

Since its inception, the fund has provided confidential financial assistance in small grants to more than 350 employees. The fund has assisted employees with rent or mortgage payment, utilities, medication, medical bills, or food or clothing during times of crisis such as serious illness in the family or a house fire. Anyone applying for assistance is screened through the Faculty/Staff Assistance Program and then reviewed for approval by a separate confidential committee.

Contributions of any amount are encouraged. Donations are accepted through payroll deduction, and employees who donated last year and wish to continue donating in this manner may need to renew their pledge. Cash and donations by check also are welcome. Checks should be made payable to UIUC Faculty/Staff Emergency Fund and mailed to the UI Foundation, 400 Harker Hall, MC 386.

To donate to the Faculty/Staff Emergency Fund:
- **Payroll deduction:** Simply fill out the card included in the mailing.
- **Send a check:** To UIUC Faculty/Staff Emergency Fund to the UI Foundation, 400 Harker Hall, MC 386.

A brochure about the program and payroll deduction cards will be sent by campus mail to each employee in the near future. Additional information is available from Donna Jessee, 244-3618, or Seybert, 265-0985, co-chairs of the grass-roots committee and also of this year’s fund drive.

Eligible faculty and staff members may apply for emergency assistance at any time. All contacts are confidential and as- sessments are free. For more information, call 244-5312 or write to Faculty/Staff Assistance Program, 1011 W. University Ave. MC 255.

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**job market**

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**achievements**

A report on honors, awards, appointments and other outstanding achievements of faculty and staff members

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**applied life studies**

Thomas O’Rourke, professor of community health, received the 2004 UI Alumni Association Educator’s Award at the UI Alumni 100 Honorary Banquet. O’Rourke was recognized for “efforts made to enhance the undergraduate experience at the University of Illinois.”

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**engineering**

Donald E. Carlson, professor of theoretical and applied mechanics, has been awarded the 2004 Robert E. Miller Award for Teaching of Mechanics.

Carlson was cited “for distinguished service to the TAM department, particularly for rigorous teaching of mechanics at all levels of instruction.” The award was presented April 23 during the department’s spring banquet and awards convocation.

**liberal arts and sciences**

Carl R. Woese, Stanley O. Ikenberry Professor of Microbiology, was elected to the American Philosophical Society in April. Election to the society honors extraordinary accomplishments in a variety of disciplines, organized into five classes. Woese was elected into the biological sciences class. Nominations for membership can only be made by resident members.

The society is the oldest learned society in the United States, founded in 1743 by Benjamin Franklin for the purpose of “promoting useful knowledge.”

**university library and uni high**

**Articles by Lisa Hinchliffe**

- **UI Library coordinator for information literacy services and instruction, and Frances Jacobson Harris, head librarian at University Library High School,** were selected to be included in Library Instruction Round Table’s top 20 library instruction articles of 2003. LIIT is affiliated with the American Library Association.

Hinchliffe’s article, “Examining the Context: New Voices Reflect on Information Literacy,” was published in Reference & User Services Quarterly 42.4. In the notice, the chair of the committee making the award noted that Hinchliffe’s article “exemplified our criteria of quality writing, useful research and stimulating ideas.”

Harris’ article “Information Literacy in School Libraries: It Takes a Community,” was published in Reference & User Services Quarterly 42.3. Her article exemplified their criteria of quality writing, useful research, and stimulating ideas.

The committee read and evaluated more than 100 articles published in 2003 as part of the selection process. The entire list of selected articles will be published in the June 2004 issue of the organization’s newsletter, Library Instruction Round Table News.
Summer Jazz Festival is June 9-13

Forget Montreux and Monterey. If you’re looking for a quick jazz fix, there’s no place like home. Jazz in all its diverse permutations—from wartime to fusion—to is on tap, just around the corner at the School of Music’s Summer Jazz Festival, June 9 through 13.

With the exception of a dinner concert, which takes place during the final night of the festival at 5:30 p.m. at Robert Allerton Park near Monstad, the five-night concert series takes place at 7:30 p.m. in the Tryon Festival Theater, Krannert Center for the Performing Arts.

Kicking off the festival on June 9 will be the distinctive sounds of Krakatau, a 10-piece Indonesian jazz fusion group that blends traditional Gamelan tonal systems and ethnic rhythms with Western diatonic jazz.

On June 10, trumpeter Jon Faddis returns to the stage to stand as a featured festival performer.

