UI community steps up to help Hurricane Katrina victims

By Sharita Forrest
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The University of Illinois is allowing students from Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi, states affected by Hurricane Katrina, to attend any of its three institutions for up to a year as non-degree students. More than 150 students have been enrolled at the three UI campuses thus far, including 47 undergraduates and several graduate students in law and business at the Urbana campus. Chancellor Richard Herman said that the campus will accommodate up to 60 displaced students.

The College of Medicine has agreed to accept up to 30 students; the College of Law will accommodate up to 10 displaced students; and Urbana’s Guided Individual Study program, which would allow students to study one-on-one with faculty members, is being offered to displaced students as well.

Ray Schroeder, director of the UIS Office of Technology-Enhanced Learning, and UI Online Director Burks Oakley are leading a national drive to offer tuition-free, accelerated online courses to displaced students. As of Sept. 8, 37 students had enrolled in the online program, which will begin Oct. 10 and may offer courses to as many as 100 displaced students.

The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation agreed to fund the program with a $1.1 million grant. Although fall-semester classes were well under way by the time Hurricane Katrina struck on Aug. 29, faculty members in the College of Law offered to teach additional classes and to increase class sizes to accommodate students from colleges devastated by the storm. The Student Bar Association, Society of Black Law Students Association and the Women’s Law Society at Urbana collected clothing, food and other items in the lobby of the Law Building collected by the Black Law Students Association for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Web site provides forum for discussion of Katrina aftermath, how to help

By Andrea Lynn
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Acting out of a sense of both personal and political distress at the scope of the Katrina Hurricane catastrophe and what he calls the “callousness of the response,” a professor who taught at Tulane University in New Orleans has set up a public online forum to address the disaster.

Joseph Valente, a UI professor of English who taught at Tulane for four years before coming to Illinois in 1995, said he started the forum as part of a Web site called “New Orleans in Crisis” because “I thought that the disaster was not eliciting the mass reaction that I would have liked, and I felt it should.”

The forum, at http://ilabs.inquiry.uiuc.edu/labinquiry, is designed for discussion and analysis of the situation, but it also is a vehicle for finding opportunities for helping. For example, the site includes “How to Help.” “Campus Action” and links sections – two of them action-oriented, the third focused on programmatic and analytical responses.

“People asked about these sections has been quite strong,” said Valente, adding that he has tried to maintain a balance between discussion and practical information.

Anyone can contribute to the Web site, which runs on Illinois’ Labs (Inquiry Labs) software, “and unless something is truly and willfully offensive or obscene, everything that gets posted stays posted,” said Valente, who monitors the forum.

The site contains a host of “bookmarks”: columns from the New Orleans Times-Picayune, The New York Times, MSNBC.com, from Molly Ivins and others, including Michael Moore’s message to George W. Bush; CNN free on-demand videos, also, essays and first-hand accounts and reports from bloggers in New Orleans who are equipped with Web cams and are posting photo archives.

A software site was developed at Illinois by a “collective group of faculty, staff and students, plus community members and the participation of people around the globe,” said Ann Bischof, a professor in the Graduate School of Library and Information Science who helped set up the Illinois Lab site. Chp Bruce, a colleague in the library, set up a Web forum, where people can post questions and answers.

Experts should be here long beyond Katrina rescue effort

By Melissa Mitchell
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While post-Katrina rescue and evacuation operations continue to be the priority in New Orleans, urban planning expert Rob Olshansky says now is also the time to be staging the next phase of the city’s disaster-recovery plans.

“The most relevant lesson ... is that it will be five to 10 years to the community fully recover,” said Olshansky, a UI professor and associate head of the department of urban and regional planning.

“The Kobe experience is the closest to what is happening right now,” said Olshansky. “And right now is the time to start applying those lessons.”

Olshansky recently finished a lengthy review of recovery efforts that occurred in Kobe, in Japan, and in Los Angeles following the 1995 earthquake there. He was one of four people who complete study that’s been done on the Kobe recovery, co-written by Laurie Johnson, vice president of technical marketing and catastrophe response at the risk-modeling company RMS, and Ken Topping, former planning director for the city of Los Angeles. Their research will be documented in a forthcoming book titled “Opportunity in Chaos: Post-earthquake Rebuilding in Los Angeles and Kobe.”

Olshansky says, “We’d like to think that we’ll have some moments – a moratorium period – over the next three to four months, and then we’re going to be coaching these displaced students as quickly as possible so they can resume the task of pursuing a law degree and returning to some sense of normalcy in their lives,” said College of Law Director of Student Fund and encouraged alumni and friends to make donations.

