Spanish language radio being broadcast on UI campus

By Craig Chamberlain

The radio station has no studio – not even a microphone – and a coverage radius measured in blocks rather than miles. Its control room is a desktop computer in the corner of a campus office, monitored remotely by an education professor fascinated by language, radio and the Internet.

But for those wanting a taste of Spanish in their radio diet, the new Latino Radio Service at the UI may be just what they’ve been listening for.

The new low-power voice of Spanish language radio on the Illinois campus, 1660-AM, went into full-time operation this month, transmitting from a 12-foot antenna recently installed on the top of Bever Hall.

Sponsored by La Casa Cultural Latina, the Latino cultural center on campus, the station “may well be the world’s only fully automated campus radio station playing programming obtained via the Internet,” according to founder and station manager Gary Cziko (SEE-ko), a professor of educational psychology. “It is almost certainly the only U.S. university campus station doing so using programming in Spanish and Portuguese.”

The roots of the project go back to Cziko’s boyhood fascination with radio, beginning when his father bought him a shortwave radio and he listened to stations from Cuba to London to Moscow. The experience stimulated his interest in languages and cultures, which lead to a research interest in language acquisition, and along with that learning French, German and Spanish.

With the advent and development of the Internet, it was only natural that Cziko would be intrigued by the new medium’s ability to stream audio from radio stations around the globe. “I just thought that was really amazing that you could be listening to thousands of different programs from anywhere in the world in all these different languages,” he said.

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Web Toolbox

Easy online solutions are just a click away

By Sharilyn Forrest

Assistant Editor

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Super-star clusters may be born small and go coalescing

By James E. Kloeppel
News Bureau Staff Writer

A trio of massive, young star clusters found entwined in a star cloud may shed light on the formation of super-star clusters and globular clusters.

The discovery, made with images taken with the Hubble Space Telescope, was presented Jan. 11 by You-Hua Chu and Rosie Chu of the UI and Kellogg Johnson of the University of Virginia at the American Astronomical Society meeting in San Diego.

This finding indicates that super-star clusters may be formed by coalescence of smaller clusters.

The tightly packed group of clusters was found in the core of the active star formation region NGC 5461, within an arm of the giant spiral galaxy M101. This galaxy is located about 2.5 million light-years away in the constellation Ursa Major (the Big Dipper).

NGC 5461 has such a high concentration of light in its core that some astronomers have thought it might house a super-star cluster,” said Chu, who is a professor of astronomy at the University of Virginia and principal investigator of the project. Super-star clusters, with a total mass of up to 1 million times that of the sun, are five to 10 times more massive than the spectacular M36 cluster at the center of the Tarantula Nebula in the Large Magellanic Cloud. They are believed to be the young counterparts of the massive globular clusters in our galaxy.

Hubble Space Telescope images of the core of NGC 5461 revealed a tight group of three massive clusters surrounded by a cloud of stars within a region about 100 light-years in diameter. Although each cluster is comparable to the R136 cluster, the total mass within this small volume is similar to that of a super-star cluster.

“If NGC 5461 were 100 times farther away, even the Hubble Space Telescope would be unable to resolve this tight group of clusters,” said Chu, a graduate student at Illinois. “It is possible that some of the super-star clusters previously reported in distant galaxies actually consist of groups of clusters similar to NGC 5461.”

The large amount of mass at the core of NGC 5461 produces a strong gravitational field, causing the clusters and stars to move and interact dynamically. The rapidly fluctuating gravitational field produced by this interaction dissolves the relative motions of the clusters into random motions of individual stars. Eventually, the clusters and stars moving around one single star cluster.

“The Hubble Space Telescope images of NGC 5461 provide a unique glimpse of a super-star cluster in the making,” said Johnson, a professor of astronomy at Virginia. “There is no super-star cluster yet, but it is just a matter of time.”

The dynamical evolution of the clusters at the core of NGC 5461 is being simulated by astrophysicist professor Paul Rudak at Illinois. Preliminary results show that under optimal conditions these clusters may merge within a few million years.

“Fortunately, NGC 5461 is near enough, and young enough for us to resolve it with the Hubble Space Telescope,” Chu said. “We were indeed lucky to catch it at such an optimum time.”

The research, which was supported by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, will be reported in the Feb. 1 issue of the Astrophysical Journal.

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Student-designed wheelchair makes it easier for athletes to maneuver

By Melissa Mitchell
News Bureau Staff Writer

Drifting, passing and shooting could become much smoother moves for wheelchair basketball players if a student-designed chair featuring a handleless braking and tuning system makes its way to the marketplace.

Created as part of a class project by a team of industrial design students at the UI, the Balance Sport Wheelchair was designed to provide wheelchair athlete with greater control and maneuverability on the court.

With the new design, the athlete’s body essentially functions as the mechanical braking system for the chair, which features a segmented seatback and modified bicycle disc brakes attached to the wheels. To turn, the athlete leans hard into a side of the seatback, to slow or bring the chair to a stop, the athlete sits straight back, placing both sides of the seatback to activate the brakes.

