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Board seeks feedback on campus technology

By Shartia Forrest
Assistant Editor

Got suggestions about information technology that would help you — and others in the campus community — with teaching, research or other responsibilities?

The members of the Information Technology Advisory Board want to hear them.

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ITAB is a primary route for faculty and staff members to have input on current needs and future directions for campus computing, and has many non-technical members who can offer advice on how computers can help people with their work.

ITAB works collaboratively with the Student Information Technology Advisory Board, a committee of 22 undergraduate and graduate students that focuses on student computing needs. Jan Novakoff, a professor of animal sciences, chairs both organizations.

Six of ITAB’s members have been instrumental in shaping information technology initiatives at Urbana, including CITES’ strategic plan and the campus network upgrade, addressing users’ problems with the Illinois Compass online learning system, and developing and implementing CITES Spam Control, the centralized spam-handling software that is being phased in now.

“On the one hand, the ITAB is great at is saying, ‘Here’s a whole bunch of things we’d like. Let’s look at the costs and prioritize them,’ so that we know that the investments we’re making are really the ones that faculty need. They focus a great deal on the assets we’re developing,” said Siegel, who created ITAB 4 1/2 years ago on the advice of Chancellor Richard Herman, who was then provost.

Last fall, ITAB provided Siegel with a prioritized list of information technology initiatives for the campus. Second on the list, after Illinois Compass, was installing and upgrading classroom technologies. According to ITAB’s recommendations, 75 percent of classrooms on campus currently lack computer capabilities and, at best, have aging overhead projectors.

Right now we have a mix of classrooms with sophisticated technology and classrooms with very little,” Novakoff said.

The Illinois Compass online learning system, provided by the Illinois Compass, is designed to help students manage their coursework and personal lives. It provides a centralized online learning environment that connects students with their peers, faculty, and support services.

High-speed network to link UI campuses

The university recently approved the establishment of the Illinois Communications Network, an expandable, high-availability communications network using fiber-optic cables that will connect the UI campuses in Urbana, Chicago and Springfield.

“The ICCN is one in a series of network upgrades that will clear the way for individuals seeking high-bandwidth and superior quality communications for innovative research and teaching programs, including high-performance computing, digital libraries and other data repositories and Web-based services that exploit digital media,” Siegel said.

Chester Gardner, vice president for academic affairs, said: “In its 20-year life, the network will grow and be used in ways unimaginable to us today. The ICCN will enhance network reliability for business applications and will stimulate creation of networking among the campuses and the outside world.”

Jesse Delia, interim provost of the Urbana campus, said the ICCN’s potential for positive impact is enormous. “The ICCN will allow researchers to share their innovations in real-time — from genomics to computer science to the fine arts. We will be better able to form practical partnerships with Illinois industry and to reach out to Illinois communities.”

Officials from the three UI campuses will conduct the network implementation initiative. Steve Yang, assistant director of information officer for information technology at CITES, will coordinate the project, which is scheduled for completion during the 2005-2006 academic year.

For more information and updates on the project, visit www.cites.illinois.edu/project/ccn.
Senators discuss intellectual property, parking and procedures

By: Saffron Forrest
Assistant Editor
Professor Leonidas Schacht, chair of the General Council and the Urbana-Champaign Senate, commented that the fall of 2000 "will have a plan put together over the summer. We can sort out where it gets done and how the vice president can assist." Schacht said that the senate cannot compel the trustees to take action but said he believed it was important to address the matter, saying that "saying it is enough.

Schacht associated classes with the concept of intellectual property. "It is important to consider the loss to the faculty member when there is an infringement," he said.

Schacht also addressed the topic of intellectual property and the University's recent decision to terminate the use of the facility's computer systems.

"We need to enhance the education and research focus of the university," Schacht said. "The computer system is used for public good, and the university is committed to protecting intellectual property."