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Trustees approve FY07 operating budget

By Shantia Forrest

A proposed conference center project at the Urbana Campus was given the go-ahead by the Ull Board of Trustees when it met Sept. 8 at the Illini Union in Urbana. The $11 million, to be built south of Assembly Hall, would be connected to a $14 million, ground-floor restaurant and casino complex planned at the site.

Urbana Chancellor Richard Herman told the board that these projects these projects go beyond budget and there’s no incentive to keep costs down,” Shah said.

Board chair Lawrence Eppley encouraged the “dream big, really big on this one” because it could be a vital project for the campus.

Alcohol sales will be allowed at the UIC Pavilion during 20 games of the Chicago Storm women’s soccer team and the WNBA professional women’s basketball team under a proposal passed by the trustees. The Illini Legislator, a student-run version of the Illinois Liquor Control Act that was signed by Gov. Blagojevich and enacted July 29 to allow alcohol sales at the games, but the trustees’ approval also was required.

Manning and her staff told the board that along with these projects goes the MARK Corporation, which will assume sole liability. The university will receive a portion of the net revenue, which will be used for operation and maintenance costs at the Pavilion.

The board approved an operating budget request of $78.6 million for Next, a 7 percent increase of the $3.5 billion operating budget for the current fiscal year that was presented at the meeting. The in- crease would be funded through new state appropriations, tuition increases and reallocations, said Chet Gardner, vice president for academic affairs, who presented the proposal.

Of the new funds requested, $61 million would go to other academic business activities at Illinois by hiring additional teachers, enhancing compensation for faculty and staff members, and expanding critical academic and service programs.

In FY07 the university plans to launch a five-year program that would add 500 full-time equivalent members, 375 FTE teaching assistants and 190 FTE lecturers and instructors by 2011. The additional fac- ulty will include approximately 2,500 additional course sections per year and reduce student-faculty ratios.

The board approved a $32 million request to award $6 million for deferred maintenance proj- ects, which would augment $20 million in the proposed capital budget slated for funding of the $600 million backlog of projects.

The top priority in the $353 million capital budget request was a $23 million request for funding to repair and renovate deteriorating facilities at the three cam- puses together, and they should also understand that we have people who need help or are going to need help else to go as close as possible to their origi- nal homes.”

The rationale there, he said, is focused on the expectation that “the port and tourism industries will be back up within a year, and once they’re going again, people need to be nearby.”

Still one more lesson – learned from Kobe and Los Angeles – he said, is that those with fewer resources have more problems with recovery. Those most at risk, he said, include “the unemployed, the underemployed, small-business owners, the elderly and renters.”

“The problem is that people who are in need are not getting the help they need.”

Olshansky emphasizes that the need for disaster planning, if they have those networks communities together, and they should also understand that we need to get people help and assistance programs to help them in the neighborhoods. “There’s a good thing,” Olshansky said, “but in the longer term comes other issues, programs and organizational change: recognizing the value of hiring officials and citizens committed to im- mediate resources to people most in need.”

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“The need to develop a recovery plan, having employees paid to get residents together and commu- nicating,” he said. “If they’ve had community organizations involved in planning, if they have those networks established, they can contact those people — even with those who moved elsewhere temporarily.”

And, as it’s happened in the initial phase of Kobe recovery, “communities are going to be operating more and more on a weekly basis.”

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Fans of the film “The Wizard of Oz” may remember the scene in which Dorothy and her companions discover the man behind the curtain who performs the technical wizardry that makes the “Great and Powerful Oz” come to life. Tony Suttle, an instructional media planner with Academic Outreach in the Office of Continuing Education, is the man behind the curtain who maintains the videoconferencing facilities and equipment that help the UI connect with colleagues around the globe. A long-distance runner, Suttle also is a member of the Second Wind Running Club and the editor of the club’s newsletter.

Tell me about your career at the UI.

I started in this field as an undergraduate student employee in 1978 or 1979. After I graduated from the UI with a degree in ornamental horticulture, they offered me a full-time position. I’ve been in pretty much the same job since then.

I support our distance-education technologies: online courses, videoconferencing. I maintain the videoconferencing equipment for our distance-education classes here, at the Multi-University Center at Oak Brook and at the Illini Center in downtown Chicago.

This semester, we’ve started expanding into some of the UI Extension offices as remote sites. Joliet is the first one.