"Jon’s combination of beautiful mellifluous lines and screaming high notes makes him the most exciting jazz player out there," said music school director Karl Kramer. "He is also in accordance with what he is doing, which makes for an intimate musical evening."

On June 10, Faddis will join a 12-piece ensemble to present original orchestrations of Scott Joplin’s piano rags from a collection community referred to by musicians as "The Red Book." The program will also include new arrangements of Jelly Roll Morton tunes. On June 11, Faddis will appear with a 25-member ensemble, conducted by guest artist Joe Mucciolo. The ensemble will perform "Porgy and Bess" and "A Night to Remember" in 1958 arrangements. Cat Stevens for trumpet Miles Davis. Faddis takes the stage on June 12 with the UI’s jazz program director and saxophonist Chip McNeill, then reprises the ragtime program the following evening at Allerton for the festival’s finale.

Detailed program information is available on the Web at www.kra.nnetcenter.com/perform/tickets for the Krannert Center performances are available at the venue’s ticket office, 333-0800. To reserve tickets for the Allerton event, call the Allerton Conference Center, 333-3287, or Allerton’s Visitor’s Center, 244-1035.

International Crossroads in Cultural Studies’ International conference will be June 25-28

An estimated 700 participants from more than 45 countries will gather on June 25-28 at the UI for the fifth International Crossroads in Cultural Studies Conference.

A principal aim of the conference, according to its director and Illinois professor Norman Denzin, is to "explore the practical implications of cultural studies in this critical moment in history ... to reach out from the academy to the larger society."

"Politics of affairs has left a politics of hope," Denzin wrote in an introductory note for the conference program.

"In light of these uncertain and violent times, poets, writers, artists and cultural studies scholars from across the world will gather together in common purpose to seek a new politics of resistance and hope."

The opening keynote address, on the morning of June 25, will be delivered by Lawrence Grossberg, a former Illinois professor, now the Morris Distinct Professor of Communication Studies and Cultural Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Three spotlight sessions in the afternoon of June 25 will be devoted to "Racism, Media and Democracy," and "Africa in a Global World."


The opening address at the conference, which features 142 sessions and more than 500 presenters. Additional information is available at www.crossroads2004.org. The registration deadline is June 18. The conference website is www.crossroads2004.org.

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Installation of new campus cooling system under way

By Shanta Forrest
Assistant Editor
Just in time for summer’s heat and humidity, the Urbana campus is commissioning a new central cooling system that will provide air conditioning for much of campus. The $40 million chiller project includes construction of a chiller plant on Oak Street between the Physical Plant and Abbott Power Plant as well as the infrastructure to distribute chilled water to buildings across campus.

Modified steam tunnel piping connects the new plant to Abbott Power Plant, which will power the new chillers with the steam Abbott creates as a byproduct of electrical generation. The two plants’ synergy maximizes the efficiency of the overall utility system.

New piping also connects the new plant with two existing chiller plants, one near the Beckman Institute on the campus’s north edge and another at the Animal Sciences Lab. The system has replaced more than 60 individual building chillers, many of which were approaching 40 years of age and had been inefficient and ineffective.

“The new equipment in our central plant is state of the art and highly efficient,” said campus facilities director David Green of the Facilities and Services Division. “The old equipment was considerably less efficient, even when it was new, and became less efficient with age. Inefficiencies also increase with the number of pieces of operating equipment, thus (we have) the advantage of one large central system with back-up equipment as compared to multiple smaller systems.”

During the past two years, construction crews have installed piping throughout the campus, which extends in some cases from the central chiller, have decommissioned old chillers, pumps and cooling towers in various buildings and installed new equipment controls and monitoring systems.

A number of new or recently remodeled buildings such as the Siebel Center have also been hooked up. Several buildings in the planning stage or that are under construction will be served by the system as well, including the Institute for Genomic Biology, Doris Kelly Christopher Hall, the Alice Campbell Alumni Center and the remodeled Intramural-Physical Education Building.

But despite the massive amount of work already done, the system is far from finished, Green said. A number of existing buildings on campus still need to be connected to it—a process likely to take several more years.

By next spring, more than 40 older buildings will be added to the system, including Krannert Center for the Performing Arts, the Illini Union, Engineering Hall and several residence halls.

While many people only think about air conditioning during the sweltering summer months, the high-tech revolution has made air conditioning vital in many facilities even when the outdoor temperatures plummet.

“The past, air-conditioning systems had been seasonal only,” Green said. “With the increase in computer rooms and high-tech equipment, there’s a growing demand for year-round cooling, so this new system performs that. This is a big plus for the research-intensive facilities that populate our campus.”