Eric Larson, a senior from Peoria, Ill., said the wheelchair is the outgrowth of a class assignment by former UI industrial design professor Ke-Chen Nain to design a line of sports equipment. Larson was part of a team, which also included Ricky Buddle, Ron Shaw and Austin Cliff (all new UI grad students). Larson’s team chose to focus on designing a better sports chair than one observing past practice sessions of the university’s Fighting Illini Wheelchair Basketball teams.

“They used to practice in the gym right across the street from our offices,” Larson said. “We were amazed at what they could do, but at the same time, we saw a lot of problems. Because of how rough they were, they were always cracking.”

The Balance Sport Wheelchair addresses this problem. Larson said, on a couple of fronts. Because the hands-free braking and turning system gives athletes better control, collisions—and resulting injuries—can be minimized.

The chair also features an ergonomically correct seating and aluminum frame design that goes beyond what’s currently commercially available.

For Michael Frogley, the head coach of the UI men’s and women’s wheelchair basketball teams, the real measure of the chair’s value is that “it will make great athletes and make them better.”

“The chair introduces a new element in how athletes move on the court,” Frogley said. “Currently there are no lateral movements. A player has to stop and turn slightly. Every time you have to take your hand off the ball, you’re at a disadvantage.”

With the Balance-Sport Wheelchair, he said, “you can start to use skills in your trunk, which opens you up to improved basketball skills, whether passing, dribbling or shooting.”

Another feature that appeals to players on the UI team—who have tested prototypes of the chair—is the chair’s adaptability. Frogley said the chair includes three classifications levels, based on players’ physical capabilities. Level 3 players have control over all of their muscle groups; Level 2 players have control of arms, shoulders and torso muscles; while Level 1 players have control of only arms and shoulder muscles. The student-designed chair can be retubbed to meet the needs of individual players regardless of their classification.

Basketball players aren’t the only ones who could benefit from using the chair. “It would be great for any court sports,” Frogley said.

Other refinements can be traced back to Illinois, which long has been recognized for its pioneering educational and athletic programs for students with disabilities.

Past technological improvements developed at the UI have included the “Illinois Wheel,” a pneumatic tire with improved control only of arm and shoulder muscles. The Balance Sport Wheelchair is designed for use by athletes competitive in a variety of adapted sports.

“Like its predecessors, the Balance Sport Wheelchair is designed for use by athletes competitive in a range of sports, from tennis to track and field events,” Larson said.

Development of the chair was funded by an E-team grant from the National College League Innovators Alliance. The grant proposal was sponsored by the UI’s Product Innovation Research Laboratory, with the lab’s director, William Bullock, serving as faculty sponsor and principal investigator. The university’s Office of Technology Management has filed for patent protection and is seeking to licensing partners to bring the wheelchair to the marketplace.
Dear Colleagues,
As I wrote to you at the beginning of the Campus Charitable Fund Drive this fall, we are about making the future better for individuals, for families, and for all. And, as we have done for 75 years, we again asked our faculty and staff members to support those who need our help in this community, in our country, and around the world.

One more, your responses demonstrate your commitment and generosity. We have over a million dollars to invest as we make a difference in the lives of so many. I am proud and humbled to be a part of such a caring community.

My deepest thanks go to each and every one of you.

Sincerely,
Richard Herman
Interim Chancellor

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**New KAM director plans to work more closely with other FAA departments**

For a closer look at what will be happening at the museum this semester, visit the KAM website: [www.kam.uiuc.edu](http://www.kam.uiuc.edu).

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**By Melissa Mitchell**

**New connections**

Kathleen Herrmann, director of Krannert Art Museum, overseeing installations of the exhibit "OVER + OVER: PASSION FOR PROGRESS," which opens Jan. 29, will be working closely with other FAA departments. Herrmann said she believes this is a first for graduate students.

"Other longer-term plans in the works at the museum include "making more public spaces where people can work and relax," she said.

"One of the most exciting things about the Krannert Art Museum," she said, "is that it's a place where people can work and relax."
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UI president featured in ‘Conversation’

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The School of Art and Design is offering Saturday art classes for children in a project-based curriculum directed to Anne Robertson (arobrtsn@uiuc.edu) or Fiona in the international schools. Children must be 3 years old on or before July 1 for the 1st grade class and 4 years old on or before July 1 for the 1st grade class. The classes will be concurrent sessions featuring UI faculty members in various art disciplines and the design process. Following lunch, each session will present a “Continuing Conversations About Making and Teaching Visual Language.”

The event will begin with a welcome by Acting Provost Delia, who will provide the 2009-10 Distinguished Teachers/Scholars: Paul Kelter, professor of agricultural and biological engineering; and Jodi Heckel of the News-Gazette, who will offer a reading of a wine. The faculty members will then take turns before the students and present their research. Following lunch, each session will present a “Continuing Conversations About Making and Teaching Visual Language.”