We provide a technician in the classroom to run the equipment during class so that all the instructors need to do is come in and teach. The technician is also responsible for making sure that the connections stay up. Things work very, very smoothly 98 percent of the time. It’s that 2 percent that makes it a challenge. Fortunately, the equipment is very reliable. We’re very much like firefighters: If there aren’t any problems, it’s a good night, but we have to be ready.

With some of the technologies we used in the past, we would set up different sites every semester in locations around the state. We’d have to set the equipment up at the beginning of the semester then retrieve it when the semester was finished.

We do a lot of international videoconferences—probably six or eight a semester. Those could be meetings, special presentations by faculty members or a content expert in another country, job interviews and Ph.D. defenses where the student or one of their committee members is in another country.

What is the most challenging aspect of what you do?

Trying to keep up with new technologies and dealing with things that you have no control over, such as the network and the weather. Sometimes the weather will prevent the instructors from traveling to a remote location to teach and they’ll need to do an emergency video class that night.

What do you enjoy most?

Working with different people. Every semester brings new challenges and opportunities.

How long have you been a runner?

For about seven years. I belong to Second Wind Running Club and to an informal group called the Buffaloes, who are mainly trail runners, which is what I enjoy the most. It’s more of a social opportunity and the running just happens to bring us together. We run at forest preserves in Pekin, Danville and at Clinton Lake. Three or four times a year, 15 or 20 of us may go to a race out of state. On my vacation in July, I ran a race in Vermont.

How did you do in the race?

I finished it. It was 30 or 31 miles in the mountains. We ran in a river for a while, through a mud bog, and they even threw in a little bushwacking. It was an adventure, let’s put it that way, but it was a lot of fun. It was definitely the most difficult race I’ve ever done.

I run about 25 to 30 miles a week. I’ve taken up mountain biking, too, for cross training. They have a nice set of trails at Kickapoo State Park. I used to ride motorcycles out there when I was a lot younger.

I also have a new grandson, Caden, who is about 4 months old, so that takes up a lot of time. I have one daughter who is a sophomore at the UI and my other daughter graduated with a master’s degree in engineering last December.

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Cheryl Barber
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Continuing Education

A s a program coordinator for the Office of Continuing Education since 1991, Cheryl Barber has long had a record of accomplishment in creating engagement programs that attract underrepresented audiences and clients and give UI faculty members access to them that they might not otherwise encounter – ranging from local public school students and teachers to community leaders to local, state and national geographic areas. Barber is known across campus for her intense and long-lasting impact on a range of audiences that reach well beyond the expectations of her job description. Her most notable recent programs include the leadership of the university’s Urban University Hostel program at the Urbana campus, increasing both the number of programs offered as well as an expansion of programs into the downtown Chicago area. Barber’s Elderhostel elderhostel programs have been featured on the Elderhostel Web site and on the cover of the national Elderhostel catalog. She is responsible for establishing a Learning-in-Retirement education program for retired faculty members and career professionals living at Clark-Lindsey Village in Urbana in collaboration with the Provena-Covenant VIP Advantage Program, as well as fostering a program for the Children’s Senior Group in Rantoul, the Illinois Residence for Seniors, and the UI Alumni Association. Another program that was the presentation of “Dialogue With Three Original Freedom Riders” in October 2003 and May 2004. More than 2,000 secondary school students, K-12 teachers, university students, faculty members and the general public heard presentations as part of the campus Brown V. Board of Education Commemoration during that year.

Many of her projects, Elder-Friendly Communities, continue to serve as a link between campus and community. This program provides ongoing opportunities for university personnel to work with community leaders to address concerns about the needs of the growing numbers of older adults in rural Illinois.

Carol Diener
visiting professor of psychology

D uring her career, Carol Diener has successfully established and maintained connections with several community agencies and institutions that focus on the needs of young people, including the Circle Academy, a special education school under the auspices of the Cunningham Children’s Home; the Vermilion County Teen Court; and the Local Juvenile Detention Center. Through her youth relationships she has devised several programs that provide valuable training opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students while also serving these community agencies by providing student counseling, data collection and special education services that are critical to the operations of the agencies.

Diener’s combined interests in psychology and juvenile justice led her to become increasingly concerned with the need for community support for youth who were struggling to meet their probationary goals and to establish positive family, school and community relationships. In response to this important community concern she created the Juvenile Justice Outreach Program, a joint program that includes the UI Psychological Services Center, the Juvenile Detention Center and the County Probation Office. Youth referred to this voluntary program upon release from the detention center are assigned to a trained undergraduate who meets frequently with the youth and his/her family at home or at school to help the young person make the most favorable life choices. The program received funding from the Champaign County Mental Health Board of Education Commemoration during that year.