Green credited Lyle Wachtel, associate vice president for Facilities, Planning and Programs, for providing the initial “big picture” concept and support at the administration level. Green also commended Kent Reifsteck, manager of engineering services, for handling the day-to-day decision-making and implementation input the project demanded.

Deaths

Joanne Bode, 73, died May 26 at her Champaign home. Bode worked at the UI for 26 years, retiring in 1995 as a mail messenger for Mail Services.

Elly Annbury, 47, died May 16 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Derby worked at the UI from 1995 to 2000. She had been a secretary III for the College of Education and the Division of Operation and Maintenance and also a public safety telecommunicator for O&M. Memorials: Alzheimer’s Association, Greater Illinois Chapter, 405 Park St., Normal, Ill. 61761.

Harold A. Schultz, 97, died May 21 at Meadowbrook Healthcare Center, Urbana. Schultz was a professor of art at the UI for 35 years, retiring in 1975. He served as acting head of the art department in 1963. Memorials: Friendship Fund of Clark-Lindsey Village or the Nature Conservancy of Illinois.
Stringfellow retrospective on view through Aug. 1

Music, religion, and African American history are among the recurring themes depicted in the lively and colorful art of Allen Stringfellow. The Chicago-based artist was born in Champagnes in 1927 and attended the UI before completing his training at the Milwaukee Art Institute. Stringfellow's work will return to his old stomping grounds on June 4 for the opening of "Stringfellow's World: Allen Stringfellow, a Retrospective" at the UI's Krannert Art Museum. An opening reception for the exhibition, from 5 to 7 p.m., will feature music by the jazz ensemble Chicagoan. Created by UI art history doctoral student Phoebe Wolfskill, the exhibition will be on view at the museum through Aug. 1.

Stringfellow works with a vivid palette using a palette of colors, most notably cobalt and indigo. Focusing predominantly on themes related to religion and gospel and jazz music, his work imparts a high profile and personal perspective on African-American life in Chicago and Champagne. His work has been shown publicly in Chicago at the Museum of Science and Industry, the Art Institute, and the Chicago Historical Society, and is held in private collections of notable public figures among them, Oprah Winfrey.

