UI scientists: Earth’s core rotates faster than its crust

By James E. Kloeppel
News Bureau Staff Writer

Scientists have ended a 9-year-old debate by proving that Earth’s core rotates faster than its surface, by about 0.3 to 0.5 degree per year. “Extraordinary claims require extraordinary proof,” said Xiaodong Song, a UI geology professor. “The most likely explanation is a motion of the inner core.”

The most likely explanation for why the inner core is rotating at a different speed, Song said, is electromagnetic coupling. “The magnetic field generated in the core, where it generates an electric current, the interaction of that electric current with the magnetic field, like the armature in an electric motor.”

In addition to Song and Richards, co-authors are Illinois graduate students Yinchun Li and Xinlei Sun and Columbia graduate student Jian Zhang and research scientist Fritz Waldhauser.

The work was funded by the U.S. National Science Foundation and the National Science Foundation of China.

Campus does homework preparing for new strategic plan

By Sharita Forrest
Assistant Editor

“If The New York Times published an article about our campus 10 years from now, what would you want it to say?” That’s the kind of question that UI officials hope will guide them in formulating a strategic plan for the campus and its colleges, departments and other units and be a guiding force in the years to come. Faced with increasing competition for the best students, faculty and staff members and other resources, campus officials are looking for innovative strategies that will enable the campus to flourish in a changing environment. These challenges are being tackled by a new faculty member called the campus strategic plan director.

After Richard Herman was named chancellor of the Urbana campus on April 19, he began articulating his vision of national pre-eminence and creating a strategic plan to achieve it, and at a Summit on Strategic Leadership for key administrators in March, President Joe White kicked off a strategic planning process that is intended to create a vision for the university’s future, enabling it to capitalize on its strengths and to position itself to surpass its competitors.

White said that creating a university-wide strategic plan is a three-stage process: development of an overall planning framework, development of strategic plans for each of the three campuses and related organizations, and development of strategic plans for schools, colleges and major administrative units.

White recently introduced four strategic goals and threats that will provide the basis of the strategic planning process for the university and its units.

A key component of the university and campus strategy development is analyzing the “marketplace” – the academic and research arenas in which the university and campus compete; analyzing their strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats; and analyzing their competitors and the campus’s position relative to the competition.

As part of the market research, UI officials are finding out exactly how different stakeholders – including legislators, alumni and prospective students – perceive the UI and what people believe its strengths to be. Herman explained the importance of having a research-based plan: “Our campus must listen to internal and external stakeholders as we define who we are and what we do best. This information will be used to support our strategic goals and as we share our excellence with the world.”

Over the next few months, staff members will be working with the Survey Research Lab and outside consultants, using phone and face-to-face interviews and online surveys to gather that information. “People may receive multiple requests – such as a telephone interview and an online survey – to provide their input because they belong to more than one of the stakeholder groups,” said Robin Kiler, interim associate chancellor of public affairs. “But it’s critical that they respond each time because this is their opportunity to help shape the university’s future.”

The goal is to develop a “brand” for the campus, a unique identity that resonates with people and creates recognition of the university as a leader in critical areas such as research and education. This recognition will help the many audiences of the campus better understand the valuable resources and services the university has to offer, as well as the vital link between the campus and society.

One area in which the Urbana campus is lagging behind its competitors is in the amount of corporate-sponsored research. See STRATEGY, Page 3.
Seven honored with CAS professor distinction

By Craig Gehrke

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the College of Engineering will be welcoming seven distinguished professors who have been honored with CAS professorships.

Tannen, Brown, electrical and computer engineering

Steve Tannen is a distinguished professor of electrical and computer engineering. Tannen joined the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign faculty in 1971. He has served in many administrative positions, including associate dean for academic affairs, associate provost for undergraduate education, and dean of the college of engineering.

Brown, Bruce, electrical and computer engineering

Bruce Brown is a distinguished professor of electrical and computer engineering. Brown joined the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign faculty in 1974. He has served in many administrative positions, including chair of the electrical and computer engineering department, associate dean for research, and dean of the college of engineering.