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Researchers zero in on estrogen’s role in breast-cancer cell growth

By Jim Barlow
News Bureau Staff Writer

Why do estrogen-dependent breast-cancer cells grow and spread rapidly? UI researchers say it may be because estrogen virtually eliminates levels of a vitally important regulatory protein.

In a paper that appeared in the Sept. 13 issue of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, the scientists report that human breast-cancer cells exposed to estrogen in their laboratory showed a dramatic reduction in numbers of a crucial nuclear receptor co-repressor, a protein known as N-CoR (pronounced “en CORE”). They also found that the anti-estrogen drug tamoxifen, often used in breast-cancer treatments, encouraged N-CoR recovery, a beneficial activity. The paper was published online last week.

"Because estrogen has the ability to reduce the levels of N-CoR, estrogen then can promote the proliferation and progression of breast cancer, because the balance of co-activators and co-repressors involved in normal gene transcription is altered," said Benita S. Katzenellenbogen, a Swanlund Professor of Cell and Developmental Biology at Illinois. She also is a professor in the UI College of Medicine at Urbana-Champaign.

The findings may have sweeping implications for online last week.

"Eventually," Katzenellenbogen said, "understanding more of the mechanisms involved could lead to the development of other related agents that might reduce some of the unwanted side effects of tamoxifen, such as stimulation of the uterus."

In addition to Katzenellenbogen and Frasor, Jeanne M. Danes, a researcher in the department of molecular and integrative physiology, and doctoral student Cory C. Funk were co-authors of the study.

The National Institutes of Health and the Breast Cancer Research Foundation funded the research.

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Dean Heidi Hurd.

Volunteers on the Urbana campus raised more than $13,000 on behalf of the American Red Cross at the Sept. 3 UI-Rutgers football game at Memorial Stadium. Additional collection efforts by volunteers around campus on Sept. 8 and Sept. 9 and at the Sept. 10 Illinois-San Jose State game brought in about $15,000 more, for a total of nearly $33,000.

Urbana faculty and staff members, including civil and environmental engineers, experts in urban and regional planning, campus police officers and a staff member in the News Bureau, have volunteered their services to the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other organizations deployed to the Gulf Coast region.

Faculty members in the Afro-American Studies and Research Program organized a public forum about issues surrounding the hurricane and hurricane victims that drew approximately 300 people to Smith Memorial Hall on Sept. 6. Fanon Che Wilkins, a professor of history and one of the forum’s organizers, said: "We wanted to have a town hall meeting where people could come get things off their chest, see what some faculty are doing, find alternative sources of information and get involved. This is a tremendous opportunity to galvanize and mobilize new kinds of social movement activity that will significantly raise the standards of what we need and want in this society and the world.

As long as we think about these things in isolation, we will forever be spinning our wheels."

Wilkins said the forum’s organizers will develop an action plan to give to Illinois Legislators that would broaden the scope of federal relief beyond survivors’ immediate needs and help with long-term recovery.

Faculty members and students in the English department are organizing volunteer committees to explore several issues, including volunteer subsidies, scholarships for high school and college students, teaching events and an undergraduate conference on topics related to the hurricane and its aftermath.

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Among the many newcomers to campus are 113 new tenure/tenure-track faculty members whose appointments began this summer or fall. Some of them are just starting their careers, while others have taught at the university level for many years. Still others have many years’ professional experience but have just made the switch to academia. One thing they have in common—theyir combined expertise will enhance the research and teaching at Illinois. Inside Illinois will feature two new colleagues in each fall issue.

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Education: Ph.D. (industrial and systems engineering and bioresource engineering), M.S. (bioresource engineering), B.S. (bioresource engineering), Rutgers University.

Teaching at Illinois: Fall 2005: he will co-teach, with Loren Bode, ABE 100, “Introduction to Agricultural Engineering.” He is expected to teach systems modeling, analysis and management courses in the agricultural engineering undergraduate and graduate programs and the technical systems management undergraduate program.

Research interests: Informatics and analysis of bio-based systems. “Dr. Rodriguez has been participating in NASA’s advanced life support systems research,” said K.C. Ting, professor and head of agricultural and biological engineering. “Within two years of completing his Ph.D., he assumed the leadership to assemble a team to develop and submit a NASA national Research Announcement proposal, ‘Development and Application of Reliability Analysis Techniques for Early Advanced Life Support Systems.’” The three-year (December 2004-November 2007), $710,000 project was one of 21 funded out of 114 submitted. He is the principal investigator of the project, which is in the process of being transferred to the UI.