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“Government Information = Pricel ess!” Government Documents, main hall wall display cases, Li- brary.
“Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay” Latin American and Caribbean Library.
“Honoring Our Faculty Achievements” Main hall wall display cases, Li- brary.
“Victorians and the Crimean War” Rare Book and Special Collec- tions Library.
Through Feb. 28.

“Following the Paper Trail From China to the World” Focus Gallery. Five galleries featuring the cul- tures of the world. Spark Museum. Noon-5 p.m. Tuesday; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday.

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art gallery. Online exhibit of the UI School of Art and De- sign. www.art.uiuc.edu/@art.

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Algoitd Chime-Tower Tours 12:30-1 p.m. M-F. Enter through 353 Algoitd Hall. To arrange a concert or Bell Tower visit, e-mail chimes@uiuc.edu or call 333-6068
Arborium Tours To arrange a tour, 333-7579.
Beckman Institute Cafeteria Open to the public, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. M-F. Lunch served 11 a.m.-2 p.m. For monthly menu: www.beckman.uiuc. edu/cafeteria
Bevior Cafe 8:30-11 a.m. coffee, juice and baked goods, and 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. lunch.
Campus Recreation Because of renovations, check Web site (www.camпус.uiuc.edu) for more information and schedules or call 333-3016. CRRC: closed for renovations. Kenney Gym and pool will be open to all faculty/staff at no charge during scheduled hours with valid ID card.
English as a Second Language Course 5-8:30 p.m. LDS Institute Building, 402 S. Lincoln Ave., Urbana. Weekly on Thursdays. Faculty/Staff Assistance Program 8 a.m.-5 p.m. 1011 W. Univers-
ity Ave., Urbana. Phone 244-5512.
Falun Dafa Practice Group 3:30-4:30 Sunday, 404 or 407 Illini Union. 244-2571.
Haizenga Commons Canteen Serving breakfast 7:30-11 a.m. and lunch 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. M-F; East end of Law Bldg.
Ioo Arena Open Skate Open Skate: 11:20 a.m.-12:40 p.m. Monday-Sunday (while university is in session). Hours: 7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, 1:30-4 p.m. Sunday. Closed: 7:30-9:30 p.m. First Wednesday of each month. www.campusrec.uiuc.edu/skating/index.html
Illini Union Ballroom 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. M-F. Second floor. NE corner. For res-ervations, 333-0600, walk-ins welcome.
Japan House For a group tour, 244-9394. Ten Ceremony: 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. 5F-persons.
Krannert Art Museum and Kinkaid Pavilion Tours: By appointment, call 244-6582.
The Fred and Donna Giertz Education Center: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tu-Th. Palette Cafe. 8 a.m.—4:30 p.m. M-SA, 2-3:30 p.m. Su. Office hours: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. M-F.
Krannert Center for the Performing Arts Interlude: Open one hour be- fore until after events on perfor- mance nights. Krannert Uncorked: Wine tast- ings at 5 p.m. most Thursdays. Interlude Cafe: Open 7:30-10 p.m. on non-perfor- mance weekdays, 7:30 a.m. through weekday performances. Weekends from 90 minutes be- fore until after performances.

organizations
Council of Academic Professionals Meeting 1-30 p.m. First Thursday monthly. www.cap.uiuc.edu or mcphil@uiuc.edu.
Classified Employees Association 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. first Thursdays. 244-2466 or nblachow@uiuc.edu.
French Department: Pausa Café 5-6 p.m. Thursdays, Express- or Royale, 1117 W. Oldurba, Urbana.
Illini Folk Dance Society 8-10 p.m. Tu & Sa, Illini Union. Beginners welcome. 398-6846.
Italian Table Italian conversation Monday at noon, Internazano Café, IRCPA. Lifetime Fitness Program 6-8:50 a.m. M-F. Kinesiology 244-3983.
PC User Group For schedule, call Mark Zirnwe, 244-1289, or David Hardy, 533-5656.
Secretariat 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. third Wednesday monthly. Illini Union, 333-1374, mdavis@uiuc.edu or www.uiuc.edu/secretariat.
The Deutsche Konversationsgruppe 1-3 p.m. W. The Bread Com- pany, 706 S. Goodwin Ave., Urbana.
VOICE Poetry and fiction reading. 7:45 p.m. Second Thursday of each month. The Bread Company, 706 S. Goodwin Ave., Urbana.
Women’s Club Open to male and female faculty and staff members and spouses. 398-5967. kmarsbu@prairienet.org or http://sc-wc.uiuc.prairienet.org/ ■

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mances.
Ticket Office: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. 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, main library) or Media Center (undergraduate library).
Most Salesroom 102 Meat Sciences Lib. 1-5:30 p.m. Tu & Th; 8 a.m.- 1 p.m. F. For price list & spe-
cies, 333-3604.
Robert Allerton Park Open 8 a.m. to dusk daily. “Allerton Legacy” exhibit at Visitors Center. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. 244-1035. Garden tours, 333-2127.
Vet Med Café Open weeklydays 7 a.m.-3 p.m. South end of Vet Med Basic Sciences Building. For weekly menu, http://www.vcm.uiuc. edu/.

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