New Center for Advanced Study professors

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Fine arts scholars join computer scientists to explore cultural creativity

By Melanie Mitchell
News Bureau Staff Writer

Altering the landscape of science, industry and education is one of the key outcomes of the newly created Center for the Study of Art, Technology and Society. The center, led by University President Bruce R. Harreld, brings together artists, scholars and experts from across the University to create new forms of art and culture that foster new ways of thinking, teaching and conducting research.

"Our goal is to explore the ways in which art, science and technology can be combined to create new forms of culture and understanding," Harreld said. "The center's mission is to bring together experts from different fields to create new forms of art and culture that can be used to explore new ways of thinking, teaching and conducting research."
By Staff Writers

A large, decentralized organization such as a university, while partners of a traditional corporation are protected from the debts of the enterprise. This can be attractive to professionals," he wrote, "as they are about to leave the corporate world and enter into a partnership. They have proven especially popular among lawyers, doctors, engineers and other professionals.

A primary reason why professionals choose an unincorporated entity is flexibility — a partner can make contracts directly with clients rather than through the corporation — along with limited liability, a feature of corporations. (Stockholders are a corporation's owners; partners own the firm.)

The rapid expansion of professional practices, such as law firms, has led to a new type of partnership — the limited liability partnership (LLP). A LLP allows professionals to have the liability protection of a corporation and the tax benefits of an unincorporated entity. The LLP model has been particularly popular in the legal profession, where professionals are often formed into partnerships.

"We encourage faculty members that if they have any concerns to go to their department heads, which is really for them, as a resource for them and should be able to help them understand the system or find what they need," O'Shaughnessy said. "Academic Human Resources also is available to anyone who has a question and will help them find what they need.

Many departments and colleges on campus offer orientations or events to help new faculty network with colleagues and to provide practical tips on instructional issues such as teaching.

The College of Engineering offers new faculty members the "Fast Start Program," a faculty development program begun in 1994 that kicked off the 2005-2006 academic year with a two-day workshop Aug. 16-17. Twenty of the 37 new faculty members in the college attended the workshop, which covered topics such as career planning and development, course design and managing research. The two new workshops are planned for January and May.

"That's research that shows that without any support can it raise new unincorporated entities up to five years to become fully productive. One thing they have in common — their combined expertise will enhance the research and teaching. What we have now is a slight edge in leadership in terms of introduction of new topics in the field of high-dimensional data analysis. We have two new colleagues in each of the faculty issues of Illinois Illinois.

"Typically, we find people are really pleased with programs like Fast Start and monitoring — they can become fully productive within one to two years," said Leslie Crowther-Young, assistant director of the Academy for Excellence in Engineering Education.

"Economically, they are really pleased to get information on time management, writing research proposals, promotion and tenure, and graduate student advising because they are able to be the most service-oriented

"The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences was created as an advisory group of 10 new tenured or tenure-track faculty members to campus this fall with a Teaching Academy Retreat at Robert Allerton Park and Conference Center Aug. 20 and a workshop for new-tenured faculty members Aug. 22. The LAS Teaching Academy also sponsors various other programs and events throughout the year.

"Unfortunately, there is no one unified benefit of the programs has been that they have helped build "more of a community spirit among faculty beyond their departments." 

"Some people, like Diehl and the people mentioned, who are now on the University of Kansas faculty, find the relationship so fruitful that 10,000 of them could be laid side by side across the width of a human hair. Because of their potential applications in extremely small-scale electronic and mechanical devices, understanding and manipulating the behavior of carbon nanotubes is of great cur rent scientific interest.

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Sinfonia adds ‘touch of dance’ to 2005-06 season

U of I’s Sinfonia da Camera will enter its 2005-06 season with “Sinfonia’s Dance Journey,” a program that adds a ‘touch of dance’ to its performances.