Valerie Hotchkiss
Head of the Rare Book and Special Collections Library

Education: Ph.D. (medieval studies), M.Phil., M.A., Yale University; M.L.S., Southern Connecticut State University; B.A. (classical languages and literatures), University of Cincinnati; University of Tübingen (classical languages and German literature).

Teaching: She will be a faculty member in the Medieval Studies Program in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and hopes to become involved in the Graduate School of Library and Information Science to promote rare book librarianship as a career.

Research interests: Women in the Middle Ages; 15th-century printing; the English Bible; libraries and philanthropy; rare book librarianship. “Dr. Hotchkiss is a respected rare books librarian and scholar,” said Paula Kaufman, university librarian. “She will bring just the right blend of tradition, innovation and technology experience to enhance user services and raise awareness of the extraordinary holdings in our Rare Book and Special Collections Library. She has a national reputation for the remarkable work she has done to transform the Bradwell Library at Southern Methodist University into a beautiful, user-friendly and comfortable place that properly houses and manages a noteworthy collection.”
New techniques study the brain’s chemistry, neuron by neuron

By James E. Kloeppel
News Bureau Staff Writer

The human brain is composed of billions of cells, each a separate entity that communicates with others. The chemical interaction of those cells determines personality, controls behavior and encodes memory, but much remains to be understood.

UI researchers have developed tools for studying the chemistry of the brain, neuron by neuron. The analytical techniques can probe the spatial and temporal distribution of biologically important molecules, such as vitamin E, and explore the chemical messengers behind thought, memory and emotion.

“In most organ tissues of the body, adjacent cells do not have significant differences in their chemical contents,” said Jonathan Sweedler, a William H. and Janet Lycan Professor of Chemistry and director of the Biotechnology Center at the UI. “In the brain, however, chemical differences between neurons are critical for their operation, and the connections between cells are crucial for encoding information or controlling functions.”

By dismantling a slice of brain tissue into millions of single cell-size pieces, each of which can be interrogated by mass spectrometric imaging techniques, Sweedler’s research group can perform cellular profiling, examine intercellular signaling, map the distribution of new neuropeptides, and follow the release of chemicals in an activity-dependent manner.

Sweedler will describe the techniques and present new results at the 230th American Chemical Society national meeting in Washington, D.C. Using these techniques, Sweedler’s group has already discovered multiple novel neuropeptides in a range of neuronal models from mollusks to mammals.

“We work with sea slugs, whose simple brains contain 10,000 neurons; we work with insects possessing one million neurons; and we work with mice having 100 million neurons,” said Sweedler, who also is a researcher at the Beckman Institute for Advanced Science and Technology. “Working with these model organisms allows us to examine the functioning of such basic operations as the neuronal control of behavior and long-term memory.”

Sweedler’s group also developed an approach for looking at the distribution of smaller molecules in brain cells. In a paper accepted for publication in the Journal of the American Chemical Society and posted on its Web site, they report the subcellular imaging of vitamin E in the sea slug Aplysia californica.

The researchers utilized novel sampling protocols and single cell time-of-flight secondary ion mass spectrometry to identify and map the presence of vitamin E in the membranes of isolated neurons.

“To our surprise, we found that vitamin E was not distributed uniformly in the neuronal membrane,” Sweedler said. “Instead, vitamin E was concentrated in the neuron right where it extends to connect with other neurons.”

The subcellular localization of vitamin E, which had been impossible to obtain in the past, supports other work that suggested vitamin E performed an active role in transport mechanisms and cellular signaling of neurons.

“Our technique doesn’t tell us how or why vitamin E is distributed this way, but suggests that it is under active control and tight regulation,” Sweedler said. “Understanding the chemistry that takes place within and between neurons, including small molecules like vitamin E, will no doubt lead to a better understanding of brain function in healthy and diseased brains.”

Co-authors of the paper are Sweedler, research scientists Jinju Lee and Stanislav Rubakhin, postdoctoral research associate John Jurchen and graduate student Eric Monroe. The U.S. Department of Energy and the National Institute on Drug Abuse funded the work.
The Campus Charitable Fund Drive wishes to gratefully acknowledge the members of the campus community who contributed to the success of last year’s drive.

Those who contributed $1,000 or more are designated as CCFD Leaders; those who contributed at least $500 are Pacesetters.

