to hand out harsh penalties." Roese and colleagues suggest that by viewing a computer-animated version of an event, a person's confidence is heightened — but not necessarily accurately. An animation, they say, provides movement as reconstructed by a prosecution, plaintiff or defense witness to reconfirm or heighten a jurist's hindsight feeling that "I knew it all along."

In the study, some students viewed computer animations of highway incidents prepared for real court cases by Eleventh Hour Animation of Skokie, Ill. The idea was to compare judgments made in foresight, where an outcome is not known, with hindsight, where the outcome is known. A control group viewed text-plus-diagram re-creations.

One animation, 19 seconds long, showed a car following an 18-wheeler on a two-lane highway. The car attempted to pass but collided with a truck coming from the opposite direction. An 11-second depiction showed a semi-truck avoiding a slow-moving vehicle that was turning into its path on a two-lane highway; the truck collided with a bus coming from the opposite direction. Both films showed the events from bird's-eye views.

Participants were told in advance that they would see cases in which accidents may have occurred. Some participants viewed the entire re-creations with the accidents shown, whereas others saw depictions that were stopped before the accidents occurred.

Participants seeing the outcome then were told to disregard their knowledge of it and put themselves in the shoes of those who had watched clips that did not show results. All participants estimated the likelihoods of the various outcomes, from no accident at all to the serious accidents that, if they read text descriptions of the events.

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What do you like about your job? I think the UI has an attractive campus. I think that when people come up, they get a good impression of the UI and social work. If you come here, I think you have friends here, too, as well. It makes people feel welcome and wanted. I like the interaction with the people in my department, the college and the campus. I enjoy the day-to-day contact with faculty, staff and students. They ask me questions and enjoy my time with them.

What do you do outside of work? I am married and have two children. I enjoy travel and I have been to Italy, France, and England to conduct archival research. I have also conducted research on the boundary between religion and the law, on the influence of the Protestant Reformation, and on the historical development of the modern world.

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Linda Swett, administrative assistant for the department of veterinary Medicine, has worked at the UI for 29 years. Swett handles all aspects of personnel, promotion and tenure, grants, vacation, sick leave and mail. She also does some administrative and financial work. She is interested in the history of language and redrew the sounds and ignore them.

The MTD is considering perpetually changing the audible signals that alert pedestrians to the eras of Khrushchev and Brezhnev.
Struggles of ‘temporary migrants’ documented by UI researchers

By Melissa Mitchell

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The researchers’ findings suggest that the leisure activities and patterns of this population—so-called “subculture”—are shaped by four main factors: family status; unique work arrangements; economic, social and cultural networks; and unique legal status.

The researchers began the study in 2003 when they were both UI students. They interviewed 21 migrants living in a large metropolitan center (Chicago) and a smaller Illinois community (Champaign-Urbana). The researchers define temporary migrants as those who come to the United States from Mexico—often, undocumented—tending to live briefly in the U.S. and then return to their home country. These migrants are not “illegal,” Stodolska said, because they are not seeking asylum or trying to settle in the U.S. Yet, they cling to that idea, while working in the U.S. to build ownership but find themselves working long hours for low wages with the constant fear of deportation.

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‘Illinois Promise’ helps students from needy families attend UI

By Craig Cheek (E-mail: ccheek@startribune.com)
One of the students is a farm kid from southern Illinois studying animal sciences. On is from Chicago, aiming for hospital-management and on a high-hop dance team. Another is from the Chicago suburbs and studying for a career in special education. “They are three of 129 freshmen going to school this year with help from ‘Illinois Promise,’” the privately financed program at the UI, created by Chancellor Richard Herman more than a year ago.

“Across the nation, states are funding less and less of the cost of higher education,” Herman said. “And the net result is that fewer and fewer students from the neediest families are able to afford to attend college, and those who do are less likely to complete their education. Illinois Promise will help ensure that the brightest students from across Illinois — regardless of their ability to pay — will be able to prepare themselves for roles as leaders of the state, the nation and the world.”

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Absentee ballot-faunting with risks, legal scholars say

By Mark Reutter

Pawna-Brown Staff Writer

The rising popularity of absent voter fraud, especially the use of "no-excuses" absentee ballots, poses a risk of vote tampering and election fraud, a U.S. legal scholar argues.

In the name of offering voters flexibility and saving the government money, more and more states have enacted laws letting registered voters cast a ballot before Election Day without providing a reason.

In 20 states with large numbers of inactive voters, including Illinois, Missouri, and Mississippi, more than 25% of registered voters who were not previously voters, have claimed emergency absentee ballot privileges.

In many states with large numbers of senior citizens, including Illinois, legislation on absentee ballot fraud has been reported.

In Chicago, for example, a man reportedly helped 150 senior citizens apply for absentee ballots at a senior housing center during the 2002 primary, then returned several weeks later to illegally punch their signed ballots.

Traditionally, according to the Illinois Bar Association, absentee voting was permitted only for limited groups of people, including soldiers and other U.S. citizens stationed abroad, and for voters with disabilities that rendered their ability to come to polling stations. Over the last 50 years, there has been a significant movement away from the traditional polling place, instead embracing the concept of "convenience voting," he wrote.

Several factors have triggered this change, most notably a concern about the low voter turnout rates in America and the belief that absentee voting was a way to increase voter turnout.

Among elderly voters, the problem of confusion, the competition of the computer, a desire for the "evening news" of the voter, and the "I voted" sticker, are important.