As part of the season, a UI-U of I Dance will serve as the orchestra’s choreographic director for the “Evolution of the Global Labor Market: Changes Must Be Made by Sept. 15 to Appear in This Issue”

Times when the program reflects a homegrown, all-American symphonic sound, Ashenfelter was awarded the 2005 Society of Labor Economists’ Jules H. Hoff Prize for his research. A former partner of the nation’s largest investment banks, Ashenfelter serves as an advisor to several leading economic research institutions. He is a visiting scholar at the National Bureau of Economic Research in Cambridge, Mass.

As director of the UI’s Sinfonia da Camera, Ashenfelter is committed to bringing music to all students on campus. He is passionate about the role of classical music in education, and he believes that the orchestra’s mission is to provide students with a unique musical experience that will enrich their lives.

Ashenfelter is particularly proud of the orchestra’s commitment to diversity in programming. The orchestra’s repertoire includes works by both well-known composers and emerging artists, and the orchestra has performed with guest artists from around the world.

Ashenfelter is also committed to the orchestra’s outreach initiatives. The orchestra has performed for a variety of community groups and organizations, and it has collaborated with local schools and universities to bring classical music to students of all ages.

Ashenfelter is looking forward to the orchestra’s upcoming season, which will feature a wide range of music, from Beethoven to contemporary composers. He is confident that the orchestra will continue to make a significant impact on the musical life of the community.
Welfare, war: marriage among topics in fall lecture series

By Craig Chamberlain

Byron Brown Staff Writer

Poverty and social justice will be the fea- tured topic for three prominent journalism professors this fall.

Deanne Leichliter, a professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago, and two other professors who teach in the School of Social Work at the University of Illinois at Chicago, will speak on the topic of poverty and social justice.

The lectures, which will be part of the Campus Conversations series, will be held from 5 to 6 p.m. on each of the three days. The lectures will be held in the University of Illinois at Chicago's Foellinger Center.

Leichliter, who is a professor of social work at the University of Illinois at Chicago, will speak on the topic of poverty and social justice. She will discuss the history of poverty and social justice in the United States and the ways in which poverty and social justice have been addressed in recent years.

The second lecture will be held on Oct. 30 and will be presented by social work professor Susan M.-M. Leung, who will discuss the role of social work in addressing poverty and social justice issues.

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1 Thursday Coffee hour and Israel@ Night. 6 p.m. Cosmopolitan Club, 307 E. John St., Champaign. Cosmopolitan Club and Hiller Foundation.

8 Thursday Coffee hour: Spain. 7:30 p.m. Cosmopolitan Club

9 Friday Asian American Cultural Center Open House. 1 p.m. Asian American Cultural Center, Asian American Cultural Center.


Second Sunday Gallery Tour School of Art and Design Faculty Art Exhibition. Timothry van Laar, UI. 1 p.m. Krannert Art Museum. Krannert Art Museum.


13 Tuesday Crafting a Fellowship/Grant Proposal for the Humanities.” Deborah Richart, Matti Bruzel and Christine Cutzatanis, UI. 5 p.m. Humanities Lecture Hall, IPRH. Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities. Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. “Wisconsin Art but Close at Heart – Long Distance Relationships.” 1:00 p.m. 209 Illini Union. Counseling Center, Pan-American.


Coffee hour. Uzbekistan. 7:30 p.m. Cosmopolitan Club.


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“The Long Good-Bye”

Susa Archives and Center for American Music, 236 Harding Band Building.

“Digging Barbarians” Ongoing


Five galleries featuring the cultures of the world Spaltrock Museum. Noon-5 p.m. Tuesday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday.

“Design Excellence Collection”


School of Art and Design and Faculty Art Exhibition On view Sept. 7.

“Sacra Imagis: Devotional Art of the Middle Ages”

“Canvas: An Electronic Gallery” Ongoing

Krannert Art Museum and Kinkel Pavilion. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; open till 9 p.m. Thursday; 2-5 p.m. Sunday. First admission. $4 donation suggested.


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Algold Chime-Tower Tours 12:30-1 p.m. MF. Entry through 323 Altgeld Hall. To arrange a concert or Bell Tower visit, e-mail chimes@uiuc.edu or call 335-6088.

Arboriculture Tours To arrange a tour, 333-7579.