Dear Colleagues,

At its heart, the mission of the University is about making the future better for individuals, for families, for communities, for all. I take great pride in the extraordinary commitment of our faculty and staff to imagining and realizing the possibilities of the future for our students and for all those in the state and around the world whose lives are touched by their efforts. I am equally impressed with the sense of caring I see each year through the many generous personal contributions to the Campus Charitable Fund Drive (CCFD).

Once again, we have the opportunity to actively support worthy causes that improve the lives of people through a gift to CCFD. This campaign has been raising funds for more than 75 years together and has consistently met or exceeded its goal. This year’s goal of $1.1 million will help the causes that are most important to us while demonstrating once again that the University is at its core a community of caring people. I thank Robert Fossum and his advisory board for their leadership of the 2005 campaign effort and look forward to a successful fund drive.

This year’s campaign kicked off on Tuesday, September 6th, 2005 with an agency fair in the Illini Union. I encourage you to take a few minutes to learn more about participating agencies and how they help our neighbors, friends, and families to solve problems and respond to opportunities.

How can we help? We ask you to help our community by supporting our Campus Charitable Fund Drive 2005: Leading Together: Every Dollar Counts. Members of the Advisory Board and all CCFD volunteers ask you to lead with us to realize our goal of raising $1.1 million for the eleven charitable agencies that we help support.

These agencies, from the American Cancer Society to United Way, support a multitude of activities which help our community address its challenges and realize its opportunities. Many of the donations are used locally, supporting such broad activities as Habitat for Humanity or Vietnam Veterans.

For more than 75 years, the University has met or exceeded each annual fund-raising goal. Even in difficult budgetary years such as this, our campus has demonstrated the generous spirit and committed leadership that one might expect of the State of Illinois’ flagship campus. Our campus is consistently a leader among those Big Ten campuses that conduct similar community fund-raising drives. I am proud that our campus succeeds not just in academics and athletics, but also in that part of campus and community life that makes such a tangible impact on the quality of the lives of those around us.

As this year’s theme reminds us too: every dollar counts. Giving can’t be easier. You can make a one-time contribution for any amount by check. You can arrange a payroll deduction by completing a CCFD pledge card. And this year you can also make your donation online on our Website www.ccfu.uiuc.edu. I urge you to participate fully in this year’s campus drive. Whether you are a first-time contributor, a longtime supporter, a college or department volunteer leader, or a Founder Donor (at $1,987), we appreciate your leading with us to make the 2005 campaign the most successful ever!

A CCFD volunteer will be contacting you with a brochure describing the eleven local, state, and national organizations that are part of this year’s campaign. This volunteer leader will be happy to assist you in completing your pledge form and answering your questions about the fund drive.

Thank you for many years of success and caring. We look forward to your continued generosity. Every dollar counts!

Robert M. Fossum
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CCFD Campus Chair

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A report on honors, awards, appointments and other outstanding achievements

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agricultural, consumer and environmental sciences

Sustained groundwork through work in animal nutrition has earned Jimmy H. Clark, professor emeritus of animal sciences, the New Zealander of the Year award from the Federation of Animal Sciences Societies and the American Feed Industry Association. The award recognizes Clark for his concept of feeding lactating dairy cows, which is currently utilized throughout the world.

applied life sciences

Laura DeThorne, professor of speech and hearing sciences, received the 2005 ACS-Advances in Research and Development New Faculty Award. The highly restricted research grant of $50,000, was presented to 11 people in the U.S. this year. It is presented to young scientists who have demonstrated a high level of original research and high potential to contribute to the chemical sciences. The award will fast protein folding dynamics and kinetics. He will be honored at the society’s February meeting in Salt Lake City.

Professor Matthew Flinn, the Albert J. Harno Professor of Law, was formally inducted earlier this month as a fellow of the College of Labor and Employment Law Faculty. He was elected as a fellow by a vote of the college’s board of governors on May 27 and was formally introduced at the College of Labor and Employment Law Faculty’s annual induction ceremony held at 7 at Navy Pier in Chicago. This honor is bestowed on individuals who have demonstrated a long and prodigious contribution to the law and legal scholarship. The ceremony featured comments by UI President Joseph White, UI Chancellor Richard Herman, Dean Harold M. Hurst of the College of Law and first fellow professor who was dean of the college from 1967-1979 and chancellor from 1979-1984.

liberal arts and sciences

Martin Burke, professor of chemistry, has been selected to receive the 2005 Arthur D. Little Young Investigator Award from the American Chemical Society. The award recognizes individuals 40 years of age or younger who have made noteworthy original contributions to the chemical sciences. The award will fund Burke’s research on the synthesis and application of bacteriophage.”