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Facilities and Services focuses on service, efficiency

By Shanta Fordham

Administrative Assistant

Facilities and Services is exploring new ways of doing business that are paying off for the campus and the university.

The initial catalyst for these changes was the reorganization that took place in 2002 when the former Office of Management and Budget became the Business Operations Division of Facilities and Services. This led to increased efficiency and reductions in administrative expenses by pooling and sharing resources.

However, F&S staff members have navigated these changes by maintaining a customer-first focus. Team members have adopted the slogan "in service to our students and faculty." This includes the use of new technology to improve service delivery.

"We’re trying to bring services to the masses," said Jack Dempsey, F&S executive director. "We’re looking at every aspect of our business and asking ourselves: What do we have to do to support the mission of the university? If we do, then we need to make it work well and efficiently. If not, then we may need to change or eliminate it."

"It gave me a chance to focus on operations," said George Hess, director of Campus Stores, Mad and Recording. "After the administrative consolidation that formed the Business and Services/Shared Administrative Services Divisions, we really had to think about the processes that we shared and how we could improve efficiencies."

"We need to be able to share resources," Hess added. "If one business is successful, then another business needs to be made successful."

"Just by pooling and sharing resources, we can really be more efficient in the long run."

The fiscal year, Campus Madison is expected to save $26,000 in discounts, Hess said. He is ex- pecting that computer purchases on campus did not go directly."Educational pricing plus a 2 percent dis- count for educational institutions – coupled with the discount for educational institutions – has generated this year. "However, the fact that we continue to make these sorts of savings when they filed income returns this year, "there’s that all that much attention being paid to teachers’ professional development."

Rivitz knows the Illinois program is the first of its kind in a comprehensive way. Administrators and the software vendor, who indicated interest in conducting a case study on the division and its success with Banner.

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Researchers improve design of genetic on-off switches

By Jim Barlow
News Bureau Staff Writer

Researchers at the UI have come up with a new standard in the design and engineering of nuclear hormone receptor-based genetic switches, without causing new problems or aggravating existing ones.

The new technique, published online ahead of regular publication by the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, combines the advantages of directed evolution and computationally driven rational design, said Hui Zhao, a professor in the department of chemical and biomolecular engineering and member of the Institute for Geometric Biology at Illinois.

The technique—called a protein-engineering approach—used by Zhao’s team used directed evolution, which mimics natural evolution in a test tube, to force rapid evolution of the receptor and the ligand and to reveal novel interactions that take place to drive gene expression. The engineered genetic changes subsequently make the receptor highly responsive to the synthetic molecule.

“We envisage that the described protein-engineering technology could provide a powerful, broadly applicable tool for engineering receptor systems with improved or novel ligand specificity,” Zhao said.

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UI scholars elected to American Academy of Arts and Sciences

By James C. Kriegstein
News Bureau Staff Writer

The American Academy of Arts and Sciences has elected 33 researchers from the University of Illinois and Illinois Institute of Technology to its 2005 class of Fellows.

The biannual election recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the arts, humanities, and sciences. The University of Illinois is represented by 31 researchers.

The academy is an organization of distinguished scholars, scientists, artists, and leaders in international affairs, who are educated in the liberal arts and sciences and are elected by their professional peers.

The University of Illinois Fellows elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences are:

• Edward Lifson
• William Mallory
• Kwame Ross

UI alumni research scholar Martin Gruene holds Bessel Prize

By Sarah Scalo
News Bureau Staff Writer

Martin Gruene, a UI professor of chemistry, has received a Wilhelm Friedrich Bessel Research Prize Award from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation in Bonn, Germany.

Each year the foundation offers two research awards to young scientists and scholars, both in the research and teaching fields. Gruene, who is currently a professor of chemistry at the University of California at Berkeley, received the award because of his research in molecular engineering and molecular design.

Gruene’s research group has developed a new method to link together multiple molecules, creating molecular switches that can be controlled by light.