"Once an election has qualified to vote or is held in absentia, the time to do so is based on a state's statutory recusal-absentee voting provision, he or she receives a ballot in the mail, makes his or her ballots choices, and returns the ballot to the proper authorities. But what happens while the ballot is in the hands of the voter is unknown to election officials," Fay wrote.

In 2002, Congress responded to the widespread fears in the 2000 presidential election by requiring states to replace faulty punch-card systems. The federal Election Assistance Commission was set up to offer bipartisan help for states and local voting systems.

The Illinois scholar calls on Congress to direct EAC to focus attention on absentee-voting procedures, with a goal of "establishing the foundation of a more uniform and effective system of absentee voting."

For example, the 2002 law requires that each state implement a "single, uniform, official, interactive, computerized nationwide voter registration list that contains the name and registration information of every legally registered voter in the state.

By utilizing these databases, states could maintain accurate lists of absentee voters, thereby flagging irregularities in ballot submissions, as well as unrecorded votes in the number of ballot cards cast in a particular jurisdiction.

The article is titled "Eldery Electors Go Postal: Ensuring Absentee Ballot Integrity for Older Voters."
**Road trip’ celebrates interstate highway system**

By Melissa Mitchell

An Airstream travel trailer outfitted with a recording studio, on a journey of five states and 7,000 miles, will join a convoy of other vehicles passing through Illinois on April 19 as a young soldier traveling through the project’s Web site at www.roadsideconversations.org.

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During his presidency, he signed the legislation that funded the system on June 2, 1956. The exhibit to be housed in the UI was designed by art and design instructor Steve Kostell, Rose Marshack, visiting art and design instructor at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science, and David Weatherman, director of the Department of Transportation, and the UI’s department of civil engineering, Krannert Art Museum, and School of Art and Design. The trio submitted the winning entry in 2003, when the exhibit was designed by artist and art student in the School of Art and Design.

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Truckers “see” things differently, said Coates, who researches the psychology of driver behavior. A test run of his research was funded by the National Institute of Justice, and he will be involved in the development of a program to help law enforcement officers better understand the actions of drivers in crisis.

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Nine honored with Chancellor’s Distinguished Staff Award

By Akela Cade

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performed in the world. The series will be broadcast on
WILL-FM (90.1) at Champaign-Urbana at 7:06 p.m.
May 1-4 and will be repeated Sundays at 11 a.m. May 7-
21. WILL-FM’s Vic De Groenmeier picked selections
from among Vivaldi’s some 500 concertos and 90 sonatas.
De Groenmeier spent more than three years creating the mix
of full-length concertos, sonatas, overtures and some select
movements.
“This is not an academic treatment or a documentary,”
De Groenmeier said. “It’s an excuse to enjoy four hours
of Vivaldi’s music. I am sharing stories and tidbits of informa-
tion, but in a fun way.”
The series includes a tribute to Vivaldi’s composition of
great melodies. Vivaldi the dramatist: Vivaldi’s music is
highlighted from the career of an all-time “champion”
among composers, including a play-by-play of the Amman
Concerto; and Vivaldi concerts, orchestras and ensembles.
All of the music in the series is performed by early music
groups on period instruments. A playlist for the series
will be available at will901.org after the programs are broad-
cast.
University YFMCA

Instructors needed for community classes

The University YMCA’s Community program works
instructors for its classes. The program offers a variety of
classes to the local community, ranging from martial arts
to ballet dancing and cara reptiles and snakes open loca-
sites to design and teach all the courses. Some instructors
have worked with the YMCA for the life of the program –
more than 20 years – but the YMCA is always interested in
new classes that community members develop.
An application and more information can be found at
www.universityymca.org/communityprograms.
For questions, contact Paul or Broc at 337-
2762.
Public hearing

Possible new school to be discussed

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Com-
mittee on Educational Policy has organized a public hear-
ing to discuss the formation of the School of Literatures,
Cultures, and Languages from 1 to 3.5 p.m. May 1 in Room
196 of Lincoln Hall.
The new school would comprise the departments of clas-
sics, East Asia languages and cultures, French, Germanic
languages and literatures, Germanic languages and litera-
tures, and Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese; the pro-
grante in Comparative and World Literatures and the pro-
grante in Study of Religion; the Division of English as an Interna-
tional Language; and the unit for cinema studies.
For those wanting to make public comments during the
hearing, preference will be given to representatives of a rec-
ognized organization and individuals who have requested to
speak in advance. Time limits for these speakers will be
five minutes for the representative of an organization and
three minutes for an individual. Following these speakers,
the floor will be open to others, with a two-minute time
limit per individual.
Those who wish to speak at the hearing should contact
Anson Moorer at moorer@uiuc.edu by 5 p.m. April 29.
Those who wish to use confidential comments for review by the
Educational Policy Committee should forward them to the
hearing chairperson, Abbas Aminmansour, aamin@uiuc.
.edu. If you want your comments to remain confidential;
for anonymous use you should indicate so.
Copies of the document “Creation of the School of Literatures,
Cultures and Languages” may be obtained at
www.lsnos.uiuc.edu or by contacting the Office of the
Chairperson, Committee on Educational Policy.

The event, called “Boneyard Creek Community Day,” will
happen on May 12 and winners will be announced May
20. For more information, contact Faithy Bhatt at 337-
1018 or planet@uiuc.edu.

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