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The most recent and shortest entry by professor of journalism Jay Rosen has been selected to be inducted in the National Academy of Centralia, Ill. on Oct. 21-24, ’05. ‘The Year in Sports’ takes a critical look at athletes as seen through newspaper headlines.

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By Melissa Mitchell

News Bureau Staff Writer

This is the second installment in a three-part series exploring the symbiotic and creative interactions between the arts and the technology.

When Mike Ross arrived at the University of Illinois in 1997 to direct the Office of the Provost, he was struck by the openness with which people I’d met.
Williams’ ‘Candles to the Sun,’ related events scheduled

By Melissa Mitchell
News Bureau Staff Writer

For drama lovers everywhere, the name Tennessee Williams conjures up the complex, conflicted and often spirited characters that populate plays such as “The Glass Menagerie” or “A Streetcar Named Desire.”

But in recent years, scholars who study the 20th-century American playwright have discovered a trove of early works that reveal a young, politically charged writer fired up by the populist struggles unfolding around him in middle America in the 1930s.

One of those works – his first full-length play, “Candles to the Sun,” – will receive its 21st-century debut at the UI on Sept. 29 at the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts.

The play runs through Oct. 9 and will be the focus of a series of related events, Oct. 6-8.

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“Candles” is one of five early, so-called “apprentice plays” by Williams that have been published over the past few years as part of a series issued by New Directions. Though it was the first written, “Candles” was the last to be published – in the fall of 2004.

The play is the third of the apprentice plays to be directed at the Krannert Center by Mitchell, who, in 2000 resurrected Tennessee Williams. Mitchell will direct Williams’ early play “Candles to the Sun,” which makes its 21st-century debut Sept. 29 at the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts.

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“And as these come out, they give us a different perspective on Williams’ whole career,” Mitchell said. “We’ve become aware that he was very political, something that comes through quite clearly in ‘Fugitive Kind’ and ‘Not for Nightingales.’ And looking at his circle of friends at the time these plays were written, too, we see these were very, very political play.”

Among Williams’ strong influences, he said, was Communist party leader Jack Conroy, publisher of the proletariat magazine “The Anvil.”

“‘Candles’ is about a coal-mining family in Alabama, with an accident at the heart of the story,” Mitchell said. “Williams had never even been to a mine or to Alabama. But there really had been a mine incident in Missouri at the time, and Conroy had been a leader for strikes at mines.” So, it isn’t hard to piece together the inspirations for Williams’ writings, Mitchell said.

More information about the Krannert Center performances and related events is available on the Web at www.krannertcenter.com.

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and even his exposure more recent years to hip-hop in New York and Delta blues in Louisiana – alternates between pop melodies, techno and hip-hop beats and more complexly layered tunes that evoke a trip-hop, Beatles-esque feel.

Meanwhile, the stage show is presented in what Rouse refers to as “hypereal” fashion. With scenic design by architecture professor Dmitri Williams, has evolved in part from some of Campbell’s earlier work. It encompasses the development of new computing technology as well as the study of the cultural impact of gaming and “game reception” – in other words, understanding computer games over the cultural, social and psychological contexts.

Campbell and Garnett said a primary goal of their work is “to develop computer games as distinct, and distinctive, art forms.” One way they hope to distinguish the UI work from what’s been done commercially is through the creation of games that focus “less on battles and warfare than on the arts and other aesthetic engagements.”

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All of these components were used using multiple computers, projectors and video screens, resulting in a final, live performance.

This fall, Garnett is teaching a course called “Art in Virtual Worlds.” He said the main task of the class would be “to create a persistent, online environment where people working from different computers would come together in a virtual 3-D world to make and experience art.”

“Of this work is to create a performance aspect in some way, so it will be somehow making a game-like experience that will be a performance,” he said. “It will be up to the students to define exactly what that is.”

Next in the series: Arts go north, technology will be a performance,” he said. “It will be the focus of a series of related events, Oct. 6-8.

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Crisis helpline now available

In response to Congress’s legislation designating Sept. 11, 2001, as National Day of Remembrance, the Faculty/Staff Assistance Program has established a new 24-hour toll-free crisis helpline. Callers to the new service, 800-722-7345, can receive short-term counseling, consultations, education and information on the Web at www.causes.uiuc.edu. The helpline is available to all members of the university community and is staffed by professional counselors who are trained in the paraprofessional setting. The service is available 24 hours a day for staff and faculty at no cost. The line is open to students, but it is recommended that they contact the Student Counseling Service at 244-5301 for advice on counseling services.