Beckman Institute Cafe Open to the public. 6 a.m.-3 p.m. M-F. Lunch served 11 a.m.-2 p.m. For monthly menu, more beckman.uiuc.edu/cafe.

Bowler 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.campusrec. illinois.edu) or call 333-306h. 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 7:30-8 p.m. LIIH. Institute Building, 402 S. Lincoln Ave., Urbana. Weekly on Thursdays.

Faculty/Staff Assistance Program

Program 10 a.m.-11 p.m. Phone 244-3512.

Fatun Dance Practice Group 4-6 p.m. Sunday. 404 or 407 Illini Union. 244-2571.

Hutzenga Commons Cafeteria Serving breakfast, 7-30-11 a.m. and lunch 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. M-F. East End of Law Bldg. Illini Union. 244-3571.

Illinois Union Ballroom 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. M-F. Second floor, NE corner. For reservations, 333-3069; walk-ins welcome.

Jag's House For a group tour, 244-9994. Tea Ceremony: 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. $5/person.

Knappert Art Museum and Kinkel Pavilion Tours: By appointment, call 244-4682. Hours 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tu-Sa, until 9 p.m. Th, 2-5 p.m. Sunday. The Fred and Donna Gentry Education Center: 10 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m. Tu-F, until 7 p.m. Th., 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. Palette Cafe: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. M-F. Office hours: 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. M-F. Knappert Center for the Performing Arts

Interlude: Open one hour before until after events on performance nights.

Knappert Uncorked Wine tastings at 5 p.m. most Thursdays. Interlude: 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on non-performance weekdays. 7:30 a.m. through weekend: weekends from 90 min. before until after performances. Promenade gift shop 10 a.m.-6 p.m. M-Sa; one hour before until 30 minutes after performances.

Ticket Office: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily, and 10 a.m. through first intermission on performance days. Tours: 3 p.m. daily. 4-6 p.m. Monday; in main lobby.

Library Tours Self-guided of main and undergraduate libraries: go to Information Desk (second floor, main library) or Media Center (undergrad library).

Meat Salesroom 102 Meat Sciences Lab, 1-5 p.m. Tu & Th. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. F. For prices, 333-3404.

Robert Allerton Park 8 a.m. to dusk daily. “Allerton Legacy” exhibit at Visitor’s Center, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily, 244-1036. Garden tours: 10-12:15 a.m.

organizations

Association of Academic Professionals Happy Hour Third Friday of each month. 4-6 p.m. Union Ballroom, 706 S. Goodwin Ave., Urbana.

French Department: Pause Cafe

5-6 p.m. Thursday, Espresso Royale, 1117 W. Oregon, Urbana.

Illini Folk Dance Society 8-10 p.m. Tu & Sa, Illini Union. Beginners welcome. 698-4666.

Italian Table Italian conversation Mondays at noon, Intermezzo Cafe, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday.

Lifetome Fitness Program 5:30-8:30 p.m. M-F. Kinesiology, 344-1983.

PC User Group For schedule, call Mark Zinov, 244-1289, or David Harley, 333-5656.

Scandinavian Coffee Hour 6-7 p.m. W. The Bread Company, 706 S. Goodwin Ave., Urbana.

SECRETARIES Secretariat 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. third Wednesday monthly. Illini Union. 333-1374, leonidas@uiuc.edu or www.uiuc.edu/secretariat

The Deutsche Konversationsgruppe 1-3 p.m. W. The Bread Company, 706 S. Goodwin Ave., Urbana.

UFCU Poetry and fiction reading. 7-45 p.m. Second Thursday of each month. The Bread Company, 706 S. Goodwin Ave., Urbana.

Women’s Club Women’s Club and female faculty and staff members and spouses. Fall Welcome Coffee: 10:30 a.m.; Sept. 8; Lincoln Square Village. 11:30 a.m. on 1-3 p.m.; Sept. 8, Colonial Room, Illini Union. Stop by and find out about the club and its 26 interest groups. More info: 359-1461 or sandie@uiuc.edu or www.UICUCWomen’sClub.org.

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