The research has been published in the journal Nature and was funded by a grant from the National Institutes of Health.

The prize is named after the German physicist Wilhelm Friedrich Bessel, who was a member of the famous Humboldt family.

The prize is given to researchers who have made significant contributions to the field of science and who are expected to continue their work in the future.

Gruene is a member of the American Chemical Society and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The prize is not only a recognition of Gruene’s research, but also an opportunity for him to travel to Germany and meet with other scientists.

“I am very honored to receive the Bessel Prize,” Gruene said.

“I am also grateful to the Humboldt Foundation for this recognition.”

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New technique: A new approach in design and engineering of nuclear hormone receptor-based genetic on-off switches has been developed by UI researchers. Brown (left), a professor in the department of chemical and biomolecular engineering and member of the Institute for Geometric Biology at Illinois, and Bilal Chere, a doctoral student in chemical and biomolecular engineering, were part of the team. A patent is being sought for the protein-engineering technology and gene switch.

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Faculty and staff members honored for excellence in teaching, advising

By Sarah Scalia

Shout UI faculty members, one academic professional and five teaching assistants were honored for excellence in teaching and advising April 27 at the annual Instructional Awards banquet in the Illini Union.

Faculty winners of the Campus Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching are Janis D. Jovanovic, human and community development; Gary J. Kling, natural resources and environmental sciences; Kimberly Shinew, recreation, sport and tourism; Mark S. Micale, history; and David H. Tewksbury, speech communication.

Instructional staff winners of the award are Ellen Freeman, statistics; Sandra Goss Lucas, psychology; and Leslie Kli McNeil, biochemistry. Graduate teaching assistants who received the award are Emma M. Beltz, Germanic languages and literatures; Pinaki Chakraborty, theoretical and applied mechanics; Grace E. Cho, psychology; E.K. Tan, comparative and world literatures; and Mandy L. Wescott, English.

Linda Broder, curriculum and instruction, and Thomas B. Ginsburg, law, received the Campus Award for Excellence in Graduate and Professional Teaching.

The award recognizes professors and graduate teaching assistant educators who display consistently excellent performance in the classroom, take innovative approaches to teaching, positively affect the lives of their students, and make other contributions to improved instruction, including influencing the curriculum.

Faculty members who are selected for the award receive $5,000 and a $3,500 raise; instructional staff members receive $4,000 and a $3,500 raise; graduate teaching assistants receive $3,500.

Others honored at the banquet:

- Paul B. Kelter, professor and director of general chemistry, and Leonard Pitt, professor of computer science, were recognized as Distinguished Teacher/Scholars for 2004-05. chlorine J. O'arcy, professor of eng sciences, and gall E. Hanf, professor of English, were recognized as Distinguished Teacher Scholars for 2003-04. The program promotes excellence in teaching by honoring and supporting outstanding faculty members who take an active role in enhancing teaching and learning on the UI campus. During the past year, these honorees utilized their skills to mentor other faculty members. They will retain the title of University Distinguished Teacher/Scholar throughout their Illinois careers.

- Dorothy Espelage, professor of educational psychology, received the award for Excellence in Off-Campus Teaching, which provides $5,000 to the recipient.

- Darrel J. Kesler, professor of animal sciences, received the Campus Award for Excellence in Guiding Undergraduate Research, a $2,000 award designed to foster and reward excellence in involving and guiding undergraduate students in scholarly research.

- Linda F. Hasib, aviation, and Samuel N. Kamin, professor of computer sciences, received the Campus Award for Excellence in Advising Undergraduate Students, which provides $2,000 to each recipient.

- Walter L. Hartry, professor of animal sciences, received the Campus Award for Innovation in Undergraduate Instruction Using Educational Technologies. The award provides $2,000 to the recipient.

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benefits brief

Benefit Choice Enrollment Period continues through May 31

The state Department of Central Management Services (CMS) has announced that the annual Benefit Choice Enrollment Period (BCEP) will continue through May 31.