Special events augment exhibitions

In addition to its regular exhibition schedule, the Krannert Art Museum is offering a series of special events to help visitors make connections to the art on display. Beginning Sept. 20, the museum is offering “A Call to Arts: Open Critiques,” a program that invites members of the public to participate in a formal critique of the art on display. The events are held on the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon and are free to the public. The events are open to all ages and are designed to help visitors make connections to the art on display.

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Local festival to feature world’s guitarist

By Liz deAvila

The Krannert Center for Performing Arts is tuning up for its third Wall Guitar Festival — the first national sponsor, Apple Computer, at the festival Web site, WallToWallGuitar.com. A special podcast feature will be AskElliot, an invitation to the public to submit questions for classical guitarist Eliot Fisk.

Also new this fall, the museum will be open until 9 p.m. Wednesdays. More information about museum hours, exhibitions and events is available on the Web at www.kam.illinois.edu.

Faculty promotions online

In July, the UI Board of Trustees approved faculty promotions that became effective at the beginning of the 2005-2006 appointment year. Forty-three promotions to professor without change in tenure, one to professor on indefinite tenure were granted. In addition, 57 to associate professor on indefinite tenure, and 57 to associate professor on five-year appointment were approved. Among the other distinctions are six promotions to professor that became effective at the beginning of the 2005-2006 appointment year.

More information about promotions is available on the Web at www.iprh.uiuc.edu.

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- **Lectures**
  - **Friday**
    - **Other Lands Have Dreams: From Baghdad to Pugwash Prison.** Kelly Kathy, author. Noon. Lurie Hall, University YMCA. Friday Forum.
  - **Thursday**
    - **In Search of Gender in the University.** Members of Urbana-Champaign AAAP Chapter and UIUC Chapter. Lunch 12:30 p.m.; speaker 12:05 p.m. Later Hall, University YMCA. Krannert Art Museum.

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- **Thursday**
  - **Who's in Charge? The Role of Faculty in Governing the University.** John Brady Kiesling, former U.S. Bureaucrat’s War.” independent scholar. 7:30 p.m. Krannert Center. Tennessee Williams: Radical of the Heart.” Christopher Ribble, University of East Anglia, England 2 p.m. Studio Theater, Krannert Center. Miller-Comm.

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  - **TBA:** Dave Jones, Purdue University. 4 p.m. 151 Event Lab. Laboratory. Electrical and Computer Engineering.
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    - **Extending Graphics and Visualization to Visual Analysis.** David Hertz, Purdue University. 11 a.m. 245 Altgeld Hall. Tuesday Colloquium.

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  - **Diplomat’s Conscience, Businessman’s War.** John Brady Kiesling, former U.S. Foreign Service Officer. Noon. Later Hall, University YMCA. Friday Forum.

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    - **Sticky Bank. Fancy Counterfeits: Reused Marble for Status Therapy at Pompell.** J. Clayton Fant, author. 11 a.m. 1404 Siebel Center. Friday Forum.

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  - **Lunch 11:55 a.m.; speaker 12:05 p.m. Later Hall, University YMCA. Friday Forum.
  - **Program. “From Transistor to Memristor.”** Barak A. Gilad, Texas. Noon. B102 Chemical and Bioengineering Center. Thursday Colloquium.

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  - **Slaves of the Sultan.”** Barak A. Gilad, Texas. Noon. B102 Chemical and Bioengineering Center. Thursday Colloquium.

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- **Friday**
  - **Sleazy Bars, Fancy Restaurants.** Billie Lynes, Georgia Southwestern State. 3:30 p.m. 101 International Center. In the spirit of Faculty in Governing the University: Who’s in Charge? The Role of Faculty in Governing the University. John Brady Kiesling, former U.S. Bureaucrat’s War.” independent scholar. 7:30 p.m. Krannert Center. Miller-Comm.

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- **Saturday**
  - **Lunch 11:55 a.m.; speaker 12:05 p.m. Later Hall, University YMCA. Friday Forum.

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- **Wednesday**
  - **From Tel Aviv to Ramallah.”** Yuri Lane, actor. 7:30 p.m. Studio Theater, Krannert Center. “Candles to the Sun.”
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  - **A Combinatorial Approach to Enumerating Sum Estimations and Applications.” Jean Bourgain, U. 4 p.m. 245 Altgeld Hall. Tuesday Colloquium.

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