Activity planned in conjunction with the show includes a Kids/Krannert event from 10 a.m. to noon on June 5. Stringfellow and local artists will participate in the event, in which children will be introduced to the art of college painting. Also, the Community Music Project will bring Stringfellow's artistic motivations to the Champagne-Urbana community with a collaborative initiative involving local artists and school-age children. The mural project will take place July 12-22, with a Museum Celebration planned on July 24 (details to be announced later).
CALENDAR. CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7
lock Museum and National His-
tory Museum.
Family Campout. Call 333-
8747 for details. Continues
June 13. Campus Recreation
13 Sunday
Artists at Allerton. 1-5 p.m.
Visitor’s Center, Allerton Park.
Allerton Park and Conference Center
14 Monday
Junior Explorers Camp. 8-8.5 p.m.
Visitor’s Center and Environmental Learning Field Station, Allerton Park.
Continues through June 18. For children entering third through fifth grade. Registration
required; call 244-1035 or 762-2721. B. Allerton Park and Conference Center
15 Tuesday
Scuba Clinic. 8-10 p.m. (continues
every Tuesday and Thursday for 5 weeks) IMPE indoor pool. Registration required; call 333-8347. Y. Campus Recreation
19 Saturday
Powwow Family Activity Day. 10-3 a.m. noon Spark
lock Museum. Registration required; call 244-3555. Spark
lock Museum and National His-
tory Museum.
“Seeing Stars.” 8-10 p.m.
Visitor’s Center, Allerton Park.
Bring binoculars. B. Allerton Park and Conference Center
21 Monday
Explorers Camp. 8 a.m. 5 p.m.
Visitor’s Center and Environmental Learning Field Sta-
tion, Allerton Park. Continues through June 26. For children
entering sixth through eighth grade. Registration required,
call 244-1035 or 762-2721. B. Allerton Park and Conference Center
26 Saturday
Vintage Vinyl Sale. 8 a.m.-
7 p.m. Lincoln Square Mall, Urbana WJLL
27 Sunday
Trail Trekkers, Meadow Trail. 11-1 p.m. Visitor’s Center, Al-
tern Park. Join a naturalist for an afternoon hike to dis-
cover the beauty of Allerton’s trails. Allerton Park and Conference Center
exhibits
“The American Indian Center of Chicago Celebrates 50 Years of Powow”
Through June 20. Five galleries featuring the cultures of the world. Spark
lock Museum. Noon-Sunday. Tues-
day, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednes-
day-Friday: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday.
27-28 Featured Works XXXVII: “From Hand to Lip: The Art and Technology of Making a
Grape Vine”
Through Aug. 1.
“Changing Rooms: The Cre-
ation of Cinematic Space in the Works of Harry Hering
’
Through Sept. 19.
“Joining With the Morn-
Allan Stringfield, A Ret-
rospective”
1, 6, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday, Saturday-
cover the sights and sounds of
25-26 The University of
Society, Sunday. Free ad-
smission; $3 donation suggested.
“One Book, One City, One Show”
Humanities Lecture Hall.
Through Aug. 15.
The art gallery. Online exhibit of the UI School of Art and De-
sign. www.art.uiuc.edu/art.
online
ongoing
Algalde Chimney Tower Tours
1, 2, 3 p.m. M-F. Enter through 323 Algalde Hall. To arrange a concert or Bell Tower visit, e-mail chimes@uiuc.edu or call 333-6068.
Arboretum Tours
To arrange a tour, 333-7579.
Beckman Institute Cafe
Open to the public. 8 a.m.-3 p.m. M-F. Lunch served 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
For monthly menus, www.beckman.uiuc.edu/scafe.html.
Biever Cafe
By reservation.
Campus Recreation.
Hours for May 15-June 13.
IMPE 11 a.m.-7 p.m. M-
F; 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat & Su;
IMPE Outdoor Pool: 11 a.m.-
7 p.m. M-F; 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Sat & Su;
IMPE Indoor Pool: 11 a.m.-
1 p.m. daily. CRC: closed for renovations
Kenney Gym and pool will be open to all faculty/staff at no charge during scheduled hours with valid ID card. For more information and after June 13, call 333-3060 or visit www.campusrec.uiuc.edu
Faculty/Staff Assistance Program
12:30-5 p.m. 101 W. Univer-
sity Ave, Urbana. Phone 244-
5312.
Fatun Dawa Practice Group
1:30-4:30 Sunday 404 or 407 Illini Union. 244-2571.
Kamenzig Commons Caffe-
ria Serving breakfast, 7:30-11 a.m.
and lunch 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. M-
F. East end of Lay Bldg.
Illini Union Ballroom
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. M-F. Second floor, NE corner. For reservations, 333-0690; walk
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Japen House
Tours: 1-4 p.m. Thursdays;
11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays;
11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sundays
For reservations, 333-3060; walk
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in welcome.
Krannt Art Museum
The Fred and Donna Gioe Education Center: 11 a.m.
1 p.m. Tu/Th; Gift Shop:
10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. M-Su; 2:40-
3:40 p.m. Su. Paulette Cafe; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. M-F Su; 2-5 p.m. Su.
Krannt Art Center for the Per-
forming Arts
Interlude: Open one hour be-
fore and after performances to per-
formances. Wine tastings at 5 p.m. mid-Thu.
Intermezzo Cafe; Open
7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on non-
performance weekdays; 7:30 a.m.
through weekday performances; weekends from 80 minutes before until after performance.
Promenade gift shop: 10 a.m.-
6 p.m. M-Su. One hour before and until 30 minutes after perfor-
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ations pattern.
Ticket Office: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
M-Su, daily, and 10 a.m. through first intermission on performance days.
Tours: 3 p.m. daily; meet in
main lobby.
Library Tours
Self-guided of main and un-
dergraduate libraries; go to In-
formation Desk (second floor, mem-
main library) or Media Center (underground library).
Mead Salesroom
1:30-6 p.m. Tu & Th. 8 a.m.-
1 p.m. F. For price list & spe-
cials, 333-3403.
Robert Allerton Park
Open 8 a.m. to dusk daily.
“Artists Legacy” exhibit at
Visitor’s Center; 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
daily. 333-2127. Garden tours.
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Chancellor’s Council of Aca-
demic Professionals Meet-
1:30 p.m. First Thursday
monthly, Illini Union; www.

cp.uiuc.edu
Committee on Employers
Association
11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. first Thurs-
day monthly. 244-2666 or
phone

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VIRUS
Virus of the Year Award
5:30 p.m. Saturday.
Voice of the Year Award
5:30 p.m. Saturday.
Fellows’ Presentation
10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday.
Illinois Union.

Italian Table
Italian conversation Mondays
at noon, Intermezzo Cafe, KCP.
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