The BCEP allows employees to review and adjust their benefits packages. Employees may change their benefit elections in the only time when all eligible benefits may be changed. Employees may select any benefit plan without regard to pre-existing conditions.

Information may be found at www.cms.uillinois.edu, by midnight May 31, and benefits@uillinois.edu. Any interested faculty and staff member can reserve a choice enrollment period (BCEP) by visiting Benefits@uillinois.edu.

For more information about the program, please visit the Benefits Choice Enrollment Period at www.cms.uillinois.edu.

More information about the program is available online at www.benefits.uiuc.edu/2005/benefitslink/briefs.pdf.
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“American Horizons: The
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Krantz Art Museum and
Kinkade Pavilion 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Wednesday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday. Free admission; $3 donation suggested.

Tart gallery. Online exhibit of the UI School of Art and Design. www.wifi.uiuc.edu/art.

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Allgift Chime-Tower Tours
12:31 p.m. M-F. Enter through 123 Allgift Hall. To arrange a concert or Bell Tower visit, e-mail chimes@uiuc.edu or call 333-4008.

Arborium Tours To arrange a tour, 335-7579.

Beckman Institute Cafe Open to the public, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. M-F Lunch served 11 a.m.-2 p.m. M-F by monthly menu. www.beckman.uiuc.edu.

Bouvier 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.campusre-
c.edu) for more information and schedules or call 333-8806. CRCE now open. Kroney Great Room will be open to all faculty/staff at no charge during scheduled hours with valid ID card.

English as a Second
Language Course 7:30-8:30 a.m. M-F. In 402 Lincoln Ave. Urbana. Weekly on Thursdays.

Faculty/Staff Assistance
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Iona Arena
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Chess 7:30-9:30 p.m. first Wednesday of each month. Adult Rat Hockey: Fri-
day, 3:15-4:45 p.m. More info and hours www.campusre-
c.edu/dating/index.html.

Illini Union Ballroom 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. M-F. Second floor, NE corner. For res-
ervations, 333-6093; walk-ins welcome.

Japan House For a group tour, 244-9934. Teai Ceremony: 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. $30 per person.

Krantz Art Museum and
Kinkade Pavilion Tours: By appointment, please call 244-6682.

The Fred and Donna Gierit
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Krannert Center announces
2005-06 performance season

Presentation of a wide range of performance traditions – at a mix of times, price ranges and locations – defines the philosophy of the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts: accessible performances experi-
ences for the wide-ranging interests of this community. The 2005-2006 performance season is all about that mix. From the Sept. 10 opening par-
ty celebration with music, food and conviviality to the Sept. 17 world premiere of a multidisciplinary theat-
rical work (“The End of Cinematics,” written, arranged and produced by Mitchell Keasy); from a four-day “Wall to Wall” Guitar Festival (Sept. 29- Oct. 2) featuring some 25 guitarists to the solo artistry of cellist Yo-Yo Ma (April 7); and from the enthusiasm of the young musicians of Quartet New Generation (Nov. 6) or the art-
ists of Cirque Éloize (March 4-5) to the traditions of the Russian National Ballet (Jan. 18-20) and The Black Watch pipe and drum band (Feb. 8), Krannert Center invites commu-
nity participation as it celebrates the multiplicity of human expression and creates a future of the past.

The scheduled performances and artists are too numerous to list but are detailed in the new season brochures and on the center’s Web site, Krann-
ertCenter.com.

The new season brochures are now available and the ticket office will accept single event and series ticket orders once the brochures are received. Orders may be placed by phone, mail, online or through the ticket office.

To order tickets

By mail: An order form is included in each bro-
chure and can be mailed to the Krannert Center
ticket office.

By telephone: Call 333-6280 or 800-KCPATIX or TTY 333-9714 for patrons who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech-impaired.

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